

Traffic Safety Meeting

March 7, 2006

Committee Members Present: Lynn Archibald-Chair, Craig Nordfelt, Randy Lewis, Randy Schwendiman-Council, Trudy Porter, Jodi Weimer, Rick Robbins, Randy Reese, Lisa Navaroo, and John Millar.

Approval of Minutes:

Craig Nordfelt made a motion to approve last month's minutes.
Jodi Weimer seconded it.
All approved.

Reports:

Police:

Randy Lewis reported that he had a call from Layne Dearden concerning shrubs that were blocking the intersection by his home at 300 S 3rd E. Randy checked on it and he thought that they were okay. Also, Mr. Dearden was concerned with jaywalkers around the University. Randy said that the police have been warning jaywalkers, but not citing them. If they are going to start citing them, it will be up to the City Council to decide if they are going to enforce the ordinance with citations or not.

Randy Reese stated that you can't cite college students only and no else else.

Randy Lewis said that they don't want to cite neighbors that have crosswalks in their vicinity when they are crossing the street.

Trudy Porter suggested posting no jaywalking signs in problem areas.

Randy Schwendiman wondered how the University's proposed crosswalk areas would make a difference. He also wondered why we have an ordinance if we are unwilling to enforce it.

Craig Nordfelt said that this committee would need to recommend to the City Council to enforce the jaywalking ordinance where crosswalks are striped.

Streets:

John Millar reported that they have started cleaning up the streets. They have tried to keep the streets bare throughout the winter, and have had to distribute magnesium chloride before a snowstorm. They have also mixed 20% salt with the sand they scatter on the streets after a storm.

Old Business:

Removable Speed Bump Locations

John Millar said they have a removable speed bump in, and they are putting it down on Rodney Dr. after the 1st of April.

Crosswalk at 7th S & 1st W – Enforcement

Randy Reese stated that he watched 7th S 1st W for about 45 minutes. He agreed that there was a problem with visibility and speed, but the usage of that intersection was low. However, those who did use it were usually mothers with children. He asked if a sidewalk was going to be put in by the temple and Stake Center.

John Millar said that the church and BYU are going to put that in.

Street Lighting at 3rd S & 2nd W

John Millar stated that he is checking with Utah Power and Light to see what the delay is. It has already been purchased and should have been up by now.

New Business:

BYUI University presentation

This committee was not present at the meeting.

Vision Obstructions at Intersections

Lynn Archibald asked Randy Lewis to present the Vision Obstruction Ordinance to the committee for next month's meeting.

Additional Committee Member & Roster

Lynn Archibald stated that at last month's meeting there was a list of people suggested to be new committee members. He wondered if any had been presented to the City for consideration.

John Millar noted that there were a few on the list that were not city residents, and that committee members need to be city residents.

Committee Bylaws

Lynn Archibald was checking on the committee's bylaws, and where they stand. Ordinance 664 is the ordinance that outlines the committee. The city has a template that was approved by the City Council of how each committee's bylaws are to be outlined.

Four Way Stop at 2nd N & 3rd E

It was noted by several committee members that this intersection was only a problem for about 15 minutes twice a day when the High School kids were going to and from school. Also, with the new corridor going in at 4th North, it would relieve the amount of traffic on 2nd North.

Lynn Archibald made a motion to table the issue of a four way stop at 2nd N & 3rd E indefinitely.

Craig Nordfelt seconded it.

Crosswalk Issues & Enforcement

Lynn Archibald wants to wait for decisions from BYUI before they make any decisions.

John Millar mentioned that on 1st S 1st W there had been an accident, and that they had discussed a four way stop here in the past. He came to the conclusion that people don't notice the stop signs. He is putting in taller stop signs, and posting warning signs for stop signs ahead.

Randy Schwendiman wondered where the "warrants" come from.

John Millar stated that they are based on Idaho Statutes and guidelines.

Quadrant Reports on Traffic/Safety Issues

Rick Robbins stated that at 1st N 1st E he had a scout that was nearly hit by a car. He is very concerned about kids crossing at this intersection. Speed is a concern here. The four lane street is deceiving, making drivers think that the speed limit is higher than it actually is.

Randy Lewis has a speed survey for that intersection that was done for the school district. He will bring it to the next meeting for the committee to discuss.

Lynn Archibald is concerned with drivers not yielding for pedestrians.

Randy Schwendiman thinks that when the lights on 2nd E and Main are synchronized, it will not force traffic onto the smaller streets.

John Millar stated that synchronization and updating 2 of the old lights are in the works. He guesses that it is about 1-2 years away.

Lynn Archibald mentioned that the Downtown Development Committee suggested 1st N and 1st S be corridor streets. He wondered how the city was going to deal with that.

John Millar stated that there were many things discussed in that recommendation from Tom Hudson, and that currently they are working on cleaning up and repairing alleys. They have not got that far into it to make firm decisions on what to be done to 1st N and 1st S.

Rick Robbins stated that his neighborhood is thinking about having a petition go around for a four way stop at 1st E 1st N.

Jodi Weimer wondered about the striping on 12th W. Trucks turn onto 12th W, but there is not enough room for them to do this without crossing into the oncoming lane. She is afraid that there is going to be an accident here. She also wondered when the pot holes are going to be filled this spring.

Randy Lewis stated that there has been some concern about semi trucks consistently parking in neighborhoods overnight. The police are going to address 48 hr parking, parking in opposite direction, and noise from refrigeration units in hope of helping the problem.

There has also been some concern with R.V.s, boats, etc. being parked at residents.

Randy Reese said that there is no ordinance preventing this.

Randy Lewis is concerned with tankers full of fuel or hazardous materials in residential neighborhoods parking overnight. He would support an ordinance preventing that.

Lynn Archibald is concerned about trucks parking on the side of the road on Main street. In general, there is no place for them to park.

Lisa Navaroo wondered about a designated place for them to park. It is not easy to find a place.

Trudy Porter thinks that there should be an ordinance preventing semitrucks from parking in residential areas where it is unsafe.

Next meeting April 4, 2006

Meeting adjourned.