

**Residential Traffic Commission
Meeting Minutes of Monday, July 11, 2022**

The Residential Traffic Commission met on Monday, July 11, 2022, in the Lower-Level Conference Room #1 of the Municipal Government Center (Town Hall), 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. The Commission was officially called to order at 7:00 p.m.

<i>Members present</i>	<i>Town Staff Present</i>	<i>Members of the Press</i>
Brian Caney	Calvin Grow	None
Raymond L. Jones		<i>Citizens Present</i>
Deepan Patel	Officer Martin	See Public comments
Mark Norman		
Jeff Phillips Vice-Chair		
Sandy Grossman- Chair		
Ray Delpesche		

Planning Commission Liaison
None

1. *Approval of Minutes:* On motion by Jeff Phillips, seconded by Ray Delpesche, the Commission approved the June 6, 2022, minutes.

2. *Public Comments:* Bill Sutton talked about speeding on Cornwall Street NW. RTC requested that this item be added to next RTC meeting with a Town staff recommendation. Blake Carriere, Donna Varn, John Varn, Margaret Fuoto, Janet Petri, Hallie Thompson, Bruce Dewar, Joanne Konik, Andrea Bandi, Judd Fuoto live on Memorial Dr./West Market St. and talked about speeding, stop sign running, traffic signal night flash, stop sign location and passing vehicles on Memorial Drive because the road is not stripped for one lane.

3. *Smart Trailer results:* Sgt. Ryan Martin presented the results of a recent speed study on Memorial Drive. The average speed northbound on Memorial Drive was 18 MPH and the 85th percentile was 22 MPH. The average speed southbound on Memorial Drive was 16 MPH and the 85th percentile was 21 MPH. The average speed westbound W. Market Street near Memorial Drive was 21 MPH and the 85th percentile was 29 MPH. The average speed eastbound W. Market Street near Memorial Drive was 22 MPH and the 85th percentile was 31 MPH therefore traffic calming is not warranted on this part of Memorial/ W. Market Street per the Residential Management plan.

Presented the results of a recent speed study on Tavistock Dr. at Duncan Pl./Curtin Pl. Intersection. The average speed on Tavistock Drive was 26 MPH and the 85th percentile was 30 MPH.

Presented the results of a recent speed study on S. King Street near W&OD trail. The average speed northbound on S. King Street was 20 MPH and the 85th percentile was 26 MPH.

Presented the results of a recent speed study on Dry Mill Road near Wage Drive. The average speed westbound on Dry Mill Road was 26 MPH and the 85th percentile was 33 MPH. The average speed eastbound on Dry Mill Road was 28 MPH and the 85th percentile was 35 MPH.

4. Traffic Calming South King Street at South Street: Town Staff recommended that pedestrian signs be installed at the new crosswalk. suggested flashing beacons, signage, rumble strips on trail. Trail belongs to NOVA Parks. Issue: Bike/peds sometimes do not follow protocols, but signals, ped/bike yields can be confusing also. LPD stated that vehicles must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk and do not have to yield for bikes that cross at the W&OD trail at S. King Street. Problems exacerbated by the opening of Goose Cup at South Street. Requested by Councilmember Ara Bagdasarian.

5. Tavistock Dr. at Duncan Pl./Curtin Pl. Intersection: The Town received email from citizen Gabe Valdez, expressing concerns at Tavistock Drive at Duncan Place/Curtin Place: Town staff to review intersection and meet with HOA members and homeowner at SW corner of Tavistock Drive at Duncan Place/Curtin Place. Trees had been planted in the sight distance easement and were removed the next day. Require sight distance now meet the speed limit of 25 MPH.

6. Speeding on Tuscarora Drive SW. (request from Mr. Joseph/Mayor Burk): RTC requested speed study. LPD to conduct speed study for August 1, RTC meeting.

7. Speeding on Dry Mill Road near Wage Drive: LPD Presented the results of a recent speed study on Dry Mill Road near Wage Drive. The average speed westbound on Dry Mill Road was 26 MPH and the 85th percentile was 33 MPH. The average speed eastbound on Dry Mill Road was 28 MPH and the 85th percentile was 35 MPH. Because of the high speeds on Dry Mill Road LPD added to the special Selective Enforcement list and will report back to RTC. RTC requested Town staff to review signage and report back at the August meeting.

8. Accident at Catoctin Circle and Battlefield Parkway (Request from Vice-Mayor Martinez): Town staff reviewed accident data with commission as follows:

2 accidents 2022 as of July 1, 2022

2 accidents 2021

1 accident 2020

0 accidents 2019

0 accidents 2018

0 accidents 2017

0 accidents 2016

LPD have reviewed the intersection and crash data and based on about 2,000 vehicles per day on Catoctin Circle and 4,000 vehicles per day on Battlefield Parkway the accident rate is low. Town staff checked the warrants and a traffic signal is not warranted at this location based on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD). Town staff reviewed intersection and found that tree limbs and

shrubs area are blocking the sight distance easement and will work with HOA to remove obstructions. Chairman Grossman requested RTC members to make a site visit to the intersection and report back their findings at the August meeting.

9. Speeding near Memorial Dr./West Market St. (LPD speed study): Blake Carriere, Donna Varn, John Varn, Margaret Fuoto, Janet Petri, Hallie Thompson, Bruce Dewar, Joanne Konik, Andrea Bandi, Judd Fuoto live on Memorial Dr./West Market St. and talked about speeding, stop sign running, traffic signal night flash, stop sign location and passing vehicles on Memorial Drive because the road is not stripped for one lane. The major concerns were:

1. Excessive speeding on W. Market/ Memorial Drive and Cornwall Street.
2. Disregard of the 4-way sign at the intersection of Memorial Drive and Cornwall Street.
3. Police presence on a regular basis more specifically M-F 8:00am to 10:30 AM and 3:00 Pm to 5:30PM.

LPD conducted 12 hours of Selective Enforcement on Memorial Drive with issuing 3 tickets.

Town staff talked about Town Council resolution to proceed with a request for proposals for traffic study areas in the Town. The \$250,000 study will provide recommendation of short-, mid- and long-term improvements to address traffic flow and vehicular and pedestrian safety. RTC requested staff to review the comments and make recommendation for the August 1, 2022 meeting.

10. Next meeting date is August 1, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on motion by Jeff Phillips, seconded by Mark Norman