

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
February 18th, 2014

ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were members Cynthia Comproni, William James, Dr. Laura Kressler, Eunice Pierre, Mary Thomas, and Stan Zirkin. Also present were City Liaison George Mathews and Staff from Community Planning and Development Celia Craze and Jaime Fearer.

CROSSWALKS: Mrs. Craze had stated that a study and planning was done throughout the City. A report of recommendations was prepared and when new complaints or suggestions come in they adjust it.

Mrs. Fearer reported that the Council adopted a master plan in 2013. They intend to do an annual update. There were 56 recommendations. The City can do traffic studies but they can not engineer. National standards have been relaxed with in the last couple years. They need to now prioritize using cost effective way.

Dr. Kressler stated that Gardenway and Crescent crosswalks that were installed can be overwhelming. Mr. Mathews said the tunnels do not feel safe to residents. Mrs. Fearer noted that an intersection is legal crossing whether marked or not.

Mrs. Comproni requested more crosswalks on Ridge Road between Laurel Hill and Gardenway. She also suggested removing some pedestrian stop signs at Gardenway and Crescent to eliminate some confusion.

Ms. Thomas requested traffic calming on Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway where there are two lanes turning on Hanover Parkway which is a one lane road so there is no clear merge area.

It was noted that humps are effective when 80% of the traffic is 7 miles over speed limit. Mrs. Craze also noted that traffic calming study was done over 15 years ago by the City. Medium strips, chokers and humps are used to control traffic.

Mrs. Craze requested that the Committee prepare a report on its recommendations. Mrs. Fearer stated that there is no time line since the budget is already in process for 2014 and to focus on next year. Mrs. Craze also requested that we focus on the problem not solution. Mrs. Fearer will send a draft of the recommendations she has to Dr. Kressler. PSAC will probably need to work with Advisory Planning Board in the process.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.