

Committee Members Present: Chairman Craig Nordfelt, Randy Reese, Randy Schwendiman, Rose Bagley, Council Member Donna Benfield, Eric Erickson, and John Millar.

Citizens from 12th West: Jodi Weimer, Ann Dexter, John L Stevens, Rueland Ward, Estelle Ward, Kathryn Parson, Mindi Lucas, Linda Ward, Renee Johnson, Carolyn Gifford, Marlena Belnap.

Approval of last month's minutes Rose Bagley made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Randy Reese seconded it. All approved.

Old Business:

South 2nd East Study:

Donna Benfield said the City Council has talked about parking, speed, etc. on South 2nd East; they discussed using alleys for residents to park in and removing parking on 2nd E. They would re-zone for higher density and develop the alleys. They are trying to find different approaches to this problem.

John Millar stated that during the summer, they moved the parking back off the intersections around the University to improve visibility and to allow cars to go around those making a left turn.

Donna Benfield said that they had met with the County and the Transportation Department and they recommended removing parking and putting in a turning lane on 2nd East.

Randy Schwendiman wants to have the lights on North 2nd East by Wal-Mart and Arby's to be synchronized now rather than later.

Craig Nordfelt wondered if when the light trips and changes, they could make it so the second light would do the same.

John Millar said that he would talk to IDT to see what options there are to make the light better.

John Millar and Donna Benfield suggested having a turning lane now at 2nd and 3rd South on 2nd East.

Randy Schwendiman stated that where he frequently gets stopped is from people making a left turn into the dorms and the alternative school between 3rd and 4th South.

He suggested an alternative entrance on Harvard, or a turning lane in that portion of the street to service cars making a left turn into the dorms or the alternative school.

John Millar stated that Harvard could not support that much traffic, so that it wasn't a viable option.

Speed Limit on West 4th South:

John Millar didn't have a study on 4th South done yet. The city was thinking about putting in a roundabout on 2nd West and 4th South. They think that it will help with the safety and speed at that intersection. They had Roundabout USA – a group that specializes in roundabouts – come and look at different sites and discuss good designs for roundabouts in the city. There have been no decisions made as of yet. John will show preliminary drawings to the Traffic Committee before anything happens.

Safety Campaign:

Donna Benfield has two students from the college to help with the pedestrian safety campaign. They are going to create a practicum to promote campus awareness. They will work with the city on educating students to use crosswalks. No citations are issued for jaywalking. Donna would like the students to come to the Traffic Safety meetings and work with the committee for ideas, also to have the committee present ideas of their own.

Randy Reese suggested that the students work one street at a time handing out flyers as a friendly reminder to jaywalkers, also to have flyers posted in apartment complexes.

Donna Benfield is going to have students come up with ideas and discuss them with Randy Reese to make sure they are all legal, and then she will present them to the committee.

12th West Speed Limit Change:

Discussion from citizens that live on 12th West and the committee about keeping the speed limit at 35 mph to 7th South; also, there was discussion about the condition of the road. Citizens were concerned that the road was narrower at the culvert and needed to be returned to its condition before the City annexed it in.

John Millar stated that they did not reduce the width of the road at all, but added shoulders to the existing road which made it appear narrower. The culverts have not been sized down.

Ann Dexter stated that she would like a consistent speed plus no passing at intersections; a T in the road qualifies for a no passing zone. She would like the road painted.

Mindi Lucas would like 12th West to appear as a city road. She feels that if the road was painted and appeared as other city roads it would deter speeders.

Rose Bagley made a motion to change the speed limit of 12th West from Hwy 33 to 7th South to 35 mph, also to have the City crews paint and stripe the road.

Eric Erickson seconded it.

All Approved.

The Traffic Safety Committee recommended the City Council to set apart funds to widen the road and extend the culverts to make the road safer.

John Millar stated that the road can be signed, and a double line painted on the intersection by the end of next week. It can be striped by next year.

New Business:

3rd West Main Intersection Visibility Issue

The committee couldn't see where the visibility was at this intersection. They will look at it for next meeting. It will be tabled until then.

Committee Bylaws

Donna Benfield stated that the committee needed to get started on bylaws that will govern the committee.

Traffic Safety Issues/Quadrant Report

Rose Bagley said that coming from the East on Hwy 33 at the middle exit, the weeds need to be mowed.

John Millar will talk to the Hwy department and see that it gets done.

Eric Erickson was concerned about the area over on South Yellowstone Hwy over by 5th West and Trejo – there are 3 entrances and exits on that street and all are safety concerns. He mentioned 7th South and Trejo on Yellowstone Hwy, and Pioneer and Main.

John Millar said that the city is in negotiations to improve the Pioneer and Main intersection.

Eric Erickson asked about the time frame on the extension of Main street out to Mother Hibbards.

John Millar stated that the state is negotiating for the right of way. They are behind schedule.

Donna Benfield asked about the time frame on completion of North Hill road.

John Millar said that the curb and gutter would be done next week, and the road would be opened. They would pave the road the same time as 7th South – approx. 3 weeks. They can pave at 45° F and rising.

Randy Reese asked about a crosswalk at the University Housing on 7th south. There are 160 units with families in them, and he was concerned with the safety of pedestrians on that street. He also wondered about walking access for 1st East and 2nd East at 7th South.

The committee discussed future crossings of 2nd East and 7th South when the temple and stake centers are built.

The committee would like to recommend that the City Council suggest to the University and the Church that a walk over be considered with the construction of the temple and stake centers.

Donna Benfield told the committee that at tomorrow night's council meeting they were going to discuss snow removal and winter parking, and wanted the committee's input on it.

The committee was in favor of no parking overnight on the streets, they would like to leave it as it is.

Donna Benfield wondered why county roads are plowed so much better than the city's.

John Millar stated that there is less traffic, also that the city crews start plowing at 2 inches of snow unless it is snowing heavily. The chemical used at intersections is mixed with sand. At the City Council's meeting, they were going to discuss using salt on the roads to cut costs; however, it is hard on cars, the ground water, and roads.

The Traffic Committee would like to be present at the roundabout presentation for the City Council.

Next Meeting October 12, 2004 at 5:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned.