

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 14, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Albert Clement, Lacy Kent, Daniel Pomerlee, Lawrence Saterfield, Tim Ekeburg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Turner, Suzanne Bolin

REPRESENTATIVES: Councilman Schipani; Street Superintendent Gene Palmer; Public Works Director Rich Urquidi

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Daniel Pomerlee made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2018 meeting. Albert Clement seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Safe Routes to School

The city is looking into another HAWK system for American Legion and 9th Street. Carry forward.

Crosswalks in front of Richard McKenna Montessori

Gene and Rich both met with the school last summer and they picked a spot that will work for everyone. The original design was done by the engineering firm for the school and our engineers agreed that it will work. The city is willing to add another one near the corner. The school will pay for the one on the school side and we will pay for the one on the north side of the road. This project is dependent on the funds available following the 18th Street project. As soon as there is enough money available, this project will be completed. Item closed.

Bigger One Way Street Signs Downtown

Gene contacted Carl with ITD and asked him to look at it. However, there is currently a downtown upgrade plan in place that will solve a lot of the issues at hand. Gene did explain that the actual signs won't be bigger as they are set by the MUTCD, but they can look at proper placement locations to maximize visibility. Mr. Urquidi explained that this matter would definitely be addressed during the engineering stage. Street departments are often taught that more signs are not necessarily a good thing because if there are too many repetitive signs drivers more often ignore them.

Lawrence expressed his concern over drivers that are not familiar with the area driving the wrong way on the one ways as it occurs on nearly a daily basis. Lt. Fuentes suggested placing Do Not Enter signs on the backs of other signs preventing people from entering the one ways. Mr. Urquidi said that could be looked into as an option as well. Lawrence was satisfied with closing this item as long as it is addressed during the engineering phase. Item closed.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

Tim wanted to know how many full time traffic enforcement officers there are that their primary duty is to do traffic enforcement. Lt. Fuentes explained that we do not have any officers that are traffic enforcement only. Tim wanted to know if this was something that we could push for. Lt. Fuentes explained that due to our call volume all officers are expected to respond to calls, however they do traffic control in between calls. Just last night in one shift there were 11 traffic stops. During the summer, if staffing allows, we sometimes have motor patrol as well. Tim wanted to know if the police officer opening was to replace or increase officers and wanted to know if increasing the department was an option. Lt. Fuentes explained that at this time it is not an option as we are at an appropriate number of officers to citizen ratio.

Lawrence asked if there was a particular area that he was concerned with. Tim explained near his residence on W. 15th North and East, the long stretch of road from Canyon Creek to nearly the golf course there are quite a few speeders.

Tim asked Gene how he determines signage as far as speed limit signs in a neighborhood. Gene said that they leave the signs were they have been placed and maintain them for reflectivity, but the number of signs has not been increased nor decreased. If a new section of road is built the signage is part of the engineering plan. Occasionally someone may come before the committee and request that a stop sign be installed somewhere. Tim didn't think that there was a speed limit sign between Canyon Creek and Haskett on W. 15th North. Councilman Schipani said that there is on NE Narrows.

Tim wanted to know what could be done about UPS and FedEx drivers that speed between deliveries and run stop signs. Mr. Urquidi said that we could contact them and ask them to remind their drivers to be conscientious of their driving.

Tim wanted to know who was responsible for code compliance in regards to landscaping interfering with intersections. The area that he is concerned with is 15th and Haskett, because you have to inch into the crosswalk and almost into the street to see oncoming traffic. Occasionally there are kids that try to cross at the crosswalk and now the vehicle is blocking their path from inching forward. Tim was advised that the city has a code compliance officer and that they are always out looking for violations. Once they observe a violation or a report has been received they are very quick and efficient to contact the residents to have the matter resolved. Tim will contact the building department.

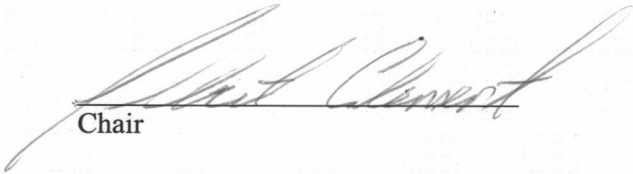
Tim asked if there has been any progress made to the creation of the truck route. Mr. Urquidi said that this project is temporarily on hold as they are waiting for the final downtown plan.

The 18th Street project may not start until August as the city is still waiting for federal funds to be released to the state and so on. The city is ready and has been, but we cannot start the road project until the stoplight is installed. The complete project is slated to be completed in 120 days, but the construction piece is 90 days.

The corner in front of Papa Murphy's is going to be corrected/shaved off. The sidewalk will be torn up and they are going to take some of the parking lot to reconfigure the corner so that it will be a nice, smooth two turns going around. All the engineering is completed and the project should begin within a month.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Albert Clement made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Pomerlee seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 P.M.



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AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 11, 2018 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

Safe Routes to School

NEW BUSINESS