

Committee members present: Chairman Craig Nordfelt, Chris Mann, Randy Reese, Hannah Bird, John Millar, Rose Bagley, Randy Lewis, Eric Erickson, Stephen Zollinger, and Randy Schwendiman.

Welcomed Hannah Bird as new committee member. Craig Nordfelt will have a new roster for the next meeting.

Approval of last month's minutes: Rose Bagley moved to approve minutes. Chris Mann seconded it. All in favor.

Reports:

Police: Randy Lewis is having the night shift officers compile a list of street lights at crosswalks that are burned out.

Streets: John Millar said that repairs on the street lights on 7th South were coming along. He said that only one light as yet was working. Thursday they were going to start painting the streets if it is not too windy.

P&Z: John Millar said that there are no big developments going on. He had a meeting with the state engineers about the timelines on projects that were being done. He mentioned that diagonal parking on Main Street was staying for at least another year.

Eric Erickson wanted to know what is going on south of Taylor's Chevrolet – 13 acres being annexed for commercial use. There are no definite ideas on what is going in there.

Old Business:

A. South 2nd East Study: John Millar is progressing slowly with study. The curbs are being painted.

B. No Parking Signs 2nd East, Survey: The results of the survey are as follows – Sent out 12 surveys, Received 11 back, 5 said yes, 6 said no. The 5, who said yes, were generally appreciative for the City's concern and effort. One survey would like to have no parking from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. The 6, who said no, mainly objected to the fact that everyone would be restricted from parking on the street. They had suggestions of painting the curbs yellow one car length on both sides of their driveways to improve visibility for backing out onto the street. They also wanted signs that posted 'no student parking'. The general feeling was that the University and the City should provide adequate parking for the students. These home owners did not want to be restricted at anytime.

C. Set Back Parking 2nd East: The intersection curbs are being painted back to widen the road to allow for visibility and turning. Haven't noticed much difference yet as the students are gone.

D. Tree Pruning 1st S Center: John Millar said that they have not done that yet.

E. Crosswalk Safety Issue (lighting): John Millar went out and made a list of problem intersections for pedestrians on top of the list that the BYU-ID students felt were a concern. The John's list goes as follows:

1. South Yellowstone and Trejo
2. South Yellowstone and 5th West
3. 7th South and 5th West
4. 4th South and 3rd West
5. 4th South and 2nd West
6. 3rd South and 2nd West
7. 1st North and 1st East
8. 2nd East and 2nd to 7th South

On South 2nd East, there is room to put 2 crosswalks; trying to decide the best place to put them. John Millar said that they could get a good indication of where to put them going by where the grass is wearing out and by the big apartment complexes on the East side of the street. Maybe by the Hinckley Building or the Medical Center.

John Millar said that costs for improvements on crosswalk lights have the potential to be included in the Local Improvement District (LID). The committee then discussed different safety options available. The biggest concern with the crosswalks the student petition mentioned (1st W near 3rd S, 450 S 1st W, & 7th S by intramural fields) was insufficient light.

Eric Erickson suggested that each committee member go around and look at each intersection on John Millar's list and come back to next month's meeting with suggestions on improvements that can be made on them.

Hannah Bird wanted to know what options were available. Her neighborhood would like to lower the speed limit on 4th S to 25 mph.

Some of the options that were listed are:

- Speed
- Pedestrian controlled lights
- Traffic lights
- Overhead flashing yellow lights

Traffic Warrants control/justify what is used.

The committee suggested that 2nd West might need to be re-evaluated for speed safety.

Chris Mann wanted to look at the crosswalks on that street and discuss it next month.

J. Costs For Pedestrian Controlled Lights: The new light on 2nd S by the Snow Building cost about \$9000.00. Half of that cost was for power. Costs for pedestrian controlled lights range from \$5000.00 - \$15,000.00 depending on availability of power. To put one of these lights at all eight crosswalks would cost approx. \$72,000.00.

Another option is to get signs with flashing lights (ex. School zone lights) changing speed limits at certain times of the day.

