

# Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting

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## Mayor Richard Woodland

### 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:** Rick Robbins, Reed Nielsen, Roscoe Orton, Stephen Smith, Lyle Wakefield, Virginia Pratt, Blake Garner, Randy Lewis, Doug Barker, Patrick Bjorn, John Millar, Dee Dee Tucker

**Guests present:** Michelle Montano, Hallie Anderson, Police Chief Turman, Collette Davidson, Sheila Roads

**Chairman Rick Robbins:** opened the meeting at 5:20 pm. He welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for coming. Then suggested introductions of all in attendance. Introductions were made. In interest of our guests, **Rick Robbins** requested the presentation from the Police Department be moved to the first of the meeting in order allow the guests leave when finished.

**Presentation:** Parking and Safety Officers Hallie Anderson and Mishelle Montano presented a plan to enforce Jaywalker fines and implement signage around town notifying the citizens of the fees associated with Jaywalking. Please see attached presentation materials provided by Parking and Safety Officers.

After brief discussion from the group, **Rosco Orton** motioned that the committee support the action taken by the Parking and Safety Officers. Virginia Pratt 2nded the motion, all members were in favor, no opposed.

### **Review and Approval of the May 3, 2011 Minutes:**

Minutes for prior meeting were passed around for review. Minutes for May 4, 2011 motions were made first by **Reed Nielsen** and seconded by **Patrick Bjorn**, all members were in favor, no opposed.

**Unfinished / Old Business:** Follow up on the right turn painted arrow on the pavement on west bound 7<sup>th</sup> South just east of 2<sup>nd</sup> East. **John Millar** it has not been corrected at this time. The painting and striping crew has been able to complete only one full day of work due to the weather but is making progress and should be completed soon.

### **New Business:**

**Mike Ricks**, citizen, has expressed several items of concern.

University Blvd. Railroad tracks are painted so close to the intersection that the semis cannot turn to the West. **Mike Ricks** feels that the lines need to be painted differently as people feel that the people think they can pull up that far because the line is painted solid. **John Millar** commented that there has been a sign indicating where to stop and that he will look into the situation. **Virginia Pratt** commented that the sign indicates to her that there is a safety risk of parking on the tracks, not a risk of people turning West.

Crosswalk signs at the intersection of University and 5<sup>th</sup>. **Mike Ricks** is grateful that signs have been placed at the intersection. He is also concerned that the lines have worn off and people are not given enough notification of a crosswalk to allow time to reduce speed. **John Millar** indicated that the road would not be painted until after the road is resealed.

Discussion on changing date of next meeting. Lyle Wakefield will not be in attendance on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The majority of the group found no need to reschedule.

**Report on projects:** **John Millar** 7<sup>th</sup> south and Pioneer road are both on contract now. 7<sup>th</sup> South should finish up sewer main project around the end of the week. Another contractor is scheduled to begin Monday to widen 5<sup>th</sup> west to university to five lanes and including sidewalk on both sides. Pioneer Road is going to be widened to 50 ft and bike lanes, taking parking off in front of Village Apartments. Authorization has given to improve and bring to code the traffic lights and installation of turn lanes on 1<sup>st</sup> East, Center and Main. **Rick Robbins** asked how many parking stalls will be lost. **John Millar** said the one on Center should not have any loss as they are taking width from the side walk. Across from the old City Hall building, the parking will be changed from parallel to diagonal parking making the area actually plus one stall. They are looking at ways to decrease stall loss on the other project. The other project that has been authorized is the parking lot across the street from City Hall. This will be a 160 stall parking lot. This should be under construction toward the middle of July. Other than that they are just trying to get all of the painting and street maintenance completed.

**Rick Robbins** asked how things are going at the college bus stop. **Doug Barker** reported that things are going better. Moving the parking has relieved some of the congestion. Discussion was made about the sign being to close to the crosswalk and drivers are pulling up to close to the crosswalk. **John Millar** mentioned he will take note and look into moving the sign back to allow for more visibility of pedestrian crossing.

**Report from Committee Members concerning Safety Issues:**

**Virginia Pratt** is concerned about the need for a better temporary situation where they are putting in new sidewalk at Hemming Village. She also wondered if there was anything that could be done to install better lighting around the college and Normandy's Corner. **John Millar** said that he would be glad to look into different options of sharing lighting costs.

**John Millar** commented that Hemming Village is looking to put in an underground parking area.

**Rick Robbins** to **Randy Lewis** how long do you have to wait before going at the Hawk pedestrian crossing at the intersection after the pedestrian crosses.

**Patrick Bjorn** Traffic on Pine Haven area is being used for a speed through. There are a lot of kids and people in the area and the tenants and home owners are demanding that there are speed bumps or some kind of speed deterrent installed. Discussion was made and **John Millar** confirmed that opening the intersection after the construction will redirect traffic out of that area but he would look into doing a study and possibly implement speed dips that would be effective up to 75 feet before and after the dips.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Additional updates from Natalie Schneider:**

Graffiti is gone and cleaned up from the skate park and other areas around town.

Crosswalks at University and 5<sup>th</sup> West will be painted after Madison County re-chips the road.

The pedestrian signage and flags have been installed along University Blvd at 5<sup>th</sup> West.

North Yellowstone road sign: the anchor has been installed and the sign has been ordered.  
*Sign was removed during construction and never replaced.*

Large pot hole in the alley way behind Main Street Fong's has been filled.

The curb at Center and 2<sup>nd</sup> South has been painted yellow to the corner.

Trees that were blocking stop signs in the City alleyways have been cut.

The solid white line to stop before Railroad tracks on University has been painted.

The white painted dotted line going around the corner from University to Yellowstone will not be painted solid due to the fact that it is just a guide line to help drivers stay in their lanes.