

**JUNE 2022**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1 – ADA Accessible Parking – Mayor Noble
- 2 – Riverview Baptist Church Parking – Alderman Schabot
- 3 – ADA Accessible Parking – President Shaut
- 4 – No Parking request – Alderwoman Muhammad

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1 – Stop Sign request- Alderman Davis
- 2 – Broadway Cycle Track- Alderman Hirsch
- 3 – Golden Hill Update- John Schultheis

# CITY OF KINGSTON

## Office of the Mayor

mayor@kingston-ny.gov

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Steven T. Noble  
Mayor



June 3rd, 2022

Honorable Andrea Shaut  
President/Alderman-at-Large  
Kingston Common Council  
420 Broadway  
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: ADA Accessible Spot 115 Green St.

Dear President Shaut,

I am requesting that an ADA accessible spot be placed near the front of 115 Green Street. A local business at this location has an employee that has experienced difficulty finding parking nearby.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven T. Noble  
Mayor

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THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Mayor

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Description:

REQUEST FOR ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPOT AT 115 GREEN ST

Signature: 

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Action Required:

SEQRA Decision:

Type I Action \_\_\_\_\_

Type II Action \_\_\_\_\_

Unlisted Action \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditioned Negative Declaration: \_\_\_\_\_

Seek Lead Agency Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Tony Davis, Chairman		
Barbara Hill, Ward 1		
Naimah Muhammad, Ward 5		
Michael Olivieri, Ward 7		
Michele Hirsch, Ward 9		

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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Sent:** Friday, May 27, 2022 5:56 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** FW: Riverview Baptist Church

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Elisa,

Can you please add this to my communications folder?

Thank you,  
Andrea

**From:** Schabot, Steven  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Cc:** Davis, Tony <tdavis@kingston-ny.gov>; Schultheis, John <jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** Riverview Baptist Church

The Rev. Doris Hatcher Schuyler is requesting that parking in front of the entrance to the church at 240 Catherine Street be reserved for members of her congregation with disabilities. She is requesting this on a full time basis, as members arrive and depart every day for activities. There is a parking in the back of the church with a limited number of handicapped spots.

Rev. Hatcher would like to discuss her options in this regard and I have discussed it briefly with John Schulteis.

Respectfully

Steven Schabot  
Alderman, Ward 8

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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 2:32 PM  
**To:** Eric Sturniolo  
**Cc:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: 21 Oneil St Project - Handicapped Spot

Hi Eric,

I checked our city code, and 21 O'Neil does not have a designated handicap parking spot. If the Common Council approved it, it would be listed there. Do you have a permit number?

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[eric.sturniolo@gmail.com](mailto:eric.sturniolo@gmail.com)  
845-641-5193

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:42 AM

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Eric

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Very Respectfully,

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**From:** Eric Sturniolo [<mailto:eric.sturniolo@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2020 11:07 AM

**To:** Shaut, Andrea <[ashaut@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:ashaut@kingston-ny.gov)>; Tinti, Elisa <[emtinti@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:emtinti@kingston-ny.gov)>

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**Attachments:** Handicap Spot Letter to Common Council - FINAL.pdf

Hi Andrea, thanks for getting back to me so quickly! I don't think it was ever approved, which is why I reached out today. I'm not sure if you can see the prior emails in this email chain...

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I sent the request the same day (also attached here). You then replied:

