

MINUTES
PRINCETON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 9, 2014
Conference Room A
Witherspoon Municipal Building

Present: Robert Altman, Kristin Appelget (Princeton University liaison), Sam Bunting, Jo Butler (Council liaison), Robert Kiser (staff liaison), Sgt. Tom Murray (police department liaison), Jack West (staff liaison), Deanna Stockton (engineering staff), and Ralph Widner. **Absent:** Amner Deleon, Pamela Hersh, Surinder Sharma, **Guests:** Dan Rappaport.

The meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

For lack of a quorum, Chairman Robert Altman suggested that the committee take up reports and matters for discussion, but no items that require action.

1. Tribute to former Chairman Anton Lahnston

Chairman Altman paid tribute to former Chairman Anton Lahnston, in his absence, for his many years as service, first as Chairman of the former Princeton Borough Traffic and Transportation Committee, then— following municipal consolidation—as the first Chair of this Committee. In combination with his outstanding role as Chairman of the Consolidation Commission, Anton Lahnston provided yeoman service to our community and has our thanks and enduring gratitude.

2. Police Report

Sgt. Tom Murray circulated the police report for May, which is appended to and made a part of these minutes. There were 85 occurrences, two of which were not accidents. Of the 83 accidents, eight involved injuries, three were with pedestrians, one with a bicyclist. All four of these also involved injuries. The pedestrian was at fault in one incident. The bicyclist, a minor, was at fault in that instance.

3. Arts and Transit Update

Kristin Appelget reported that University Place was closed to traffic on June 4 as soon as university commencement ended and reconstruction of the sidewalks began. Traffic slowed on the first day, but drivers soon adapted.

4. Bus Shelters

Robert Kiser reported that five new bus shelters will be provided by New Jersey Transit within the next 60-90 days. While NJ Transit must approve the sites, Princeton has selected five, including two on Harrison (northbound and southbound, which will require that the sidewalk be moved to accommodate the pad for the shelter. A third shelter will be placed on southbound Witherspoon adjacent to the Arts Council and another on Witherspoon southbound at Community Park School. The fifth stop will be placed at either of one of two locations in

Community Village. Once NJ Transit approves the locations, the agency will install the pads and shelters. In addition, New Jersey Transit will be replacing two existing shelters.

Jo Butler asked if any consideration was given to a shelter westbound on U.S. 206 (Stockton) at Library Place. Robert Kiser responded that this was not included in this first round, but it will be considered in the set scheduled for next year.

Robert Kiser added that Pam Hersh has not yet had a second meeting with management at Palmer Square regarding installation of a specially designed shelter at the kiosk on Nassau Street, but that the management of the Princeton Shopping Center has tentatively assented to such a shelter there.

5. Report from T & T Subcommittee

a. Safe Routes to Schools

Deanna Stockton said that she was prepared to move forward with a proposal for a "Safe Routes to Schools" grant. Chairman Altman said that he will have to convene a special committee meeting to endorse it, since no quorum is present.

b. Sgt. Tom Murray reported that the parking meter on Chambers Street that the committee earlier move to re-locate, has now been re-located as well pedestrian signs. So far, the damage to these signs seems to be less than experienced at their previous sites.

c. Chairman Altman said that he and Deanna Stockton are preparing an analysis of traffic calming strategies that might not engender the kinds of problems that raise objections to traditional speed bumps and humps. Sam Bunting asked to join the study and it was agreed. Deanna Stockton added that an intern has been hired who has special expertise on this topic.

When Kristin Appelget mentioned that some raised pedestrian crossings are involved in reconstruction on University Place, Jo Butler asked why they were not subject to the same restrictions that the committee recommended for the town as a whole. Kristin Appelget responded that the crossings in question were really being built so that EMS vehicles could mount the sidewalk and gain access the any fire or other emergency in buildings that will be more distant from the roadway after reconstruction of the street is completed. For that reason, they do not fall within the new prohibitions regarding speed humps.

d. Deanna Stockton reported that there is complete agreement concerning the Complete Streets projects for Mt. Lucas and Prospect, but that disagreement remains concerning the project on Hamilton Avenue. She said that the Bike Committee had unanimously recommended through bike lanes on both sides of Hamilton and that parking, currently permitted on the south side of Hamilton, be banned. However, because parking is currently permitted on the south side, the

staff is prepared to suggest that, while a 5-foot shoulder should be striped on both sides of the street, parking continue to be permitted on the south side.

Sam Bunting questioned the staff suggestion, saying that it had no right to override a unanimous recommendation from the Bike Committee. Deanna Stockton replied that the staff will put both proposals – retaining parking on the south side, or prohibiting it to permit multidirectional bike lanes – before the neighborhood meeting, to which Sam Bunting is invited.

Marvin Reed said that Hamilton is a multi-purpose thoroughfare and that eliminating parking will not only encounter strong opposition, it would also displace parking to nearby neighborhood streets and stir up still more opposition. While stating that he generally favored increased use of bicycles in Princeton, Sgt. Tom Murray agreed.

