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February 11th 2016

To The Members Of The Transportation Commission:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Commission will be held on **Wednesday February 17th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Common Council Chambers.

Enclosed please find:

- A. Agenda for the meeting of February 17, 2016.
- B. Minutes of the meeting held January 20, 2016.
- C. Correspondence pertaining to the agenda of the February 17, 2016 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Soyk, Acting Chairman
by: Anthony Marena, Secretary

PLANS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, ETC. FOR COMMON COUNCIL REFERRAL AGENDA ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING. PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE IF YOU DESIRE. PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda

February 17, 2016

I. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2016.

II. Old Business

1. Central Avenue at Tarrytown Road - Request from Mr. John Baer to modify the lane use regulations to allow a "double right" from Central Avenue westbound onto Tarrytown Road northbound.

The staff conducted peak hour observations and felt that this intersection as well as the adjacent Bronx River Parkway signal would operate more efficiently if the requested change was made. Based on this the staff recommended a double right from Central Avenue westbound onto Tarrytown Road northbound.

2. Westchester Avenue - Request from The Department of Parking Traffic Division to install a "No Turn on Red" on Westchester Avenue at South Broadway.

The staff conducted peak hour observations and felt due to the numerous violations of the red indication that the No Turn On Red might be beneficial. However, some staff members still felt that this might increase accidents at the Armory Hill intersection due to the increased queue. Based on this the staff recommended enforcement at this intersection.

III. New Business

1. Prospect Street at Winthrop Avenue - Request from Mr. Steven Taft to create an all way stop at this intersection. He feels that due to the parked cars the visibility from Winthrop Avenue is limited.

The staff field reviewed the location and reviewed the accident history. The accident history did not show a pattern of accidents correctable by the installation of all way stops. The sight lines are adequate for the speeds in the area. The federal warrants for an all way stop are not met at this intersections. Based on the warrants not being met, the staff did not recommend an all way stop at this intersection.

2. Sterling Avenue at Byron Avenue - Request from Mr. Steven Taft to create an all way stop at this intersection. He feels that due to the curvature of the roadway making a left out onto Byron Avenue is difficult. He feels that an all way stop would be beneficial.

The staff field reviewed the location and reviewed the accident history. The accident history did not show a pattern of accidents correctable by the installation of all way stops. The sight lines are adequate for the speeds in the area. The federal warrants for an all way stop are not met at this intersections. Based on the warrants not being met, the staff did not recommend an all way stop at this intersection.

IV. Common Council Referrals

1. 121 Westmoreland Avenue (Norden Lofts LLC) - Request for a special permit and site plan approval.

A review of the submitted plans did not show an area designated for garbage/recycling pick up, the plans should show an area for this as well as turning movements for the garbage truck in the site. The plan also showed a "rolling gate" at both site driveways. The location of the gate is at the edge of the property line, vehicles would be obstructing the sidewalk or roadway when they are waiting for the gate to open. The gate should be relocated to allow storage for a vehicle.

2. White Plains City Center, Kite Realty Group - Request for a site plan amendment.

A review of the submitted drawing SP-4 shows a proposed five foot sidewalk with pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk. ADA compliant handicap ramps should be added to the sidewalks at the crosswalk. Page 7 and 7B of the "City Center Signage Package" shows a 41inch wide 78 inch tall sign on the proposed sidewalk. This sign would only leave a 19 inch path for pedestrians. Depending on the exact location of the sign, visibility to pedestrians waiting to cross could be blocked by the sign. The staff suggests that this sign be relocated so that a it does not obstruct the sidewalk and possibly pedestrian visibility. The sign should also be shown on drawing SP-4.

V. Addendum

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Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, January 20, 2016 – 8:30AM

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Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Acting Chairman
John P. Larson, Commissioner of Parking
Richard Hope, Commissioner of Public Works
Christopher Gomez, Commissioner of Planning
Daniel K. Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)
James R. Bradley, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety (For D. Chong)

Staff Members Present: Anthony Marena, Transportation Engineer
Nicholas Kralik, Capt.-Commander, Traffic Div.

Members Absent: Melissa Briggs
Ken Burford

Staff Members Absent: Anthony Carr, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works

Others Present: Lucille Brady, Secretary to the Commissioner of Parking
David Steinmetz, Zarin and Steinmetz
Anthony Nester, JMC
Richard Pearson, JMC

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting were approved.

II. **Old Business**

III. **New Business**

1. **Central Avenue at Tarrytown Road** - Request from John Baer to modify the lane use regulations to allow a “double right” from Central Avenue westbound onto Tarrytown Road northbound.

The staff had concerns about the existing queue lengths on Tarrytown Road northbound during the PM peak. They felt that the additional volumes that enter the intersection during the green phase may increase the delay for Tarrytown Road. The staff recommended observations during the peak hour before making any recommendations.

After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to hold off on this item until further observations could be made.

2. **Westchester Avenue** – Request from the Department of Parking Traffic Division to install a “No Turn on Red” on Westchester Avenue at South Broadway.

The staff had concerns that a “No Turn on Red” would increase the queue lengths on Westchester Avenue westbound during the peak hours. They were concerned that the queue could extend onto Westchester Avenue westbound. The staff recommended observations during the peak hours and queuing analysis before making any recommendations.

After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to hold this item, pending further observations, and reporting back at a later meeting.

3. Mamaroneck Avenue - Request from the Kite Realty Group to review a plan submitted for valet parking in front of the City Center on Mamaroneck Avenue.

The staff reviewed the submitted plan and recommended the following:

1. The valet area should be posted as a “No Stopping Valet Drop Off Area – Monday through Friday – 5PM-1AM – Saturday and Sunday 11AM to 1AM,” and “No Standing All Other Times.”
2. Remove two “Handicapped Parking” spaces on the east side of Mamaroneck Avenue just north of Martine Avenue.
3. Create a “Handicapped Parking” space on the east side of Mamaroneck Avenue in the first proposed cut out south of Main Street.
4. Create a “Handicapped Parking” space on the north side of Martine Avenue just east of Mamaroneck Avenue.
5. Create a “No Standing Anytime” on the east side of Mamaroneck Avenue from the Martine Avenue curb line to the proposed cut out for the “Valet Drop Off Area.”

Mr. Pearson of JMC gave a brief presentation showing their plans. He stated that they were adjusting the area of valet and geometry of the curbs and hoped that, at this time, it would be approved as shown. He further indicated where the sidewalk area was being reduced and showed minor restriping to the roadway.

His hope was that the first few cars would be in the cutout which accommodates 2-3 vehicles, with an extension in the “No Standing Area” not blocking the travel lanes. He indicated that they had done a parking study for utilization and that they would have sufficient personnel to make sure that there would be no excessive queuing. There was some discussion as to the City’s control of the valet parking operation, which is described in a separate ordinance.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

4. **North Broadway at Bond Street and Otis Avenue** – Request from the Department of Parking Traffic Division to modify this signal to permit “overnight flash.”

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. **Post Maple 77 LLC (The Boulevard)** - Request to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reclassify lots on Rathbun Avenue from B2 to B3 and the discontinuance of Brady Place.

The staff had no objections to the changes in zoning. The staff has concerns about the traffic patterns which will be reviewed during the formal application for the site plan approval.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

2. **95 South Broadway and 4 Lyon Place (The Esplanade)** – Request to amend the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the number of dwelling units that may be located in a multifamily residence in the CB-1 district. Currently, for existing buildings, the number of units is restricted to the total square footage of the lot divided by 500 square feet. They are requesting that this requirement be eliminated.

The staff had no objections.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

3. **Lifting Up Westchester (Formerly known as Grace Church Community Center)** –

Request for renewal of a special permit to provide an “Overnight Shelter” for the homeless.

The staff had no objections.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

4. **Lifting Up Westchester, 86-88 East Post Road** – Request for renewal of a special

permit to provide an “Emergency Shelter” for the homeless.

The staff had no objections.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

5. **Lifting Up Westchester, 86-88 East Post Road** – Request for a renewal of a special

permit to allow a social service center for homeless persons.

The staff had no objections.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

6. **Wild Fusion, 250 Main Street** – *Request for a special permit for an Accessory Cabaret.*”

The staff had no objections.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this item be held due to the second floor location complications.

V. **ADDENDUM**

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:46AM.

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From: **Stephen Taft** <sptpensions@icloud.com>

Date: Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 5:26 PM

Subject: safety issues

To: "Soyk, Thomas" <tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov>

Mr. Soyk,

I know you have much more to do without my adding more, but:

When on Winthrop attempting to make either a left or a right turn onto Prospect, because cars are parked along the length of Prospect, it is very dangerous to turn either right or left onto Prospect unless you're half way into the street. That is directly opposite the church parking lot.