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Sent from my iPhone

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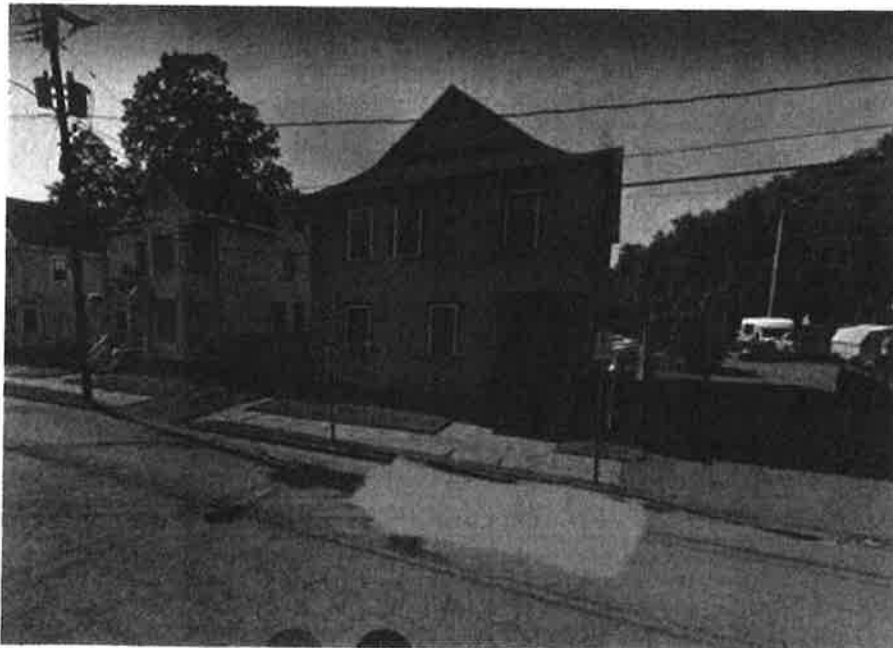
Eric Sturniolo  
ERS Real Estate Holding, LLC  
21 Oneil Street  
Kingston, NY 12401

November 11, 2020

Kingston Common Council

To Whom It May Concern:

I am currently in the process of opening a beer garden at 21 Oneil Street. I am requesting 1 handicap space, located on-street, directly in front of the building:



I can be reached by email at [eric.sturniolo@gmail.com](mailto:eric.sturniolo@gmail.com) or at 845-641-5193.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,

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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Schultheis, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2022 4:58 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Muhammad, Naimah; Tinti, Elisa  
**Cc:** Norman, Edward  
**Subject:** RE: Communication

I suggest the location should read:

"no parking on the west side of Railroad Avenue from a point 50-ft northeast of the intersection with Fashion Lane to the end of the street"

This would leave enough room for 1 car to park on that side of the road close to Fashion Lane, while keeping the needed clearance from the curb cut for the solid waste collection vehicle.

Thank you,

John M. Schultheis, P.E.  
City Engineer  
City of Kingston  
Engineering Department  
City Hall  
420 Broadway  
Kingston, New York 12401  
**m) 845-416-0026 (no texts to this number please)**  
**o) 845-334-3967**

[jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov)

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**From:** Muhammad, Naimah

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 5:06 PM

**To:** Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>

**Subject:** Communication

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## OLD BUSINESS

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**From:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:21 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Stop signs

Hi Elisa,

Can you add this to my communications folder? It was accidentally sent to my personal email.

Thank you!  
Andrea

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**From:** Davis, Tony <[tdavis@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:tdavis@kingston-ny.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 5:54 PM  
**Subject:** Stop signs  
**To:** Andrea Shaut <[andishaut@gmail.com](mailto:andishaut@gmail.com)>, Schultheis, John <[jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov)>

I have been approached to consider placing stop signs at the intersection of Wrentham and Hindsdale and Wrentham and Plainfield st.

Andrea, can you please add this to the Public Safety agenda.

Thanks

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

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Andrea Shaut  
Musician and Public Servant

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

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[www.hvceremony.com](http://www.hvceremony.com)

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**From:** Hirsch, Michele  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2022 2:39 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Cc:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Broadway Cycle Track

President Shaut,

Please accept this communication for April's Common Council Meeting.

Thank you.

