



FROM Chief Jim Armstrong
TO: Traffic Commission Members
SUBJECT: April 12, 2024 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: April 15, 2024

The April 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Grissom Police Department
Charles Stankovic Engineering

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Piontek City Attorney
Chad Briggs City Council
Jim Armstrong Police Department
Duane Reed City Council

VISITORS: Tony Bonastia Street Department
Andrea Lueken Engineering
Darren Lamb City Administration
Doug Hagedorn Mayor
Pat Smith 4024 Winterberry Court
Lou Folk 4021 Winterberry Court
Tim Planner 4012 Winterberry Court
Mike Huber Mercy Hospital

OLD BUSINESS:

4A 24-03-0012 Legion loading request: A shuttle service that will be working the Legion Regionals from August 4-13 has requested designated on-street stops on Front Street and Main Street. Representatives from the shuttle service were unable to attend this meeting, so it will be held over for the next meeting. (OPEN)

NEW BUSINESS:

5A 24-04-0014 Traffic issues caused by Club Carwash: Several residents from Winterberry Court were present at the meeting to discuss with the committee the issue of traffic congestion caused by Club Carwash. The committee acknowledged that during peak times, traffic from the carwash backs up on to 5th Street and causes congestion, which is a potential safety issue. The

congestion also makes it difficult for residents of Winterberry and Willows Court to get in and out of their subdivision. The committee discussed possible solutions to include a new driveway access to the carwash that is situated further to the West. This solution was seen as ideal, however would be costly and would require the business to invest in the driveway access. In lieu of that option, the committee agreed to explore a right in/right out only at the entrance to Club Carwash. Restricting turning movements in that way will force all traffic to turn around at the cul-de-sac and should help alleviate congestion on 5th Street. Engineering is going to draft up an example of what that would look like to include cost and it will be revisited at the next meeting (OPEN).

5B 24-04-0015 Mercy Fun Run: The committee was visited by Mike Huber from Mercy Hospital in reference to an employee's only run that he is in the process of planning. Mike also indicated that depending on popularity, he may look at opening the run to the community in the future. The committee reviewed the proposed route with Mike and had no concerns with the concept. (CLOSED)

5C 24-04-0016 Request for yellow paint along private drive on Market Street: This request came from the property manager of a parking garage. The committee denied the request since it is the city's policy not to paint private driveways. Charles Stankovic will follow up with the property manager to discuss other options. (CLOSED)

5D 24-04-0017 Request for paint at the corner of Rabbit Trail Drive and Lakeview and Wenona: A resident has requested that the city paint the radius of the curve at these intersections. The committee agreed to approve the request. Street Department will add the paint to their list of future projects. (CLOSED)

5E 24-04-0018 Review of on street parking on 5th Street near Joe's School of Dance: A patron of the business had concerns about traffic parking too close to the driveway access to the business, which creates a sight issue. On street parking stalls have already been added to this area. Street Department will paint one or two additional stalls which should help encourage motorists to park properly. (CLOSED)

5F 24-04-0019 Street closure request for Washington High School Senior Parade: The committee reviewed and approved the street closure request. (CLOSED)

5G 24-04-0020 Request for paint on the curb to the driveway access to Turtle Creek: The committee reviewed and denied this request due to our current policy of not painting private driveways. (CLOSED)

5H 24-04-0021 Request for a four way stop at Deutsch Crest and Rock Crest: This item was put on the agenda as a stop sign request, however that intersection is already a four way stop. The real issue involves complaints from a resident about vehicles violating the stop sign at that intersection. The police department is already aware of the issue and will handle accordingly. (CLOSED)

5I 24-04-0022 Review of parking at Main and Lafayette: Engineering received a complaint of difficulty turning from EB Main to SB Lafayette. The committee looked at the intersection and noted that it is currently a four way stop. The committee acknowledged that the intersection has been more congested than normal due to ongoing construction in the area. The committee agreed that at this time no action would be taken. If the issues persist after projects in the area are completed, it can be revisited. (CLOSED)

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 3, 2024 at 8:00 am in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully,

Chief Jim Armstrong
Washington Police Department

CC:
Each Member
Sherri Klekamp