With cars shooting down the street, it is very difficult to make either turn and not get clipped. Rather than "no parking" signs, I think it better to have a STOP sign on Prospect at the corner of Winthrop and Prospect in the direction of Prospect Park.

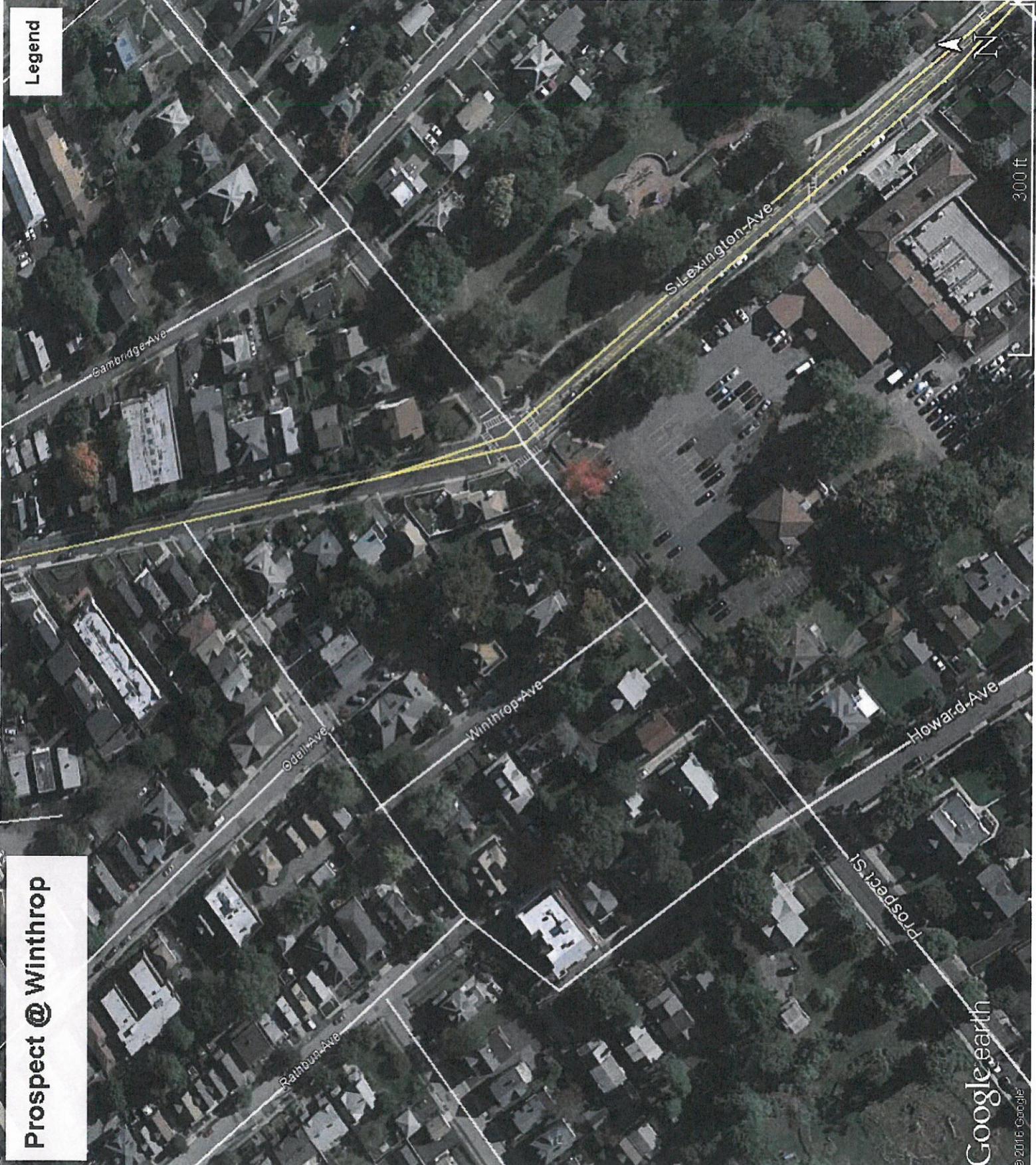
Also; and I'm going by memory, the corner of Sterling and Byron is likewise as dangerous. There is a STOP sign on the corners of Byron and Howard but the way Sterling curves, and people do not signal, I have almost gotten clipped attempting to make a left onto Byron.

As I said, I am not trying to make your job more difficult, just looking out for the safety of our neighborhood.

Anything that can be done is appreciated.

Stephen Taft

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Prospect @ Winthrop

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Sterling @ Byron

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