Sam Bunting retorted that we either have a Complete Streets policy or we do not. There is not a single through-route for bicycles in the entire town. If every neighborhood can veto the Complete Streets policy because they want free parking on the street, then there can be no Complete Streets policy.

Chairman Altman asked if his understanding was correct: that the only remaining disagreement on the Hamilton project was the ultimate use (exclusively biking or parking and biking) on one side of the street, and that decision could be made even after the project was underway as it did not affect construction, but rather signage and perhaps ordinances related to parking. With both Bob Kiser and Sam Bunting in agreement, Chairman Altman suggested that the project move ahead, and that further discussions of parking vs. biking on Hamilton be held at the next T&T meeting in September.

d. Deanna Stockton said that we have not yet received results from the traffic light study for the Mountain Avenue/Great Road/Elm Road intersection.

e. Sgt. Murray reported that the requested parking restriction signs have been posted on Scott. With respect to the citizen request to eliminate parking on Markham, he reported that he has visited the site, and that there seems to be limited visibility near Harrison. If further study confirms this, it may be necessary to relocate two parking stalls.

5. Bike Route Maps

Sam Bunting was asked to help clarify the two separate efforts related to bike mapping. He said that a consultant has been retained to prepare a map of current routes, and that there is also an effort to create a concept plan for future development of bike routes in Princeton.

6. Summer Meetings

No meetings are scheduled for July and August but Chairman Altman said that he will convene a special meeting to approve the "Safe Routes to Schools" proposal and the minutes of the May and June meetings so that they can be posted.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph R. Widner
Secretary



Princeton Police Department

Monthly Report For May 2014

85 Occurrences of the following:

Case #	Date	Time	Location	Incident / Call Type
14-11472	05/01/14	06:45	University Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11525	05/01/14	15:51	Library Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
14-11532	05/01/14	15:59	51 Palmer Square West	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11533	05/01/14	16:12	Hamilton Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-11539	05/01/14	17:39	20 Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11570	05/02/14	07:47	Jefferson Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11576	05/02/14	08:32	Mount Lucas Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11687	05/03/14	11:08	Jefferson Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11909	05/05/14	15:10	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11919	05/05/14	16:21	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11864	05/05/14	09:03	Race Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11945	05/06/14	03:12	33 State Road	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
14-11954	05/06/14	07:54	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11911	05/05/14	15:24	500 Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11980	05/06/14	11:26	25 Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11802	05/04/14	14:09	Hulfish Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-11598	05/02/14	14:15	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12132	05/08/14	08:49	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12147	05/08/14	12:42	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12182	05/08/14	19:36	Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12189	05/08/14	21:13	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Deer
14-12171	05/08/14	17:31	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12248	05/09/14	15:30	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-12332	05/10/14	14:35	Park Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12427	05/11/14	14:19	Terhune Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12431	05/11/14	15:32	Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-12429	05/11/14	15:18	24 Spring Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12440	05/11/14	20:19	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
14-12480	05/12/14	09:30	North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12543	05/12/14	21:31	University Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12615	05/13/14	18:09	309 Rodney Court	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12712	05/14/14	16:12	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12756	05/15/14	08:23	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-12810	05/15/14	19:21	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-12816	05/15/14	19:44	University Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-12798	05/15/14	14:45	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12861	05/16/14	09:33	Hodge Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury



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14-12883	05/16/14	12:14	Vandeventer Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12901	05/16/14	16:50	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12918	05/16/14	22:21	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
14-12930	05/16/14	23:02	Billie Ellis Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12963	05/17/14	13:17	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13035	05/18/14	08:33	Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13049	05/18/14	15:12	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13053	05/18/14	18:20	214 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13107	05/19/14	12:07	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13108	05/19/14	12:46	Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13126	05/19/14	15:43	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-12829	05/15/14	22:56	54 Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13130	05/19/14	16:09	11 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13229	05/20/14	14:39	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13252	05/20/14	17:15	7 Spring Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13390	05/21/14	17:04	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13394	05/21/14	18:10	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13453	05/22/14	07:50	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-13523	05/22/14	18:08	140 University Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13582	05/23/14	11:11	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13624	05/23/14	17:12	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-13687	05/24/14	11:06	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-13746	05/25/14	00:38	101 Linden Lane	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
14-13695	05/24/14	13:54	Hamilton Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13781	05/25/14	17:11	Ewing Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13788	05/25/14	18:10	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13808	05/25/14	21:35	Park Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13859	05/26/14	15:41	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13225	05/20/14	14:18	601 Ewing Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13583	05/23/14	11:15	Library Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13601	05/23/14	13:12	172 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13916	05/27/14	10:57	419 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-13956	05/27/14	16:09	Snowden Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-13961	05/27/14	16:56	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14038	05/28/14	13:24	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14036	05/28/14	13:16	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14047	05/28/14	14:45	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury



