

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2016**

PRESENT: Jim Rotondo and Commander Prouty

GUESTS: Ken with "The Bus" and Cindi Wight – Recreation & Parks Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Sgt. Prouty at 9:02 A.M. Minutes from the March 18, 2016 meeting were accepted as written and today's meeting agenda was approved. No further discussion. All voted in favor.

#### New Business:

1. Request for a sign on Morse Place for a hearing & visually impaired child – Laurie Roberts

We received a draft of what the sign would look like from Dave Sears. It would be a 24" X 24" sign and the cost would be about \$60.00. A decision was made to purchase this sign and install it.

2. Closing off of streets for neighborhood play – Recreation & Parks Dept. – Cindi Wight

We aren't taking action right away regarding this Agenda item. It was asked if there were areas in our City where we should do this. In order to close a street down, DPW would have to put up signage. Jim Will check on this. We need to be sensitive on cost and it would have to be a staffed piece to make it work. They can bike on street, throw balls. They can't do it with vehicular traffic. Maybe a neighborhood could put in a request for this ahead of time and we could use the Recreation department Go Play trailer. There are games for kids in this trailer. A Recreation department employee would need to be there. Maybe talk with folks on a particular street to see if they're interested. A City resident can Request a block party by special permit and has to carry insurance for it. Cindi mentioned that she is Just trying to get a sense of what everyone thinks. We should pick a street that already has minimal amount of vehicular traffic on it.

Jim mentioned that we could gauge the interest from the community and then maybe say if it's something you're interested in, fill out paperwork, present it to traffic safety committee for their review.

Cindi will come back to us with ideas for testing this.

3. Other new business

Ken from "The Bus" presented us with a list of their bus stops. Jim asked if Nate Stansbury talked with him. Ken stated that he did. Right now, they're adding GPS coordinates to the stops. Jim asked how many stops are in the city. Ken responded that there are about 100 – 150 stops. The South route is small. Nate has street locations. Jim will give the ridership totals to Nate, too.

Commander Prouty asked about the City GIS system. Ken stated that they put it on every route. Ken left us with the bus stop lists and said if we wanted to change, add, delete any, just let him know.

Ken left a message with Jeff Schroeder about 2 stops. He wants to work with Jeff. Wants to put a plan Together with Jeff and then present it to the Traffic Safety Committee. These are in the Allen Street area. Ken said that he is in support of whether we do or don't put a stop here. He would feel comfortable with what we decide.

He mentioned that there were people near the Community Cupboard that were trying to flag the bus down. Interstate Battery said "the Bus" could put up a sign there. It would help with people carrying things. We will mention this to Jeff in DPW. The stop would be at the end of the parking lot near the

Telephone pole.

Bus stop near White's Pool – Cindi Wight from the Recreation and Parks department asked if they could have a bus stop near White's Pool, rather than kids crossing street at Jackson Avenue. when the pool opens back up again. "The Bus" has no problem with this. We would need to advertise this throughout the summer that there will be a bus stop for the North and the Southwest areas of the city and what the stops are.

Traffic concerns with Allen Street and South Main Street – Dave Zsido

Jim Rotondo stated that Jeff Wennberg received an email from Dave regarding traffic concerns with Allen Street and South Main Street. Jim looked at a State Map. The left turn lane at this location is Only 9 feet wide. It is narrow. He talked with Green Mountain Power about the pole by the tracks. Its A guide pole. They didn't know if they had right of way. Maybe safer if we widen the road. Maybe Take out section of sidewalk & curb it. GMP said pole could be moved if it's a city project. As long As the City helped him with easement, they'd move it for free. Jim mentioned that we will take Photos, do some dimensions & see what we can do here.

Old Business:

1. No parking signs to be installed in front of 194-196 Columbian Avenue – Herb Russell and Housing Trust

Commander Prouty and Chief Kilcullen went to this location for a site review. The cars aren't parking on or in the street. There is a pull off from the street where the cars are parking. They are allowed to park there. Commander Prouty and Chief Kilcullen referenced the ordinance for No parking in the City. Contact was made with the City Attorney to discuss this ordinance further.

2. Hidden Drive right sign approaching from West on Columbian Avenue – Herb Russell

This item is being referred to Jeff Wennberg of DPW.

Other Old Business:

No other old business was discussed.

To close out the meeting, Sgt. Prouty asked if there were any other issues to discuss. No further issues were raised at this time. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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