

Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2006

Committee Members Present: Lynn Archibald, Jodi Weimer, Randy Lewis, Randy Schwendiman, Kendell Nielsen, Lisa Navarro, and John Millar.

Reports:

None

Old Business:

Removable Speed Bump Locations

Tracy Wynn - 290 Rodney Dr was present at the meeting and requested that the removable speed bump be taken off Rodney Dr. It is making too much noise when cars drive over it, and it has become a nuisance to those who live by it.

Randy Schwendiman would like to get a signed petition from the residents because there are too many conflicting stories.

Tracy Winn said that she would get a signed petition for Lynn.

Crosswalk at 7th South & 1st West

Lynn Archibald stated that it has been striped and is being patrolled. He did notice that the street light are not working properly.

The University is putting in sidewalks in front of the Temple and Stake Center. The pedestrian and auto traffic will be a critical issue when the Temple is complete.

Kendell Nielsen suggested that maybe Richard Smith should be contacted to find out what the Church/University's plans are for that area.

New Business:

Vision Obstructions

Lisa Navarro noticed a couple of intersections that had some vision obstructions that should be taken care of.

Randy Lewis stated that their compliance officer – Natalie Powell – should be notified so she can take care of it.

Kendell Nielsen wondered if the city could remove some parking by the intersections during ball games over by Smith Park to avoid vision obstruction.

Lisa Navarro also mentioned the parking problem at Evergreen Park during soccer tournaments.

Additional Committee Members

Kendell Nielsen recommended the following people for the North West Quadrant of the City: Lyle Wakefield, Graydon Burton, and Roscoe Orton.

Committee Bylaws

Lynn Archibald stated that he would make the changes discussed on the bylaws and publish them.

Crosswalk Issues & Enforcement

Richard Smith from BYUI told us that they are waiting for us. We were waiting for them. The crosswalks were approved October 18, 2005.

John Millar said that the University is thinking of fencing the East side of Campus.

Quadrant Reports

Caution signs at 1st South and 1st West are in place.

A complaint form was filled out by Janeese Summers stating that they would like a removable speed bump on East 3rd South and a “Kids at Play” caution sign on this street. Cars drive extremely fast up and down the street. They have purchased their own signs, but they are getting stolen or damaged.

John Millar said that they could do a speed test in that area.

Jodi Wiemer asked about the stop light at 12th West and Main.

John Millar talked to the state, and hasn't heard back from them on this issue and several others. He is going to respond with a letter to see if he can get results from that.

Priority Projects/ Problem Intersections

BYUI converting from red cinders to same sand mixture used by City.

John Millar said that he would check with BYUI on this.

Commercial truck parking in residential areas.

Randy Schwendiman received complaints from citizens about this.

Randy Lewis said to call the Police and they can take care of it. There is an Ordinance for this and the compliance officer has been dealing with these issues.

Traffic impact from Hospital's expansion.

John Millar stated that Madison Memorial Hospital did a traffic study on the impact the remodel/new construction would have in that area. They estimated that it would increase the traffic only by about 15%. He would have a copy of that study for the next meeting.

Design of South Yellowstone Highway at Hard Hat Café

John Millar told UP&L/Rocky Mountain Power that maybe in the future the poles would need to be moved to create leeway on the West side of the road to make 5 lanes for traffic. They would redo the paving on the West side of road. The barriers are going to be replaced with guard rails to allow snow through; also they would put in better lighting. The City is holding building permits in this area until this is done.

At 7th South, it is going to be 4 lanes down to the Highway, and eventually it will be increased to 5 lanes with sidewalks on either side.

The question was raised by the committee on how responsive UP&L/Rocky Mountain Power is to moving the poles on Yellowstone Hwy by the Hard Hat Café.

John Millar stated that the poles are in our right of way and there is an agreement in place that they would have to move them if in the future the need arose.

The committee worried about the liability in an accident at that location. They wanted to ask Stephen Zollinger who would be responsible.

John Millar stated that if committee members see problems, then they could contact us.

Randy Schwendiman requested that action be taken on the Yellowstone Hwy at the Hard Hat Café.

John Millar said that we will look to see how much leeway we would get if the poles were moved.

Next meeting September 19, 2006

Meeting adjourned.