Safety Council 01.20.2022
Minutes

In Attendance:
Chairperson Greg Bassman
Police Chief David Dosin
Village Manager Mary Beth Murphy
Trustee Morgen Fleisig
Trustee Georgia Lopez
Robert Wilt
Stan Avedon
Alan Golds

Absent:
Fire Chief Ron Paquette
Superintendent of Public Works Michael Gunther

Minutes from 11.18.2021 were read and approved.

Public Comment

- Paul Molinari noted to the Safety Council that he performed his own traffic study of Broadway and Olinda Avenue and offered his conclusions.
- Duncan Sutherland also noted numerous accidents at the intersection of Broadway and Olinda Avenue. He made mention of traffic calming measures.
- B. Taggart offered comment on the intent of restriping Broadway and past plans to slow traffic on Broadway.
- Billy Altman made mention of a personal experience with the intersection of Broadway and Olinda Avenue, noting the danger of the intersection. He also mentioned the high use of Olinda Avenue as a method of reaching the train station.
- Rhiannon Platt noted the use of travelling eastbound on Olinda Avenue from southbound Broadway and noted the danger of the intersection due to its high level of activity.
- David Skolnik offered public comment on travelling eastbound on Olinda Avenue from both northbound and southbound Broadway as a means of school drop-off as well as other means of travel to access southbound Broadway. He also mentioned the need for more data, rather than anecdotal experiences. He also made mention of the need for other groups and professionals in the Village to participate in these discussions.
- Linda Berman commented on Olinda Avenue and Broadway mentioned that the local residents would like to be part of the process in developing solutions for the intersection.

School Drop-off Zones on Farragut Avenue/Bus Zone on School Street

- Chief Dosin recommended that the proposed southbound drop-off site not be approved due to the upcoming paving and bike lane in the Farragut Avenue Repaving Project. Chairperson Bassman and Councilmember Golds expressed agreement with Chief Dosin’s concern.
- Chief Dosin and Chairperson Bassman discussed the hours of operation for the proposed bus zones on School Street.
• Trustee Lopez began a discussion on designating School Street at one-way to accommodate drop-off, parking, and travel. Trustee Lopez suggested an implementation test to determine the best method.
• Councilmember Golds began a discussion with Trustee Lopez and Chief Dosin on the School/PTSA effort to study and understand the traffic patterns around the Farragut Complex.
• Trustee Fleisig noted that if the School Street study proves unsuccessful, it might be possible to revisit the intersections of Mount Hope Boulevard and Rosedale Avenue, and Mount Hope Boulevard and School Street to develop an alternative traffic flow.
• Chief Dosin recommended further discussion into the next Safety Council meeting with more available data to inform the Council.

Broadway and Olinda Avenue Update
• Chief Dosin informed the Safety Council of the Village Board’s passing a resolution to ask the NYS DOT to conduct a traffic safety and operational study and made mention of a pending meeting with the NYS DOT.
• Chairperson Bassman mentioned that he received recommendations that Olinda Avenue be made a one-way eastbound. Chairperson Bassman also noted an increased number of accidents or almost accidents at this intersection. Chief Dosin mentioned that he will look further into the data for direction of travel. Councilmember Wilt noted that this modification might alleviate other traffic concerns.
• Chief Dosin mentioned that one idea would be to make Broadway one lane northbound at that intersection. Chairperson Bassman noted an old study to throttle Broadway in either direction at this intersection.

Meeting Adjourned