

Safety, Traffic, & Parking

09/27/11 Meeting MINUTES

Present: P. Kohlmeier, L. Denamur, R. Kramer, J. Brey

Excused: D. Weber, A. Habeck, R. Wolfe

Other Staff: Deputy Chief B. Brennan, City Engineer V. Mellon, Deputy City Engineer G. Minikel

1. Called to Order at 4:00 by J. Brey
2. L. Denamur made a motion to approve Previous Minutes of 4/26/11. Seconded by R. Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Items referred from Public Property & Safety:

104 S. Strouf: Speeding, unshoveled sidewalks and needed crosswalks

S. Strouf discussed her concerns about pedestrian safety, especially on Reed Ave, and her request for fluorescent colored crosswalks. J. Brey stated that the missing stop sign she was concerned about is actually on private property. G. Minikel discussed traffic, speed and the current signs & markings on Reed Ave and stated that the city could install 25 mph speed limit signs and Pedestrian Crossing signs. He also said they could repaint the existing crosswalks however not with fluorescent colored paint as the crosswalks must be uniform & consistent with the rest of the city so it looks official to the public. R. Kramer made a motion to install Pedestrian Crossing signs and 25 mph Speed Limit signs on Reed Ave. L. Denamur seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

519 Michael Dunlap, Principal Madison Elementary: 700 block N 4th St

M. Dunlap discussed the traffic safety issue at St Clair & 4th St and his request for the creation of a no parking/no stopping/no standing zone on the east side of the 700 block of N 4th St in front of the school, and installation of signs that read: NO PARKING, NO STOPPING, NO STANDING; Drop-offs Permitted. G. Minikel stated he was in support of Mr. Dunlap's request but preferred "During School Hours" rather than confuse people by saying its ok in the morning but not ok after school.

P. Kohlmeier made a motion to have no parking, no stopping & no standing on the east side of N. 4th St. from St. Clair St to the north approximately 90' during school hours, except that drop-offs will be permitted from 7:45 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Seconded by R. Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.

565 Lori Schroeder: South 10th St and Dewey St intersection

Several neighbors attended and voiced opinions both for and against Ms. Schroeder's request for a 4-way Stop at the intersection of South 10th St and Dewey St. The neighbors seemed to agree that speed and motorists blowing through the stop sign are their main concerns. Also mentioned was that a tree on a burm at this intersection creates a visual obstruction. DC Brennan reported that the accidents and traffic volume do not warrant a 4-way stop and G. Minikel stated that stop signs will not control speeds and will actually increase speeds if put where they shouldn't be. V. Mellon reported that the Corridor Study done on Dewey indicated that traffic signals are not warranted until 2030. She also said that a roundabout study could be looked at and prior to cutting down the tree the burm should be looked at. She also suggested Pedestrian Crossing signs during the school year and Stop Ahead signs on Dewey and G Minikel added that the signs could be LED lights like on Waldo Blvd. R. Kramer made a motion to repaint crosswalks at this intersection and install flashing lights on Dewey St to warn motorists of the stop sign on the bottom of the hill. Seconded by J. Brey. Motion carried unanimously.

579 Alderman Schema/Julie Nelson: Vista Rd and Expo Drive intersection

There were neighbors present both for and against Ms. Nelson's request for a 4-way Stop at the intersection of Vista Road and Expo Drive. The neighbors seemed to agree that speed is the real issue and G. Minikel reported that the speed limit is 30 mph through there and that this intersection doesn't warrant a 4-way stop. He explained that the intent of a stop sign is to designate right of way, not to control speed and if stop signs are put up where they don't belong motorists will blow through them. He also explained that during fair week the speeds slowed down because the street was narrowed due to cars being parked up and down both sides of the street not

because of the temporary 4-way stop. Deputy Chief Brennan said that they can get the speed board up there and provide more enforcement at the times of day the neighbors reported that most speeding occurs. R. Kramer made a motion to lower the speed limit to 25mph but no second was made. J. Brey made a motion to deny the request for a 4-way Stop and place on file. R. Kramer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Old Business:

Dewey St Corridor Traffic Study – this was part of the item # 565 discussion.

5. J. Brey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by P. Kohlmeier. Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm