

## Traffic Safety Committee Meeting

October 10, 2006

**Committee Members Present:** Lynn Archibald, Randy Lewis, Rick Robbins, and Randy Schwendiman.

**Citizen's Present:** Ben Robbins, Jeff Robbins, and Susie Robbins.

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

**Ben Robbins presented a request for a 4-way stop sign at 1<sup>st</sup> North and 1<sup>st</sup> East, a petition was also submitted.**

His arguments in favor of this proposition are as follows:

- the intersection is highly used by pedestrians and automobiles
- cars are not stopping for pedestrians
- speeds are excessive and are creating hazards
- there have been 18 reported accidents from 1/1/2000 to 10/9/2006
- in the morning, there is a backlog of traffic on N 1<sup>st</sup> East clear up to 2<sup>nd</sup> North.

He hoped that the committee would seriously consider putting in a 4-way stop at this intersection.

**Lynn Archibald** commented about poor street lighting in this area. He told Mr. Robbins that John Millar always does a traffic study before any action is taken. He said that he would ask John to do this.

**Rick Robbins** stated that drivers are almost hostile to pedestrians.

**Randy Lewis** asked if the number of vehicles or the speed was a problem.

**Ben Robbins** said that it is a mixture of both.

**Randy Schwendiman** asked about what generation is using the crosswalk.

**Rick Robbins and Lynn Archibald** said the crosswalk is used by children going to Adam's Elementary and the Jr. High. There are also many college kids going to Kmart and Wal-Mart who walk through this area plus the residents of that neighborhood.

**Rick Robbins** stated that the young kids on the South side of 1<sup>st</sup> North are encouraged to use the crosswalk at 1<sup>st</sup> North and 2<sup>nd</sup> East where there is a crossing guard to help them get to the elementary school.

**Randy Schwendiman** stated that the entire city has a problem moving traffic. It is forcing traffic off of main streets and into neighborhoods.

**Old Business:**

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

**Randy Lewis** stated that the light here is complete and working.

## **New Business:**

### **Additional Committee Members and Roster**

**Lynn Archibald** stated that Lisa Navarro is resigning from the committee. He is going to submit the new nominees discussed at prior meetings to the mayor. Jan Crawford lives in the SW quadrant, the other 3 nominees live in the NW quadrant.

### **Committee Bylaws**

**Lynn Archibald** has submitted the bylaws to Stephen Zollinger for approval. He is waiting to hear back from him.

### **Crosswalk Issues and Enforcement**

**Lynn Archibald** stated that crosswalk warning signs are not installed on S 2<sup>nd</sup> E yet. Also, the crosswalk by the driveway at the upper parking lot should have been on the North side.

**Randy Schwendiman** stated that traffic flow on 2<sup>nd</sup> East with all of the crosswalks, jaywalking, and 4-way stops are causing major problems with traffic flow. He thought that that area needed much more enforcement. There is no courtesy or common sense being practiced by pedestrians and auto traffic. The upper crosswalk is unnecessary, and the next crosswalk needs to be moved north. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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

**Lynn Archibald** said that the city is going to review this when the construction is complete.

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

**Lynn Archibald** stated that Wes Lawrence was mostly concerned with 4-wheelers and speeding on 5<sup>th</sup> West from 7<sup>th</sup> South to Poleline Rd. It would probably be better with some monitoring.

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

**Lynn Archibald** said that he didn't see stop signs or speed postings at the alley between the Paramount Theater and the Dentist Office. This issue will be carried forward to next meeting.

**Randy Lewis** stated that the State Statute says that you have to stop before entering the highway, whether it is from an alley or driveway.

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

It was discussed by the committee that they did not have the authority to act on this request.

**Recommendations for the new High School building and Elementary School to be built in the future on South 12<sup>th</sup> West.**

John Millar is still waiting for the site plans.

**No Speed Limit Signs Posted on 7<sup>th</sup> North**

**Lynn Archibald** said that it hasn't been done yet.

**Randy Lewis** stated that when he was out there, he noticed that there is definitely a speed problem and it probably will only get worse when the Stake Center is done.

**Citizen's Request – 4-way stop at 2<sup>nd</sup> South and 1<sup>st</sup> East**

**Lynn Archibald** said that we would discuss this at the next meeting. In the mean time, he would ask John Millar if he would monitor this intersection.

**Citizen's Request – Street Lighting on 2<sup>nd</sup> South**

**Lynn Archibald** said that there is no lighting on the North side of 2<sup>nd</sup> South between College Ave. and 1<sup>st</sup> East. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

**Next meeting November 7, 2006 at 5:15 pm.  
Meeting adjourned.**