

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION

February 14, 2018

Municipal Court Room-Oak Creek Police Department

1) Members in Attendance

Richard Duchniak, Ralph Kneusel, Kevin Rokenbrodt, Michael Havey, Andy Sagan, Matthew Sullivan, Rudy Umbs and Greg Wolf

2) Review of Minutes

Motion by Richard Duchniak and seconded by Michael Havey to approve the minutes from November 8, 2017.

(8 Ayes, 0 Nays)

3) Old Business

A. None

4) New Business

A. Request to install “NO PARKING” and “NO LEFT TURN” signs at 8545 S. Shepard Avenue (Edgewood Elementary School).

- a. Principal John Krenek and PTO Secretary Jane Eickhoff were in attendance for this item. Principal Krenek and Ms. Eickhoff described the existing drop off and pick up procedures at the school and the issues that are creating a safety concerns. They believe that installing the restrictive signs would provide a safer environment for the students, parents and other drivers. Members on the commission provided their experiences driving by the school and they felt that the request would provide the safety that they are looking for. The commission members agreed that installation of the sign would be an appropriate improvement.

Motion to install “NO PARKING” and “NO LEFT TURN” signs at 8545 S. Shepard Avenue, made by Rudy Umbs, and seconded by Richard Duchniak.

8 – Ayes

0 – Nays

B. Discussion on existing and potential improvements to school traffic control signage and road configuration on E. Puetz Road from S. Howell Avenue to S. Shepard Avenue.

- a. This item was brought forward due to the recent construction of the Ninth Grade Center (NGC) west of the existing High School. The major concern was the protection of students crossing the crosswalk at the driveway to the NGC and the confusion on how to get to the High School parking lot. Commission members suggested that existing school zone be extended further west to incorporate the crossing and potential option to upgrade the flashing lights. The members also thought that adding guide signs for the entrances would help with directing the visiting traffic. The commission requested that funding options/partners for upgrading of the flashing lights be examined further and the addition of guidance signs.

C. Discussion on existing school traffic control signage and potential additional safety measures on S. Shepard Avenue for East Middle School.

- a. Resident from 340 E. Golden Lane was in attendance for this item (Heidi Weed). Ms. Weed stated that she was concerned about the mid-block crossing south of East Middle School and that is a need for more protection for the students that cross there. Engineering reviewed the accidents over the last 7 years and found that only one accident that involved a pedestrian occurred during that time. Engineering provided a packet that included potential traffic calming options with costs, Safe Routes to School Action Plan for East

Middle School and school area signs in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The resident and commission members discussed the potential options in the packet and what direction the commission should give the Engineering Department for the next steps. The commission requested that funding options/partners for potential traffic calming be examined further along with costs for new school zone flashing lights.


D. Discussion on existing school traffic control signage and potential additional safety measures on W. Sycamore Avenue and S. 22nd Street for Cedar Hills Elementary School.

- a. Alderman Loreck and a resident from 2408 W. Sycamore Avenue were in attendance for this item (Margaret Quinn). Ms. Quinn stated that over the past few years, since the improvements on S. 27th Street, she has noticed an increase traffic volume, higher speeds, non-compliance with stopping and inattentive driving. She is concerned for the safety of the residents, students and other drivers that are obeying the laws. The commission members stated that the city can't stop drivers from using public streets or change their driving habits (inattentive driving). Engineering provided a packet that included potential traffic calming options with costs, Safe Routes to School Action Plan for Cedar Hills Elementary School and school area signs in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The resident and commission members discussed the potential options in the packet and what direction the commission should give the Engineering Department for the next steps. The commission requested that funding options/partners for potential traffic calming be examined further along with costs for new school zone flashing signs and to provide a preliminary layout of pavement markings that could be installed later this summer.

5) Adjournment (8:55 pm)

Motion to adjourn by Michael Havey and seconded by Greg Wolf. (8 – Ayes, 0 – Nays)

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. Sullivan
Secretary, Traffic and Safety Commission