

Traffic Safety Meeting

August 9, 2005

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

Committee Members Present: Chairman Craig Nordfelt, Officer Randy Lewis, Randy Schwendiman, and Lynn Archibald.

Citizens Present: Glen and Cammie Muir at 619 Laleene Dr. Rexburg, ID

Reports:

Police

Randy Lewis had complaints on the bike path through town. It varies in width between 4ft to 9 ft, and sits between the street and parallel parking so cars cross the path to park. They had a bicyclist hit recently, and they have mothers with strollers that walk on the bike path instead of the sidewalks. The public needs to be educated that the bicyclists need to follow the rules of the road on the paths, and pedestrians need to walk on the sidewalks. It would be helpful to sign the paths better.

Discussion moved to motorized vehicles that are under 50cc, and do not fall under the same rules as a regular motorized vehicle. The pocket rockets and other motorized scooters are being ridden on the bike paths and sidewalks too fast, and someone is going to get hurt. **The committee would like Stephen Zollinger to have a proposed ordinance to prohibit motorized scooters from city walking paths and streets by the next meeting on September 13, 2005.**

New Business:

Rodney Dr and Syringa Street Initiative

The floor was turned over to Cammie Muir of 619 Laleene for her presentation. She had a petition signed by many residents on Rodney Dr and Syringa Street plus the surrounding neighborhood requesting Rodney and Syringa becoming dead end streets and closing off the access between the subdivision and trailer court. She stated that this was proposed 12 years ago, and was turned down because the access on Nina and N Hill Road wasn't in existence, therefore the only access to the subdivision would have been on Barney Dairy Road and Max Dr. They would also like to have removable speed bumps placed on Nina Dr to slow down traffic. Mrs. Muir also stated that currently there are 46 children under the age of 10 living in that neighborhood. She understands that parents need to take responsibility of keeping their kids out of the street. Her goals are:

1. Parents need to educate their kids about road safety, and staying out of the street.
2. Have through traffic eliminated.
3. Slow traffic down.

Mrs. Muir also commented on the placement of mailboxes in the middle of the sidewalks so there isn't much room for pedestrians. They have talked to the post office about getting a central mailbox and doing away with individual, however, they would need to get residents in the subdivision's consent.

The residents in that area would also like a sidewalk put in front of the Rotary Park.

New Committee Members

Craig Nordfelt wanted to split up the names of potential members of the traffic committee. The assignments are as follows:

Craig Nordfelt – Trudy Porter

Randy Lewis – Jodi Wiemer, Babette Carlson, and Rea Schroeder

Randy Schwendiman – LaWanna Boyle and Lisa Navarro

Lynn Archibald – Rick Robbins and Kendell Nielsen

Next Meeting is September 13, 2005 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

Meeting Adjourned.