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January 25, 2021

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling, Commissioner Kelly Straniti; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

STAFF: Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh; Michael Yeosock, Asst. Director, TMP

Mayor Rilling called the meeting order at 4:01PM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

The following was submitted into the record:



Mayor Harry Rilling
Norwalk Traffic Authority
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Norwalk, CT. 06856-5125

Mr. Michael Yeosock
Assistant Director of Transportation,
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Norwalk Traffic Authority
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Re: Application #6-20-SP of Norden Place KB LLC for special permit approval regarding the proposed use of the eastern portion of 10 Norden Place #A in Norwalk, Connecticut for warehouse and wholesale distribution facility.

Dear Mayor Rilling, Authority Members, and Mr. Yeosock:

On behalf of the Applicant, Norden Place KB LLC, we are writing to correct a statement that was made at the October 19 and November 16, 2020 Traffic Authority meetings regarding the above-captioned application.

At those meetings, it was represented to the Authority that the proposed business-to-business warehouse and wholesale distribution facility will generate “300 additional trucks. “However, as evidenced by the Applicant’s application materials, the proposed facility will have an anticipated daily trip generation of only 376 car trips and 198 truck trips (approximately 188 cars and 99 trucks) in any 24 hour period. For the Authority’s reference, we are attaching to this letter the trip generation table assembled by the Applicant and previously submitted to the Norwalk Zoning Commission. As the Authority will note, the table (attached as Exhibit A) summarizes the trip generation figures for both the proposed warehouse distribution facility, and for manufacturing, office, and research and development uses, each of which are permitted as of right in the Restricted Industrial Zone where the subject property is located.

Should the Authority have any additional questions or concerns, the Applicant will be in attendance at the January 25, 2020 Authority meeting.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,
Carolyn Cavolo

Cc: Steven Kleppin, Director of Norwalk Planning and Zoning
Darin Callahan, Esq., Associate Corporation Counsel, City of Norwalk

EXHIBIT A

TRIP GENERATION COMPARISON

Use	AM Peak Hour	PM Peak Hour	Daily
PROPOSED			
Warehouse	65 (58 Cars, 7 Trucks)	67 (57 Cars, 10 Trucks)	574 (376 Cars, 198 Trucks)
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED			
Flex (Manufacturing)	205 (195 Cars, 10 Trucks)	221 (211 Cars, 10 Trucks)	1,297 (1,142 Cars, 155 Trucks)
Office	383 (380 Cars, 3 Trucks)	379 (376 Cars, 3 Trucks)	3,214 (3,174 Cars, 40 Trucks)
Research & Development*	139 Cars & Trucks	162 Cars & Trucks	3,716 Cars & Trucks

*Car/Truck Split Data Not Available

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020.

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2020 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATION

1. Beauford Road speed and volume study report

Mr. Yeosock said a few weeks ago he received requests from residents regarding issues of speeding and high volumes on Beauford Road. He said a traffic counter was put out for one week and as stated in the report and the average speed was 22 miles per hour, the fastest speed was 37 miles per hour and there were 833 cars during that week but only 4% of people were traveling over the speed limit. He said staff does not see a need for anymore enforcement.

2. Heather Lane- requested update

Mr. Yeosock said the new parking restrictions were applied in September and he spoke to some of the residents and it seems that everything is working out but staff will continue to monitor to see if there are any changes as the summer months approach.

Mayor Rilling said they had entertained the possibility of a one way on Heather Lane and asked if that is still being considered by the residents. Mr. Yeosock said they have not brought that up and the current parking restrictions appear to be working sufficiently at this time and have not received any complaints.

3. Transportation Master Plan- project status update

Mr. Yeosock said that four consultants were interviewed last week for the Transportation Master Plan and have selected one of the consultants and are in the process of negotiating with them and will keep the Traffic Authority updated as we move forward.

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS THE NORDEN PLACE LETTER THAT WAS RECEIVED STATING THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling said that the letter that was received had indicated there would be no significant impact to the State Highway System. He said the Traffic Authority was under the impression that just meant the State of Connecticut limited access highways, but he has since learned that it includes all state highways including Route 1, Route 136 and any state highway that is in and around the subject area. He said he is uncomfortable with the Traffic Authority stating there would be no significant impact on any State Highway System.

Commissioner Straniti said it was her understanding that we were told that the Traffic Authority should not comment on this. Mayor Rilling said the Traffic Authority will not be commenting on the application, but will be discussing the letter that states there will be no significant impact that was requested of this Authority by the State of Connecticut. He said the Traffic Authority was originally under the impression that it was just going to be the limited access highways and were asked to send a letter stating there would be no significant impact but feels where under a false impression and he thinks there could be a significant impact on the State Highway System if Route and Route 136 are being considered because both have several miles of roadway in the City of Norwalk and the surrounding communities. Commissioner Straniti said she completely agrees and she would not be in favor of the Traffic Authority sending a letter or signing a letter stating there will be no significant impact.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons said she is also not in favor of it since it will impact all of these streets within our city so should would not be in favor stating that there would be no significant impact.

Mayor Rilling advised the Traffic Authority that a letter was sent based on the information we originally had that it would only be the limited State Highway System so a letter would need to be sent explain our position at this point and time.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE TO HAVE A LETTER DRAFTED AND SENT TO THE STATE INCLUDING THE INFORMATION AS STATED.**

Commissioner Straniti said that if the letter was sent she agrees with the motions but suggested that the minutes be checked first because she is pretty sure the ruling from the Law Department stating that the Traffic Authority should not comment on it and have no authority.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons said she believes that the letter was sent because there was information from the legal department that is was part of the normal cloture of the request.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE TO HAVE A LETTER DRAFTED AND SENT TO THE STATE INCLUDING THE INFORMATION AS STATED CONTINGENT ON THE REVIEW OF THE MINUTES DETERMINING WHAT THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT SAID AND WORKING WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY TO SEND A LETTER.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd