

Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2007

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

Approval of Minutes

Graydon Burton moved to approve December 2006 minutes.
Randy Schwendiman seconded it.
All approved.

Additional Committee Members & Roster

Amanda Saurey is still trying to contact Janet Crawford, at 526 Gemini Dr, to represent the southwest quadrant of the city.

Committee Bylaws

Lynn Archibald stated that he hasn't heard from Stephen Zollinger as of yet.
The committee decided they could not wait on Stephen and had a final reading of the bylaws.
The committee wants Randy Schwendiman to present the bylaws to the council for approval.
Roscoe Orton motioned to approve the bylaws. Rick Robins seconded it. All approved; motion carried.

Reports

Randy Lewis and John Millar had nothing to report.

Old Business

The crosswalk light at 7th South and 1st West is still not working. John Millar has contacted an electrician, but it has not been worked on. He will have a report on this item at the next meeting. The same electrician is to work on the light by the Snow Building at the university.

New Business

Mindi Lucas of 669 S 12th W presented her complaint to the committee concerning 12th west. She mentioned the trucks driving through at odd hours of the night and early morning, teenagers driving too fast on Friday and Saturday nights; accidents nearly happening to homeowners trying to turn into their driveways. She suggested talking to her neighbors so they could try to be more lenient and understanding; offering truck awareness; and adding more signs that say "no through trucks" and "35 MPH".

The committee commented 12th West is still a city street so when the weather permits John Millar will do a traffic study. Randy Lewis mentioned the police department did receive a grant for signs but they will not arrive for another 3-4 months. Obviously there is no easy access for big trucks in the city overall so the best solution would be enforcement from the police. Randy Lewis said he would report the conditions on 12th West at the next committee meeting.

Graydon Burton motioned for speed limit signs, a reminder for trucks, and more police enforcement. Jodi Weimer seconded it. All approved, motion carried. John Millar will have two more speed limit signs set out; one on the south side and the other on the north. He will also have a “no truck traffic” sign put up. The committee wants to report the decision to Mindi Lucas so a copy of the minutes will be sent to her.

The trucks traveling on 12th west are headed towards Valley Wide Co-Op. The committee decided they should research the conditions on the development of Valley Wide and enforce the conditions if necessary. Valley Wide is not to give permits so this will also be researched.

Parking around Rexburg Motor Sports is poor. Randy Lewis said the police department would patrol this area more.

Roscoe Orton would like to see something done about the pedestrian crossing by the Middle School on South Yellowstone. A pedestrian crossing really is not possible here with cars traveling out of Rexburg going 45 MPH and 35 MPH coming in. The committee should review this problem.

Kendall Nielsen proposed to have the parking lot at the Snow Building reviewed. He believes that those exiting should only go right. Visibility and pedestrian safety is limited when someone wants to turn left. Randy Reese suggested having someone from the university direct traffic on busy occasions. Randy will address this to BYU-I and provide their feedback at the next meeting.

Crosswalk issues and enforcement

The committee is concerned the students are not using the crosswalks. Randy Lewis is coordinating a safety campaign with BYU-I Scroll to encourage the students to use the crosswalks.

Randy Schwendiman is concerned with the snow removal around the university. The snow does make it hard for drivers to see the pedestrians.

Quadrant Reports

John Millar said he will meet with ITD to see if they can apply a dedicated left turn signal at Main Street and 5th West to help with traffic flow.

The committee is still concerned with speeders around school areas.

Citizen’s request – Wes Laurence- reduce speed to 25 mph from 35 mph on South 5th West.

John Millar had a traffic study done and presented the results to the committee. The results demonstrated about 300 cars a day going each way. The majority of the vehicles were traveling 35 – 39 MPH. The other highest amount was traveling 30 – 34 MPH. The 85 percentile speed for a full day was 42 MPH. The results show vehicles traveling at or near the speed limit. John Millar’s recommendation is that the posted speed is the proper speed for the traffic volume at this road. John Millar believes enforcement would be more effective than lowering the speed limit. Eric Sundberg motioned to leave the speed limit at 35 MPH. Kendall Nielsen seconded it. All approved, motion carried.

Citizen’s request – Steven Mott – install waning signs on alleyways near theaters.

John Millar said the directional signs have not been installed, but will have a proposal at the next meeting, which he will mail out beforehand.

Citizen's Request – Street Lighting on 2nd South

John Millar said this is one of the better lit areas in the city and decided to dismiss this issue. Kendall Nielsen motioned to dismiss. Lyle Wakefield seconded. All approved, motion carried.

John Millar's Request – Alleyways North and South of Main Street

John Millar will create a map of the desired area for discussion, which committee will talk about at the next meeting.

Citizen's Request – Rick Hansen- Intersection of Shoshone and Rolling Hills

The committee has decided to review this request after the project has been completed.

Citizen's Request – Jim Hirrlinger – Lighting/Safety Issues at Pole Line Road and 2nd East

Rocky Mountain Power is aware of this issue and will be installing a light.

Lyle Wakefield – Traffic congestion at Pioneer Road and Main Street

John Millar will get a dedicated left lane in by summer for a total of three lanes. He will mention this to the city council.

Lyle Wakefield – Concrete truck traffic during the summer months on N 5th W

Until Walters moves his business the committee cannot take any further action.

Traffic lights at Main Street and 2nd East

Westbound traffic on Main Street occasionally does not get a signal to proceed. John Millar said he is working with ITP to get dedicated cycles. He is hoping to implement a left signal.

Next meeting February 6, 2007 at 5:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned.