

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Roberts, Albert Clement, Suzanne Bolin, Lacy Kent, Daniel Pomerlee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Turner, Lawrence Saterfield

REPRESENTATIVES: Councilman Schipani; Street Superintendent Gene Palmer; Public Works Director Rich Urquidi

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2017 meeting. Suzanne Bolin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

Tim Ekeberg was present to observe meeting as potential committee member.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Safe Routes to School

The city is looking into another HAWK system for American Legion and 9th Street. A safety grant funded the new HAWK system by the hospital. Carry forward.

Crosswalks in front of Richard McKenna Montessori

Gene and Rich both met with the school last summer and they picked a spot that will work for everyone. The original design was done by the engineering firm for the school and our engineers agreed that it will work. The city is willing to add another one near the corner. The school will pay for the one on the school side and we will pay for the one on the north side of the road. Carry forward.

Bigger One Way Street Signs Downtown

Gene contacted Carl with ITD and asked him to look at it. However, there is currently a downtown upgrade plan in place that will solve a lot of the issues at hand. Gene did have someone request two hour parking signs between Dilly Deli and Bealls and he installed them since he has some old ones that weren't being used at the time. Gene wants to wait and see what is decided with the downtown upgrade because he wants all the signs to be matching so that it looks nice.

Rich shared with the committee that ITD did approve the downtown lane diet and that there will be two open houses explaining all the upcoming changes and encouraged everyone to attend. South Main and 2nd will both be taken down to two lanes and adding two more one ways; 4th Street will be a one way towards South Main and 2nd Street will be a one way heading towards E. 2nd Street creating a loop. We will also be widening the sidewalks to make it more pedestrian friendly. Rich said that there will be some public education because there will not be parking on one side of the road to ensure through traffic. There will also be bike lanes added as well as beautification/landscaping added.

ITD was originally going to repave this summer but we requested that they repave next summer so that we could have curb and gutter in place beforehand. The city hopes to fund the majority of the project through grants and Urban Renewal. Carry forward.

Elect 2018 Committee Chairman

Lacy Kent was selected as the 2018 Committee Chairman. Item closed.

Meet Potential Committee Candidates

Bob Roberts' term is up and has elected to not remain on for another four year term. Tim Ekeberg introduced himself to the committee and expressed an interest on serving as a member. Mr. Urquidi will speak with Mayor Sykes. Item closed.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

Rich explained the interstate between exits 95 and 99 are going to be closed this summer as they are redoing it. The detour was originally going to direct traffic to S. 18th but the 18th Street project is going to interfere with that plan. The state is now looking into other options and it looks as though it will be directed further down to highway 30, around the underpass. He will have more details as the project gets closer.

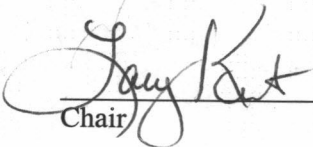
Lacy asked if there has been any progress made to the creation of the truck route. Councilman Schipani said that Councilman Bryant is working on this project and that he will touch base with him. Rich said that this project is temporarily on hold due as they are waiting for the final downtown plan.

Suzanne asked if it was possible to have a sidewalk installed near on Jackson Street where it turns into 5th near West Elementary. She said there are a lot of kids that walk to school and they have to walk in the road with the buses and semi-trucks. Councilman Schipani said that we would have to find out who owns that property. He said that it makes it a difficult situation if the adjacent neighbor doesn't have sidewalk as well. Rich said that sidewalks near schools are one of his very top priorities and they will be doing whatever they can as the budget allows. This year the 18th Street project is using the sidewalk budget so it would be at least next year if we were able to do something but he would certainly see what we can do to work with the property owner.

Lacy asked if anything could be done with the new lights at Taco Johns because they are completely blinding drivers in the evening. Rich said that either he would go and speak with him or he would contact the building department and have them handle it.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Suzanne Bolin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lacy Kent seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:33P.M.


Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 14, 2018 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

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