

Traffic Safety Committee Meeting

November 7, 2006

Committee Members Present: Lynn Archibald, Jodi Weimer, Randy Reese, John Millar, Randy Lewis, Rick Robbins, Lyle Wakefield, Roscoe Orton, and Graydon Burton.

Lynn Archibald welcomed the committee and introduced the new members Graydon Burton and Lyle Wakefield. The committee list will need to be updated.

Approval of minutes postponed due to the lack of a quorum.

Approval for the committee Bylaws will be postponed until next month. Stephen Zollinger has not had a chance to review them.

Old Business:

Request for a 4-way stop sign at 1st North and 1st East

The committee had motioned for a study to be done. Traffic report results for the intersection at 1st North and 1st East were handed out at the meeting. Conclusion - warrants have not been met so there is no justification for it at this time. Officers will, however, monitor this intersection for lighting issues. The committee decided to table the item.

Crosswalk at 7th South and 1st West – Enforcement

The light is now working, but the light at the next intersection is not. John Millar will check into this.

Request for street light at Pole Line Road and 2nd East

Jim Hirrlinger not present so item carried over. John Millar will check for a light and other option for the next meeting.

Citizen's Request – Wes Lawrence – Request to reduce speed from 35 mph to 25 mph on 7th South

His main concern is with 4- wheelers and speeding. John Millar stated the city hasn't had a chance to install equipment there to monitor. The committee will review this at a later date.

Citizen's Request – Steven Mott – Install warning signs on alleyways near the theatres where vehicles cross sidewalks with pedestrians

The alley way behind Bingham & Sons is a private alley there should be no traffic going through. John Millar will try to get a stop sign there. This seems to be the problem all

around the downtown area. John suggested adding this to the next agenda. The alley ways should be directional. The committee is invited to drive on the alleys around city hall, Westwood, behind Key Bank, and south of the old JCPenney building to discuss at the next meeting.

Recommendations for the new High School building and Elementary School to be built in the future on South 12th West.

John Millar said that looking at this long term the city would suggest a 4-5 lane road. Short term the city would try to widen the south interchange. He can only speculate until the plans for this area are presented. The committee will carry this over.

The design on South Yellowstone Hwy has improved. The road was re-striped. John Millar believes this road will change into a regular type road with a guard rail.

Rick Robbins questioned the intersection on Trejo and South Yellowstone. In the future there may be a need for a signal light. The item will continue on the agenda as things develop.

No Speed limit signs on 7th North

There are no signs yet. John Millar said the plan is to have a 35 MPH sign as the people turn onto 7th North and add another when it changes to 55 MPH. John Millar will have to look into this.

Citizen's Request for 4 way stop at 2nd South and 1st East

No study has been done on this. **Lynn Archibald** said that we would discuss this at the next meeting. In the mean time, he would ask John Millar if he would monitor this intersection

Request by Janeese Summers for removable speed bump at East 1st South will be removed. Nothing more has been heard on this issue. Discussion will be concluded- item carried over.

New Business:

Randy Schwendiman, Lynn Archibald, John Millar, and Richard Smith looked at crosswalks at the university; everything looks all right except for the Thomas E. Ricks parking lot. They believe a crosswalk going straight across is not as effective as one going diagonally. People are also not yielding to the pedestrians. Parked vehicles are not allowing adequate visibility for those driving on this road. There will be further discussion on this item at the next meeting.

Graydon Burton expressed his concern about new flags for the intersection by the library.

He says the old ones have disappeared. John Millar assured the committee the city had purchased additional flags for this purpose.

Crosswalk at 1st West and 1st South

Randy Lewis stated that the officers are concerned with the lighting at this intersection. Accidents are constantly happening there. The Mayor also expressed his concern saying that he has had several citizens' complaints. John Millar had a study done on this intersection last April for a 4-way stop. The results were distributed at the meeting. The city decided not to approve this request because the study did not meet the warrants justified in the state manual. Officers are also concerned with lighting there. Putting lights over the crosswalk may help the intersection. Rick Robbins motioned for a new study to be done. Graydon Burton seconded it. All voted aye, none opposed. The motion carried.

Steiner Avenue needs to be looked at. There is a concern for the pedestrians and bicyclists there. Discussion on this will continue at next meeting.

Lynn Archibald discussed quadrant reports. Each member should be assigned a quadrant. Lynn encourages the members to drive around their quadrants and the city to check for any unsafe conditions

Rick Robbins said there is a concern in the 2nd North quadrant- speeding is high around the High School. The violators are not just the students.

The committee believes the community overall has no respect for pedestrians. They suggested having citations for failure to yield campaign and education for pedestrians

Next meeting December 12, 2006 at 5:15 pm.
Meeting adjourned.