

Meeting of the HOH Transportation Work Group (TWG) held Tuesday 4/19/16 at 7:00pm.

In attendance:

Richard Bass
Jeanette Sawyer Cohen
Matthew Hobby
Amy Lambert
Jim Nolan
Samantha Wilt
GUEST SPEAKERS: Captain George Weisner, Town of Greenburgh Police Erik Oley, Slow Down Irvington Elisa Jacobson, Assemblymember Thomas J. Abinanti staff

and several members of the public.

Meeting Summary:

Captain Weisner was selected by Town Supervisor Paul Feiner to describe Greenburgh's efforts at pedestrian safety and traffic calming. He described how the Town of Greenburgh deals for traffic:

- considered a quality of life issue
- 4 full-time members of police dept in charge of traffic enforcement
- upon receiving complaint, uses a 5 step framework:
 1. Computer search - looks for other complaints reported earlier on same issue
 2. on site review, observation and covert speed analysis
 3. identify the violation e.g, was the driver distracted? Was the signage sufficient? Then develop action plan
 4. enforcement including tickets
 5. public education efforts – “meet and greets”, giving safety handouts with warnings to drivers and pedestrians
- uses 3Es: Evaluate the need, Educate the public, Enforce when necessary
- traffic safety equipment includes (all must be in the Manual of Uniformed Control Devices):
 - digital beacon rapid flash crosswalk beacon (Carmana, \$10,000) to enhance pre-existing crosswalks
 - 4 digital portable message speed signs (Your speed is:) which also collect data
 - 2 portable variable message signs (on trailer base)
 - digital radar recorder (by JMar) counts cars & speed (data measurement)

- unmarked "shadow" cars
- 6 (3 pairs) commercial truck scales (stops conducted with NYS police)

Erik Oley next described Slow Down Irvington efforts:

- He began this work with introduction of the Yellow IRV Pace Car w/dashboard stickers and magnets. Over 200 volunteer Pace Cars in Irvington.

Next the Traffic Calming Initiative was mandated as an official board by Irvington BoT to look at all traffic issues, whole picture.

1. Slow Down Irvington was first initiative: approx. village spent approx. \$7000 on education, including informing people about what the laws are, stickers, banners, press releases, tv station interviews, pamphlets, farmers market table, email and Facebook
2. Next was focus on collecting data:
 - village neighborhood captains get input from neighbors
 - developing database of public comments (collected from Facebook page and emails)
 - Radar sign that also collects data (\$5000)
 - trying to get officer dedicated to traffic
3. Mentioned state grant for aqueduct crossing Main St, Fed grant for Safe Routes to Schools

Internal Items:

Summary of Comprehensive Plan given by Richard, Matt and Sam

Discussion of Crosswalks – plan to give recommendations to BOT beginning with improved visibility of existing crosswalks

Discussed Forming Subgroups: Crosswalks, School Issues, Database

Discussion of Public Forum Community Meeting – agreed to plan for fall

Adopted Minutes from March meeting

Agreed to hold the group's next meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.