Randy Schwendiman asked Hannah Bird what times of the day are the most dangerous on 4th South.

She replied that whenever the University has an event and noon on Sundays when students leave church.

Eric Erickson stated that the only way to effectively cross 4 lanes of traffic is with an actual stop for all lanes.

The committee discussed that when the South Arterial is in, traffic volume on 4th South should go down which in turn will open up more options. Some ideas were narrowing the street, putting in an island down the middle, and lowering speed limit.

It was suggested to lower the speed limit on 4th South now. John Millar said that he could do a speed study, however, he projected that cars wouldn't slow down it would just create an enforcement issue.

Chris Mann suggested that the committee look at the crosswalks on 4th South and 3rd West first, then 3rd South and 2nd West second; looking at all of them at once is overwhelming.

Craig Nordfelt would like John Millar to do a speed survey on 4th South for next month's meeting; then they will look at prioritizing the intersections.

F. Painting curbs in Impact Zone: The painting is being done.

G. Trees By Canal, North 4th West: John Millar said that there would have to be major construction in that area. It is a one land road because of the 100 year cottonwoods. The residents wouldn't mind having them gone. They would need to budget to fix the road. Rose Bagley asked if the road could be made a one-way street. John Millar said that there is not enough traffic to warrant it.

The committee wanted to recommend the City Council to remove trees and widen the road.

Rose Bagley made a motion to remove trees if they are on City property.

Eric Erickson seconded it.

All in favor.

H. Four Way Stop, 1st E 2nd S: John Millar had a petition from some students requesting a four way stop at this intersection. John suggested that we do another warrant study in September, when school starts back up.

I. Skate Boards/Roller Blades on City Streets: Stephen Zollinger said that Roller Blades, Skate Boards, and Pedestrians can legally be on the street as long as they are not impeding traffic. The City can create an ordinance prohibiting skate boarding on streets. This can cause problems. Stephen Zollinger can't find any cities that uphold prohibitions. Craig Nordfelt closed the topic.

New Business

A. Request From Presbyterian Church: Craig Nordfelt had a letter from the Presbyterian church requesting the no parking signs on College Ave be amended to only be in effect Monday-Friday.

Hannah Bird proposed that we amend the signs to only be in effect Monday-Friday.

Randy Reese seconded it.

All in Favor.

Randy Reed of 224 Cornell Ave along with another couple who lives on College Ave would like the city to look at permit parking. The residents present would like to try permit only parking and have the University force students to park on campus. They explained that some of the residents were confused and thought that permit parking was illegal, so they thought it couldn't be done at all. The results from the survey conducted in September 2003 were as follows:

About 650 surveys were sent out

207 surveys were returned

109 said there was a problem in their area

87 said there was not/not yet a problem in their area

59 wanted parking permits

49 wanted to limit parking

12 wanted parking meters

97 wanted to paint curb

21 wanted to do nothing

113 left comments

In Pocatello, they restrict parking and give permits to everyone who lives on street. The City can't prohibit only students from parking on streets because it's discrimination.

Randy Lewis wanted to have the University force the students to register their cars so they would have a firm idea of how many cars they have.

The committee decided that they would try permit parking on Cornell and College Ave on a trial basis.

Rose Bagley proposed to recommend the City Council have Stephen Zollinger draft an ordinance to again look at permit parking on Cornell and College Ave.

Chris Mann seconded it.

All in favor.

B. Traffic, Safety Issues/Quadrant Reports: Hannah Bird's quadrant is in the South West corner of the City.

Donna Benfield wanted the parking lot across from Beehive Credit Union behind Jim Morris' lot to be brought to the committee's attention. It is not being taken care of.

INEEL employees park their cars there. The Credit Union has their repossessed cars stored in that lot also. Maybe look at INEEL parking their cars over behind Kmart.

The committee discussed posting signs that say 'Cars left over 3 days may be subject to towing.' The City Council is already looking at these items. Committee is taking no action.

Next meeting is June 1, 2004.

Meeting adjourned.