



FROM Chief Ed. Menefee
TO: Traffic Commission Members
SUBJECT: September 6, 2019 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: September 9, 2019

The September 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Grissom Greg Skornia John Nilges Mark Wessels Ed Menefee	Police Department City Council Engineering City Council Police Department
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MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mark Piontek	City Attorney
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VISITORS:	Mark Skornia Tony Bonastia Andrea Lueken Terry Buddemeyer	Emergency Management Street Department Engineering Washington Ambulance
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OLD BUSINESS:

4A 19-06-0011 Request for modifications to Front Street: At our last meeting the committee agreed to add crosswalk signage to the existing crosswalks along Front Street to better mark them. Before adding any signage, the committee wanted to make sure that all of the crosswalks that are currently in place are appropriate. Engineering will prepare a crosswalk plan to be reviewed at the next meeting. (OPEN)

4B 19-06-0012 Parking complaints on Cedar Street: At the last meeting, the committee discussed parking complaints on Cedar Street near 5th Street. The committee agreed at the time that the complaints were enforcement issues that should be dealt with on an as needed basis. When Mike Grissom contacted the resident to follow up, they also requested that we take a look at the current street lighting in the area. The committee discussed the street lighting and agreed that the current street lighting was appropriate based on city code. (CLOSED)

NEW BUSINESS

5A 19-09-0013 Stop bar policy for major streets: The topic of stop bars came up at the last meeting as well when discussing the intersection of 5th and Cedar. As a result, Engineering wanted to discuss the potential of a policy that would require painting stop bars on all major streets. The committee discussed that topic and agreed to continue handling stop bars as we have in the past on an as needed basis. The committee agreed that painting stop bars at all intersections along major streets would become a significant maintenance issue and was not necessary. The committee did agree to go ahead with painting stop bars at the intersection of 5th and Cedar. (CLOSED)

5B 19-09-0014 Review of parking situation on W Main Street near Tiemann: The city has recently added sidewalks to this area of W Main Street, and as a result the committee discussed whether or not a no parking zone should be added near the sidewalks. The decision was made to leave things as they currently are and revisit the issue if it became a problem. (CLOSED)

5C 19-09-0015 Review of no parking zone in front of 604 and 608 E 7th Street: Street Department noticed an old no parking zone in front of this address that was not likely needed anymore. The no parking zone appeared to have been added for a business that is no longer at that location. Since the area is only residential right now, the committee agreed to remove the no parking zone. Engineering will amend the ordinance for council approval. (CLOSED)

5D 19-09-0016 Complaints about signal settings at Mo 47 and Blue Jay Drive: The committee received complaints about the traffic signals at this location. Currently the signals are programmed to flash on Mo 47 for most of the day with the exception of the hours between 8:00 am – 9:15am and 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm when school traffic is heavy. During those times the signals cycle on a timer. The complaint was that people are not paying attention to the signals while they are cycling because they become used to them flashing yellow for most of the day, which may be causing people to violate red signals and cause traffic crashes. Mike Grissom ran crash history at that intersection dating back to 01/01/2017 and found the following:

- 11 total crashes during that period.
- 9 of the crashes occurred during the times of day when the lights are cycling instead of flashing.
- 33.33% of the crashes at that intersection involved a driver violating a traffic signal.
- Other intersections along the same corridor were also checked during the same time period. 8th and 47 crashes involved a signal violation 20% of the time while 14th and 47 crashes involved a signal violation 15% of the time.

Engineering will contact Mo-DOT to notify them of the complaints and begin a dialogue to see if there may be a better solution for the signals at that intersection. (OPEN)

5E 19-09-0017 Request for speed limit signs on Weber Heights Drive: This request came from a property owner, who cited speeding as an issue that they have been seeing recently as a result of new development. The committee denied this request because as a policy, the city does not typically sign 25mph streets since it is the city default. While discussing this matter, the committee questioned whether or not there was signage on Bieker Road at the city limits informing motorists of the 25mph default. Street Department will check and install the signage on Bieker Road if necessary. (CLOSED)

5F 19-09-0018 Request for a stop sign at Jacqueline and Marquart Drive: Residents in the area have requested stop signs at this intersection. This request was also denied since it is common for city streets in subdivisions to lack stop signs. Basic right of way rules cover these intersections and stop signs are not required. (CLOSED)

5G 19-09-0019 Request for a four-way stop on Stone Crest Drive at the intersection of Rock Crest and Spring Crest: Residents had requested a four-way stop at this intersection as a measure to help control speed for traffic entering the subdivision. The committee noted that Stone Crest Drive is the main street in the subdivision and that a four-way stop could not be justified here since no other factors exist such as a site distance issue. The committee also noted that per MUTCD standards, stop signs are not to be used as speed control devices. (CLOSED)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am

The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 5, 2019 at 08:00 a.m. in the Police Department Conference Room.

Respectfully,

Chief Ed. Menefee
Washington Police Department

CC:
Each Member
Mary Trentmann