

Traffic Safety Meeting

May 10, 2005

Committee Members Present: Craig Nordfelt, Donna Benfield, Chris Mann, John Millar, Randy Reese, Randy Lewis, Randy Schwendiman, Lynn Archibald, and Stephen Zollinger.

Reports:

Police

Randy Lewis reported that the antique truck in front of Joe's Filling Station (N. Horkleys) is blocking visibility. They wondered if it is in the right of way.

John Millar said that the city owns 10 feet from the curb. He will contact them and take care of it.

Randy Lewis also reported that on University Blvd and 12th West there is a chain link fence, by the new Rexburg Motor Sports, blocking visibility.

Streets

John Millar didn't have anything to report except that they are taking off diagonal parking on 2nd East and Main where Walgreens is going to be built.

Old Business:

Committee Bylaws/Ordinance 664

Stephen Zollinger stated that he is still working on it. He is getting an intern this summer to help take up backlogged work. He is hoping to have it done at the end of summer.

Parking Around City Hall

John Millar is working with the Mayor on this. They are talking about relocating the handicap parking space, and removing one parking stall.

Schedule for 1st N 2nd E Traffic Signal

John Millar said that they are going to bid anytime.

Results of Parking Survey at BYU-I

Randy Reese handed out survey results that included a map of parking lots on campus and when they will be closing for construction. The University is going to be creating

approx. 300 more spaces with pocket parking lots. Things are still undecided with the University as far as what construction is going to take place.

Stripping of South 2nd East

John Millar said this is on the schedule to be done this spring; however, the rain has delayed all of the street painting. He is going to start stripping at 2nd South.

Schedule for 4th S 2nd W Roundabout

John Millar said that they are advertising on the design next week, it is moving right along.

New Business:

Recommendations for New Committee Members

Craig Nordfelt stated that the committee is down to 6 voting members. They would like to have 9 or 10. Rose Bagley has resigned, and he asked for recommendations from the committee:

- Doug Smith
- Mike Merrill
- Rick Robbins
- Alice Campbell
- Ron Walker
- Trudy Porter
- Alicia Martin
- LaWanna Boyle
- Dortha Young
- Babette Carlson
- Rea Schroeder
- Sue Burns
- Jodi Weimer
- Lisa Navarro
- Diana Wilson

If there are anymore names contact Craig Nordfelt or Donna Benfield.

Traffic, Safety Issues/Quadrant Reports

Chris Mann witnessed a near accident at 1st East 2nd South involving an out of town vehicle. If they are not familiar with the intersection, they assume it is a four way stop. This also happens on 1st South and 1st West.

Randy Reese stated that he had two people come in and say that they need a crosswalk by the Jordan Ridge Apartments.

Stephen Zollinger said that they could put a crosswalk about where Aspen Village is, however, he doesn't think it will solve the problem. Students cross pretty much wherever it is most convenient for them.

Randy Reese stated that the University is building stairs up to the street by the southern parking lots on 2nd East. That might be a good place for a crosswalk.

The committee discussed a crosswalk on the north side of the entrance to the Kimball parking lot. They don't want a crosswalk mid-block. There is currently a crosswalk at 5th South 2nd East.

Randy Reese stated that we are encouraging kids to walk more; we need to make it safe to do so.

Randy Schwendiman thinks that there should be no crosswalks on 2nd East as it is a commuter street. He would like to fence off the street and funnel pedestrian traffic to one place; preferably to a crossover.

John Millar stated that at some point, a crossover may be necessary. He has talked to the Mayor, and they discussed maybe having a lighted signal put in a LID.

Randy Lewis said that there have been some pedestrian related fatalities on that stretch of road.

Craig Nordfelt asked that committee for recommendations to the City Council.

Chris Mann suggested posting a No Jaywalking sign then have intensive patrol for a few weeks at the beginning of the fall school year to train the students to use the crosswalks.

John Millar stated that they may need to take the turn lane they are stripping on 2nd East farther up to 7th South to help with traffic turning into University parking lots and apartments.

Lynn Archibald moved to recommend to the City Council that they stripe a turn lane on 2nd East from 3rd South to 7th South and re-stripe the crosswalk on 5th South.

Randy Schwendiman seconded it.
All Approved.

Parking on the East side of 2nd East may need to be removed.

Next meeting is June 14, 2005 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall

Meeting Adjourned.