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14-14055	05/28/14	16:18	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14148	05/29/14	11:53	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14170	05/29/14	16:28	Markham Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14126	05/29/14	10:10	254 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14232	05/30/14	10:55	757 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14241	05/30/14	11:47	360 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14239	05/30/14	11:38	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14398	05/31/14	13:33	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14418	05/31/14	15:33	Birch Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - Bicycle
14-14433	05/31/14	18:49	Chestnut Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-14464	05/31/14	23:23	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 Valley Road
Princeton, NJ 08540

MVA W/PEDESTRIANS

May 2014

*Stockton - 2nd
in crosswalk,
bet. cars -
sunroof*

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
14-11525	5/1/14	1551	Stockton St./Monument Dr.	29	Injury
14-12440	5/11/14	2019	Alexander St./University Pl.	20	Injury
14-12918	5/16/14	2221	Nassau St./University Pl.	43	Injury

*Roundabout
stop out
of way of
driver.
Nassau St
w. car
bet. U. Pl.
car turn
left or
hit.*

MVA W/BICYCLISTS

May 2014

*Not the
didnt stop
in wrong lane.*

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
14-14418	5/31/14	1533	John St./Birch Ave.	15	Injury

MVA W/DEER

May 2014

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
14-12189	5/8/14	2113	Nassau St./Cedar Lane	43	No Injury

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT SUMMONSES
MAY 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
SPEEDING	51	50
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE	52	69
FAILURE TO INSPECT	30	73
CELL PHONE	34	34
CARELESS DRIVING	47	41
MAINTENANCE OF LAMPS	16	10
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED	11	26
FAILURE TO EXHIBIT DOCUMENTS	14	19
UNLICENSED DRIVER	12	20
UNINSURED MOTORIST	3	15
FAILURE TO WEAR SEATBELT	42	70
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	4	7
FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN	4	8
ALL OTHER (ordinances and moving included in this total)	169	171
TOTAL	489	613

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT ORDINANCE ACTIVITY
May 2014

Public Urination	14
Overweight Vehicle	3
Open Container	4
Noise Complaint	3
No U-turn	2
Littering	1
Bicycle Prohibited on Sidewalk	1
In Park After Hours	1
Total	29

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT OF PARKING ORDINANCE ACTIVITY
MAY 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
BUS ZONE	1	0
LOADING ZONE	23	11
PARKING w/DESIGN PARK STALLS	45	93
NO PARKING ZONES/ANYTIME)	28	42
PARKING BET 2A & 6A LIMIT 1 HR	176	212
PARK LIMIT 2 HRS BET 8A & 6P	84	161
PARK BET 2A & 6A IN MUNICIPAL YARD	4	18
METERS	1233	2047
METER FEEDING	26	58
PARK IN HANDICAP SPACE	0	4
ALL OTHERS	128	128
TOTALS	1748	2774

Parking Authority Ticketing System
PRINCETON
Tickets by Location Report
From 05/01/2014 To 05/31/2014

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
AIKEN AVE	1	0%
ALEXANDER ST	8	1%
BANK ST	12	1%
BIRCH AVE	3	0%
BOUDINOT ST	8	1%
CHAMBERS ST	15	1%
CHESTNUT ST	3	0%
DICKINSON ST	4	0%
FRANKLIN AVE	13	1%
GREEN ST	7	0%
GREENVIEW AVE	5	0%
GRIGGS CORNER LOT	73	5%
HAMILTON AVE	1	0%
HAWTHORNE AVE	1	0%
HULFISH ST	65	4%
HUMBERT ST	2	0%
JOHN ST	14	1%
LEIGH AVE	11	1%
MACLEAN ST	3	0%
MACLEAN STREET YARD	1	0%
MADISON ST	5	0%
MAPLE ST	2	0%
MERCER EXTENSION	1	0%
MOORE ST	24	2%
MURRAY PL	7	0%
N TULANE ST	18	1%
NASSAU ST	517	34%
OLDEN ST	20	1%
PALMER SQUARE E	76	5%
PALMER SQUARE W	76	5%
PARK PL	7	0%
PARK PLACE EAST YARD	3	0%
PARK PLACE WEST YARD	5	0%
PATTON AVE	2	0%
PAUL ROBESON PL	8	1%
PINE ST	2	0%

Parking Authority Ticketing System
PRINCETON
Tickets by Location Report
From 05/01/2014 To 05/31/2014

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
PRINCETON STATION LOT	28	2%
PROSPECT AVE	64	4%
QUARRY ST	11	1%
S TULANE ST	22	1%
SCOTT LN	1	0%
SPRING ST	27	2%
TULANE WEST LOT	79	5%
UNIVERSITY PL	36	2%
UNIVERSITY PLACE LOT	17	1%
VANDEVENTER AVE	16	1%
WIGGINS ST	3	0%
WILLIAM ST	28	2%
WITHERSPOON LN	1	0%
WITHERSPOON ST	153	10%
Totals	1,509	100%