

Committee members present were Chairman Craig Nordfelt, Donna Benfield, Carol Mason, Randy Schwendiman, Chris Mann, Randy Lewis, and Lynn Archibald.

David Peck 323 S 3rd E was present representing a Neighborhood Association in the range of 3rd S, 2nd E to 3rd E. This association consists of approximately 30 homes.

Megan Otto from the Standard Journal was also present.

Craig Nordfelt asked if everyone approved last month's minutes. Chris Mann made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Randy Lewis seconded it. All approved.

Craig Nordfelt turned the time over to David Peck so he could discuss parking on the streets on 3rd S from 2nd E over to 3rd E. With all of the snow and cars, it has reduced the street to one lane of traffic. Mr. Peck polled the Neighborhood Association and they were in favor of having permits or the no parking signs with the specific time restrictions similar to the ones on Cornell and College Ave. He wondered if they needed to make a formal request or something to have this done.

The no parking signs are on either side of the lower half of Harvard.

The association was also concerned that there wasn't sufficient pedestrian crossing on S 2nd E. Randy Schwendiman commented that the snow from the streets was being pushed onto the East side of 2nd E so the sidewalks were covered. Students are walking in the streets. When the roads are slick, it is difficult to stop for jaywalking pedestrians. Students have even fallen down while crossing creating a bigger hazard.

Chris Mann pointed out that permits were not issued because of the number of permits that would have to be issued to each household. Also, the city cannot allow native citizens to park on those streets and not students because of discriminatory issues.

Randy Schwendiman wanted the University to provide further education for students to park in available parking lots and off the streets. Parking laws are being enforced on the campus and city.

Chris Mann made a motion to put up signs on 3rd S in the range of 2nd E and 3rd E to see how they work out, also to have the signs that are currently up be a permanent solution on both sides of the streets.

Randy Schwendiman seconded it.

All were in favor.

Old Business

John Millar was absent from the meeting to provide updates on past discussion.

Randy Schwendiman suggested an enclosed walk over be built on 2nd E 3rd S to keep traffic moving.

Finding a way to cut down on jaywalking and efficiently get pedestrians across 2nd E with fewer interruptions in traffic is a goal that needs to be set.

The discussion moved to the condition of the sidewalks on the East side of S 2nd E, and who was responsible for cleaning of the sidewalks. The committee agreed that the apartment owners need to be removing the snow from their portion of the sidewalks as it is not being done.

Chris Mann made a motion to have the apartment owners tactfully approached to clean the sidewalks off, or discover if there are any problems as to why it hasn't been done to see if it can be resolved.

Carol Mason seconded it.

All were in favor.

Old Business Item D – Project Prioritization

Craig Nordfelt has the projects prioritized on the back of the agenda as discussed in the last Traffic Safety Meeting. He wanted to know if anyone wanted to add anything to it and if they thought it was correct. The discussion moved to some of the items on the list.

The intersection at Hwy 33 and the new Co-op building has a light coming in this summer. Randy Schwendiman would like to see 5 lanes at that intersection.

Randy Schwendiman also mentioned that the light at 2nd E and Main wasn't working very well. Lynn Archibald concurred that when heading West, the light doesn't always work like it should. It runs through several cycles before it will change. He has seen incidents where people are force to run a red light to get through the intersection. Deborah will let John Millar know about this.

The accident on Pioneer road was mentioned. Generally, it was felt that the areas on the priority list were the more pressing areas of concern.

New Business

Lynn Archibald mentioned that the street lights on 7th S are still not functioning from 2nd W to 2nd E. Deborah will have John Millar check these lights.

Randy Schwendiman suggested that another road be built to cross the river and tie into W Main. It should have limited access and be designed to take pressure off of 2nd E. Maybe have it tie into Airport Road. Discussion move to the truck route being built in the future. Craig Nordfelt suggested it be discussed next month when John Millar was present.

How Do We Prioritize Projects

Randy Schwendiman proposed that future throughways not split neighborhoods by not allowing commercial building that creates heavy traffic; or by running commuter roads through neighborhoods.

The committee generally agreed that they would like to see the priorities be 1st traffic flow, 2nd pedestrian and traffic safety, and 3rd preserving neighborhoods.

Donna Benfield would like to add “To proactively promote the efficient use...” to the Traffic Safety Committee Mission Statement.

Randy Lewis thought the committee should focus less on planning and zoning, and more on keeping roads safe.

Donna Benfield commented that she might need to bring up issues discussed here to the City Council.

Randy Schwendiman stated that he was unhappy with how 5th W and 7th S were built. He thinks 7th S is a disaster; the road was not built up and it causes problems.

Donna Benfield had some bad news. She reported that the \$25.00 travel stipend for each meeting attended was being stopped. Instead, the mayor wants to have an appreciation banquet at the end of the year.

Carol Mason is thinking of retiring after many years of service. She said that next month’s meeting would probably be her last.

Donna Benfield needed everyone to update their personal information and handed out a Community Review Committee Form that she would like everyone to complete.

Craig Nordfelt wondered if money is being put aside for traffic lights, future projects, etc. John Millar has a budget and he decides where to use it based on need and recommendations from committees like this one.

Needing a couple of lights on S 2nd E was recapped. It was suggested that it doesn’t cost a lot of money to put up no parking signs on 2nd E and paint in turning lanes to get people used to more changes in the future. The committee is waiting for John Millar to decide on the priority of traffic lights on S 2nd E before discussing it further.

Next meeting is March 2, 2004

Meeting was adjourned