

Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting

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Traffic and Safety Committee Members:

Rick Robbins-Chairman
Reed Nielsen-Vice Chair
Roscoe Orton
Stephen Smith
Lyle Wakefield
Virginia Pratt
Blake Garner
Patrick Bjornn

Bruce Sutherland-City Council Liaison
John Millar – Staff Liaison/Public Works
Randy Lewis- Staff Liaison/Police Captain
Doug Barker-University Security Liaison
Dee Dee Tucker- City Staff/minutes

Those that were present: Reed Nielsen, Rick Robbins, Roscoe Orton, Stephen Smith, Blake Garner, Randy Lewis, Lyle Wakefield, Patrick Bjorn, Doug Barker, John Millar, Natalie Schnieder, college students: Rebekah Norton, Lexi Hollman, Aimilee Wilburri, Aubrey Deussen, Mckenzie Morris

Chairman Robbins opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Review and Approval of the August 2, 2011 Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and Stephen Smith motioned and Blake Gardner approved.

Unfinished / Old Business:

Rick Robbins asked for a brief discussion on last month's topic on the Henderson development.

New Business:

- a. 5th West S. Yellowstone and Trejo. There is currently a traffic study in progress to determine the flow in that area. Once the data from the study is in, there will be a several options looked at to make that intersection more user friendly.
- b. Northgate and Southgate apartment complexes Parkside Townhomes located on Pioneer Road. **Natalie Schnieder** is working with managers to make sure they have all of their vehicle and parking permit regulations completed and thorough understanding of the contracts they entered into. **Natalie Schnieder** asked if there was a need to paint the curb or add additional signage to these areas. **John Millar** is hesitant to paint the curbs as it should be the owner of the property's responsibilities to make sure the tenants with vehicles are parking in their approved parking area and that tenants are not bringing in more vehicles to then they have signed up for. Law enforcement will be notified of the situation and requested to ticket heavily in the area so that this matter is resolved prior to snow fall. Rick Robbins asked if there is some kind of information that talk about the how many stall they can have. **Natalie Schnieder** said that there is a conditional use permit that is given to the owner when they bring their plans before Planning and Zoning. **Blake Gardner-** feels the owner of the facility needs to have repercussions for allowing people to park without parking permits or they will not be motivated to follow the rules. **Rick Robbins** asked if there is a disconnect between managers and owners? **Natalie Schnieder** agreed that there is a lack of communication and that she is working hard to make sure that both the manager and the owner know the details of the permit and the consequences for not following permit guidelines. **John Millar** also said that the ready team meeting is aware of the situation.

- c. **Rick Robbins**- asked about pedestrians being pushed into the road when the snow falls at the sidewalk at Hemming Village. **John Millar**- met with Hemming and they have signed for no parking and they are going to add a sidewalk in the parking area.

Report on projects:

John Millar reported that there are a few bumps left to resolve on Pioneer Road but all in all it is going very smooth and is almost complete. Street signals for Center and Main are going out for bid this week. The parking lot across from City Hall is underway and will provide 148 new parking stalls.

Group open discussion brought up the following concerns:

Roscoe Orton- there are two lights that are out at the Nature Park. Dee Dee Tucker will relay to the power company.

Blake Gardner- discussed the possibilities of installing a walking path in the Meadows area along 7th South. The home owners around the Meadows are wondering about doing something to help the area be more accessible to bikes and pedestrians. **John Millar**- said that he would have to check the width of the road before making any suggestions. He feels that the homeowners would not be interested in putting something in with an LID and having to pay for it.

John Millar- commented that the students are obeying the crosswalks around the college. He would like to compliment the enforcement officers for their good work controlling and putting up signs for jaywalking and texting.

Rick Robbins- is wondering about the Hawk Crosswalk and he is concerned that the new students are not clear on the use and abuse of the light. **Randy Lewis** will be notified about having the area patrolled. **Natalie Schnieder** suggested an ad in the scroll to try and help notify the students of the rules and the regulation using the crosswalks.

Motion to dismiss by Roscoe Orton second by Reed Nielsen