Michele Hirsch  
Alderwoman, Ward 9

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**From:** Tanya Garment <tanyagarmet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 12:56:15 PM  
**To:** Schultheis, John; Davis, Tony; Hill, Barbara; Olivieri, Michael; Muhammad, Naimah; Hirsch, Michele; Shaut, Andrea  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Broadway Cycle Track

Dear Members of the Public Safety and General Government Committee of the Common Council, Engineer Schultheis, and President Shaut,

I am writing to draw your attention to a discussion about the Broadway Streetscape cycle track on the Bike-Friendly Kingston Facebook page.

See here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bikefriendlykingstonny/permalink/4740383446074187/>

In particular, I would like to point to a consensus of opinion, in the BFK FB discussion, of a need for removable bollards between the cycle track and the parking lane on Broadway. I am aware that bollards were discussed during the project development, and ruled out because of snow plowing needs. However, I do not know of the option of REMOVABLE bollards having been discussed.

I am respectfully requesting that the committee review this matter according to the Common Council's policy for proposed traffic and parking control devices, which says that "The City Engineer performs an engineering analysis .... for proposed installations, modifications and removals of traffic and parking control devices. a. The engineering analysis must conform to the requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) (see here & here) with the New York State Supplement, current guidance from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and the New York State Department Of Transportation (NYSDOT) Highway DesignManual, as applicable." \*See hyperlinks.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Tanya Garment  
102 Wurts Street  
Kingston, NY 12401

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1 message

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To: Davis, Tony <tdavis@kingston-ny.gov>

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Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 12:35 PM

Hi Tony-

I don't plan to attend tonight's meeting.

Regarding old business item for Golden Hill I can offer an update:

The City's consultant prepared a review letter of the developer's traffic study. The letter is attached and was also provided to the Planning Board and is posted for public viewing. We expect that the developer may provide a revised traffic study which addresses these comments in the near future. The City's consultant would then review any revised material and provide us with their findings.

If you or any other aldermen have questions about Golden Hill please contact me or Sue Cahill in Planning.

Thank you,

John M. Schultheis, P.E.

City Engineer

City of Kingston

Engineering Department

City Hall

420 Broadway

Kingston, New York 12401

**m) 845-416-0026 (no texts to this number please)**

**o) 845-334-3967**

jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov

March 16, 2022

Suzanne Cahill  
Planning Director  
City of Kingston  
420 Broadway  
Kingston, NY 12401

**Re: Golden View Traffic Impact Study Review  
Golden Hill Drive, City of Kingston, Ulster County, NY**

Dear Ms. Cahill:

Greenman-Pedersen Inc. (GPI) has performed a technical review of the above referenced traffic impact study on behalf of the City. The report was well written and comprehensive, but there were some items we would like addressed before we can validate the report conclusions. GPI's comments detailing the findings of our initial review and outlining the additional information necessary to complete our final review is as follows:

1. The Golden View development is proposed to be a 164-unit low-rise housing development, with 80 units reserved for senior housing, and a daycare for 30 students. The development is located off of Golden Hill Drive, within the City of Kingston. This development is being constructed on the site of an existing vacant building, which will be demolished, and the study does not attempt to take credit for any previously approved trips that may have been generated by that existing building, making the study's analysis reasonably conservative. The project is expected to be complete by 2024.
2. The traffic count data was reviewed and the time frames of the counts are reasonable, as is the 18% traffic adjustment to account for the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on current traffic volumes and the 2% annual background traffic growth.
3. The traffic study states that there are no sidewalks along Boulevard or crosswalks at the Boulevard and Golden Hill Dr intersection. This statement is incorrect as the recent Empire State Trail construction added some of these elements. Text should be updated to reflect current configuration.
4. The most significant crash type in the study area is animal hits, and no other crash pattern was documented. The crash history does not appear to indicate a safety issue at the Boulevard at Golden Hill Dr intersection; however, it should be noted that this data does not capture near miss incidents that may have occurred (as a result of limited sight distance), or the potential for future crash types that involve pedestrian and bicycle activity, which is expected to increase with the new development.
5. Trip generation for the site was based on 84 units of low-rise multi-family housing, 80 units of senior adult multi-family housing and a 30 student daycare. The trip generation looks accurate for that land use breakdown. However, the senior housing land use generates significantly fewer trips than the standard low-rise multi-family. Are there assurances in place that would require 80 units of the complex to be senior housing? To be conservative, we would like to see the trip generation and analysis conducted for all 164 units being low-rise multi-family housing, or have documentation submitted that guarantees the senior housing portion couldn't be converted to something else. The trip generation calculations include a 20% internal capture credit, what is the justification for that percentage? It is agreed that 20% is likely reasonable, given the land uses on-site, but a justification should be referenced if possible.
6. The level of service for the existing and build conditions appears accurate for the current trip generation and the reported levels of service are within acceptable levels. However, new analysis with trip generation as discussed in Comment 4 above should be submitted for verification.



7. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile travel speed along Boulevard (NY Route 32) is reported to be 42 mph based on NYSDOT data (no specific location or other information provided). Given that this speed is significantly above the posted speed limit of 30 mph, and it is used to identify sight distance requirements and warranting conditions, this speed should be verified per direction through radar speed study at the intersection before it is validated. Speed study should include speed readings (minimum of 30 readings per direction per timeframe) during both the AM and PM timeframes on two separate days (total of 4 separate data sets per direction). Only vehicles at free-flow speed should be included (no vehicles within platoons or slowing down to turn) and readings should only be taken on good weather days.
8. Available sight distance appears generally consistent with a review performed using Google Street View photography; however, NYSDOT Drawings for 8EST.04 suggests that there may only be 233 feet of sight distance to the south, instead of the 275' noted. It is requested that the exact sight distance be reexamined and confirmed in the field. Sight distance looking north is more than adequate, but sight distance to the south is at least 50 feet less than the required stopping sight distance for 42 mph, which makes verification of the travel speeds even more important. It is believed that an "intersection ahead" warning sign on the northbound approach would not be sufficient to lower speeds and reduce the crash potential at the intersection. Other options should be considered to improve sight distance and reduce crash risk. These options could include traffic calming measures (possibly a speed feedback sign) to reduce travel speeds, or geometric improvements (possibly cutting down adjacent hill) to increase available sight distance. The crash analysis does not indicate a current safety issue resulting from the limited sight distance, but increased traffic and pedestrian activity at the intersection does make it a concern.
9. For the traffic signal warrant analysis conducted for Boulevard and Golden Hill Dr, it is unclear where the 16-hour traffic volume data was obtained. This data should be provided. Additionally, the results of the analysis are highly dependent on travel speed information, so results cannot be verified without that data.
10. Concerning the Glen Street connection closure analysis, the origin-destination data to estimate the traffic diversions was confusing and did not appear to match the number of diverted trips used in the analysis. This data should be clarified and re-analysis should be performed, as needed. The status of this connection is an important issue that should be resolved before SEQOR approval is granted.
11. Because of sight distance concerns at the Boulevard and Golden Hill Dr intersection, there is a significant public concern that traffic from the new development will utilize Glen Street, even if travel time is a little longer. Further discussion and analysis should be included to address this concern.
12. Pedestrian and bicycle activity is expected to increase with the addition of this development and the expanded bus depot. More discussion should be provided concerning pedestrian & bicycle traffic, especially at the Boulevard and Golden Hill Dr intersection. There is a bus stop opposite the Golden Hill Dr approach and with increased traffic from the new development and limited sight distance, pedestrian crossings at this location is a concern and should be addressed.

Once the additional information listed above is provided or clarified, GPI will be able to provide a final assessment of the traffic study. If you have any questions, please call me (518) 898-9554 or at [mwieszchowski@gpinet.com](mailto:mwieszchowski@gpinet.com).

Best Regards,

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