

## Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2006

**Committee Members Present:** Lynn Archibald, Randy Reese, Jodi Weimer, Randy Lewis, and John Millar.

**Due to the lack of a quorum, decisions made at this meeting were for discussion purposes only, no action can be taken.**

**Excused:** Randy Schwendiman, Lisa Navarro, and Stephen Zollinger.

### **Reports:**

#### **Police**

**Randy Lewis** stated that they have been issuing lots of parking tickets, and citations for jaywalking and failure to yield. It has been pretty quite for them this summer. There hasn't been anyone using the crosswalks on 2<sup>nd</sup> East, the students go around them instead of through them. He is hoping that when they are complete, that they will be more inclined to use them.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Removable Speed Bump Locations**

**Lynn Archibald** stated that the speed bump was removed in August because of a petition that was circulated by Tracy Wynn who resides on 290 Rodney Dr. It made too much noise as cars drove over it.

#### **Crosswalk at 7<sup>th</sup> South and 1<sup>st</sup> West – Enforcement**

**Randy Lewis** said that this is being enforced and is much better. He is going to have his officers check to see if the street lights are working properly. The city has five lights that they maintain instead of Utah Power and Light.

**John Millar** said that the University is looking to put several more street lights up in that area.

#### **Street Lighting at 3<sup>rd</sup> South & 2<sup>nd</sup> West**

**Lynn Archibald** said that he drove through that area and noticed that with lighting on both sides, it has improved the visibility at that crosswalk the best that can be done.

### **New Business:**

#### **Additional Committee Members & Roster**

**Lynn Archibald** is submitting the names Jan Crawford – SW quadrant, Lyle Wakefield, Graydon Burton, and Roscoe Orton – NW quadrant, to the Mayor for consideration of appointment to the Traffic Safety Committee.

### **Committee Bylaws**

**Lynn Archibald** submitted the bylaws to Stephen Zollinger and is currently waiting for him to approve the changes and give clarification of responsibilities and limitations of the Traffic Safety Committee.

### **Crosswalk Issues & Enforcement**

**John Millar** stated that the concrete work needs to be finished for the handicap entrances to the crosswalks on S 2<sup>nd</sup> East. They will also be signed for pedestrian safety.

**Lynn Archibald** asked if there is going to be a crosswalk at 7<sup>th</sup> S and 2<sup>nd</sup> E when the temple is completed.

**John Millar** stated that they haven't discussed it at this stage.

### **Quadrant Reports on Traffic Safety Issues**

**Lynn Archibald** mentioned a complaint made by Janeese Summers about having the removable speed bump placed on E 3<sup>rd</sup> S.

**John Millar** said that he would get a speed study done by next meeting to determine the needs of the street.

### **Priority Projects/Problem Intersections**

#### **Commercial Truck parking in residential areas**

**Randy Lewis** stated that there is already an ordinance in place, and our enforcement officer is taking care of them as complaints come in.

#### **Design of South Yellowstone Highway at Hard Hat Café**

**John Millar** did modifications here. He narrowed the turn lane 2 feet and restriped the edges of the street 2 feet away from the telephone poles.

John had a traffic accident history map of South Yellowstone Hwy from Trejo to University Blvd. Most of the infractions around 7<sup>th</sup> South were caused by failure to yield and rear ending.

He outlined future goals for this street. University Blvd has been funded and is going to bid this fall or spring.

From Taylor Chevrolet South on Yellowstone is going to 5 lanes. The time line on this project is as property along the street is developed. The City will require the developers to grant right of way, and develop the road.

From Taylor Chevrolet North on Yellowstone is going to be very expensive to turn into a 5 lane street, because the power poles will need to be moved. No time line on this project.

**Randy Reese** asked if we could get reflective striping at the Henry's Fork Plaza for better visibility at the change in size on the lanes.

**Citizen's request – Steven Hart – Intersection of Mill Hollow Rd with Shoshone**

**Lynn Archibald** reported that Steven Hart would like a stop sign on Mill Hollow Road to slow down traffic. Lynn would like signage posting the speed limits along South Mill Hollow Rd within the City limits and at the city/county border.

**Citizen's Request – Wes Lawrence – request to reduce speed from 35 mph to 25 mph on 7<sup>th</sup> South.**

**Lynn Archibald** said that he would like to see some signage of speed limit change on South 5<sup>th</sup> West from Poleline Rd to 7<sup>th</sup> South stating speed limit change from 35 mph to 25 mph where University Blvd meets 5<sup>th</sup> W.

**John Millar** said he will do a speed study on 7<sup>th</sup> South, south of Wes Lawrence's home.

**Citizen's Request – Steven Mott – request to install warning signs on alleyways near the theaters where vehicles cross sidewalks with pedestrians.**

**John Millar** said that he would verify that there are stop signs in the alley between the Holiday Theatre and Great Harvest Bread. That area is private property, so it limits the control that the city has over it. John would like alleys to be one way streets, but that doesn't apply to private property.

**Randy Lewis** is going to check to see if the speed limit on alleys is 15 mph.

**Citizen's Request – Joe Brown – request for the City of Rexburg to give vouchers for ticket-free parking at the Plasma Donation Center.**

**John Millar** stated that the City can't make exceptions for some and not others. The Traffic Safety Committee doesn't have the power to decide on this matter. It would have to go directly to the City Council.

**Jodi Weimer** is concerned about traffic on 12<sup>th</sup> West with the new schools being built out in that area.

**John Millar** said that we haven't seen any drawings or anything on the plans for new schools from the school district yet. He agrees that something will need to be done when development goes forth.

### **Signal at 12<sup>th</sup> West and Main**

**John Millar** stated that he wrote a letter to ITD concerning several issues that he had. The state took care of some issues, but they did not address the intersection/signal at 12<sup>th</sup> West and Main yet.

### **Signage on E 7<sup>th</sup> North**

**Lynn Archibald** said that there is no signage where they are building a LDS Church on 7<sup>th</sup> North across from the Stonebridge subdivision for speed. He suggested that maybe the speed limit should be set at 25 mph till the corner, after that 35 mph.

### **Intersections at 2<sup>nd</sup> East to 7<sup>th</sup> South**

The church has installed sidewalks on the South side. They will extend from 2<sup>nd</sup> E to 2<sup>nd</sup> W. There is a sidewalk and bike path on the south side up to the arboretum. Curb and gutter is out about 2 years.

### **Pioneer Rd and Main**

The negotiations to buy right of ways on the property there are going on now. The city doesn't know a time schedule yet.

### **South 1<sup>st</sup> West**

**Randy Reese** requested that the speed limit signs be put back up. When the University put in the sidewalk, the northbound 25 mph sign was taken down. He asked if maybe the City could request the University to get this done.

**Next meeting October 10, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.**

**Meeting adjourned.**