

University Hill Public Safety Association

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April 26, 2017

Syracuse University Department of
Public Safety Office
130 College Place

11:00 am

MINUTES

Present: President Sardino, Messrs. Goldacker, Goodale, Hernon, LeRoy, Nappo, Riley, Walsh

Guest: David Warner, Senior Project Manager – Utilities, Campus Planning, Design & Construction at Syracuse University

Staff: David A. Mankiewicz

I. WELCOME AND MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017

In the initial absence of President Sardino, Mr. LeRoy called the meeting to order and he asked for consideration of the minutes of April 15, 2017. Mr. Walsh asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that the Winter Storm Traffic Management plan was created in 1994 (not 1984) after a snowstorm hit the city at mid-day. With that correction made, Mr. Walsh moved and Mr. Goldacker seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. WAVERLY AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Warner distributed a map to the members of the Waverly Avenue construction project which will begin on May 15 and should conclude around August 11. He noted that through this work, water and sewer utilities will be relocated as well as improvements to the steam line made. He noted that the block of Waverly between South Crouse Avenue and University Avenue will be closed for this period. He noted that the utilities are quite deep, approximately 10 feet in the ground and they will have to close the street to excavate to the depth they need in order to get to these lines. The new utilities will be installed to support the National Veterans Resources Complex which will be built at the corner of South Crouse and Waverly. At the same time multiple new bus stops will be installed. There will be bus pull-off lanes built as well to allow the busses to pull out of the travel lanes to pick up and discharge passengers. One of the existing bus stops at Walnut Avenue and Waverly Avenue will be closed and will not reopen after the work is complete.

In 2018, the City will mill and pave the same stretch of Waverly Avenue. This project is being done this year so the new road is not cut into once it is built. He noted that during the construction period, the south side sidewalk will stay open, but the sidewalk on the north end of the street will be closed. South Crouse Avenue will be open and maintained for traffic. In the period between May 15 and June 15 there will be a project to replace utilities and the man hole that is right at the intersection of South Crouse Avenue and Waverly Avenue. Vehicles are going to have to move around the obstruction. Therefore, during this period busses are going to be relocated away from their typical routes. The project will also include the installation of bicycle lanes when it is complete.

III. PLANS FOR UNIVERSITY GRADUATION YEAR-END EVENTS

Mr. Hernon reported that the May Fest party will be taking place this Friday, April 28 at Walnut Park. After that, the students will go to the Carrier Dome for a concert event. Graduation ceremonies will take place on May 13 and 14. Mr. LeRoy noted that SUNY-ESF is holding its graduation on May 13 at the SRC arena on the OCC Campus at 3:00 p.m. Therefore there will be no impact on University Hill. There will a joint commencement on Sunday, but that does not draw a lot of visitors. Mr. Hernon noted on Saturday there is a ceremony following the event in the Carrier Dome and these separate graduations run from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. They will be done at different times for various schools. As they walk across the stage there will be a ceremony following each of those events. Sunday will be the normal commencement in the Carrier Dome. Upstate's commencement will take place Sunday, May 21, but all of that event is at the Civic Center, so again the traffic will not be on University Hill.

IV. SECURITY AND CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Mr. Mankiewicz noted that the project in the 700 block of South Crouse Avenue will begin construction either in the first or second weeks of May. The project will begin with the demolition of the existing building. The contractor, Hueber-Breuer is bringing in specialized equipment to handle the demolition so they will not likely close the street at any time. Deliveries to the site are going to use the bank lot as a place to access and leave the site. Parking and rubbish removal and asbestos removal may be done from the alley. The work will probably continue for a period of 18 months. The new project will be eight stories high and will replace the building at 727 South Crouse Avenue. It will have retail on the ground floor and 275 beds residential use above.

Mr. Goodale noted that the Upstate Hospital at the Community campus has gone on a system of 24/7 visitor passes. They were the last hospital in Central New York to implement this type of policy.

The construction on SUNY Upstate Medical University is new health and wellness center will begin either late this year or early next year and finish in 2020. This will be on the site at East Adams and Almond.

V. OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURN

Mr. LeRoy noted that opportunities for two trainings will take place on June 19-20 and 21-22 and these are the Alert Level I Shooter courses which will take place at SUNY-ESF. Information on the course was distributed at the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes. He also noted that there is another opportunity for training coming in July being done by the Reid School of Interrogation. They are looking for a minimum of 20 people. This will also be hosted on campus

and information is attached. There is also a FEMA training taking place by the Campus Shield Organization. The flyer will be circulated shortly. A tabletop exercise is designed into it and it will focus on what to do in the recovery period after an incident.

Mr. Hernon also noted that S.U. will be conducting its annual summer drill and they will also likely be working on an active shooter scenario. There is a filming of a new security video which will be taking place this summer on campus. This will be used as a video production for students' arrival in the fall.

Mr. Sardino noted that the State Chiefs are coming in the week of July 23 – 26. This meeting will be held at the Syracuse Sheraton. Both Syracuse University and SPD will be engaged into that effort.

With no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.