

## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION

July 10, 2019

### Municipal Court Room-Oak Creek Police Department

1) Members in Attendance

Richard Duchniak, Ralph Kneusel, Mike Havey, Andy Sagan, Rudy Umbs, Greg Wolf and Matthew Sullivan

2) Review of Minutes

Motion by Rudy Umbs and seconded by Greg Wolf to approve the minutes from June 19, 2019.  
(7 Ayes, 0 Nays)

3) Old Business

**A. None**

4) New Business

**A. Request to install intersection warning sign, “T” symbol, and “CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP” plaque on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at the intersection of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and E. Barton Road.**

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. This item was the outcome of an item discussed at the June 19, 2019 meeting that denied the request to install “STOP” sign on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at the intersection of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and E. Barton Road. The commission has concerns of receiving many additional request for the same intersection warning sign at other locations if the request is approved. The commission discussed using the sign at this location to be used as a test location and use engineering judgement to determine the effectiveness and potential future use of the intersection warning sign at other locations.

Motion to approve the request to install intersection warning sign “T” symbol, and “CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP” plaque on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at the intersection of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and E. Barton Rd, made by Rudy Umbs, and seconded by Mike Havey.

6 – Ayes  
1 – Nays

**B. Request to install “NO PARKING ANYTIME” signs at bypass lanes on E. Drexel Avenue at S. Quincy Avenue and S. Clement Avenue.**

- a. There was one resident in attendance for this item. This item was brought up by the commission at the June 19, 2019 meeting while discussing the request to install pedestrian crossing signs at intersection of E. Drexel Avenue and S. Quincy Avenue with “high visibility” pavement markings. The resident added a comment that he preferred when vehicles were parked along E. Drexel Avenue because it slowed traffic down. The resident’s main concern along E. Drexel Avenue was speeding, vehicles using the shoulder as a passing lane and pedestrian/cyclist safety. The commission explained that restricting parking at the bypass lanes will create a better visual for pedestrians. Engineering will be placing counters to monitor the speed and number of vehicles using the shoulder.

Motion to approve the request to install “NO PARKING ANYTIME” signs at bypass lanes on E. Drexel Avenue at S. Quincy Avenue and S. Clement Avenue, made by Matt Sullivan, and seconded by Mike Havey.

7 – Ayes  
0 – Nays

**C. Request to install “STOP” signs and “ALL WAY” plaques at the intersection of S. Sharon Drive and E. Stonefield Drive.**

- a. There was one resident in attendance for this item and one email received on 7/9/2019 from a resident at 8585 S. Sharon Drive. Resident at the meeting was in support of the request. The resident’s main concern at the intersection was speeding, inattentive drivers and pedestrian safety. The commission explained the multiway stop sign criteria, that additional “STOP” signs are not used for speed control and when installed for the wrong reasons the opposite effect can occur (non-compliance). This would be even more important for pedestrian safety and that it has the potential to be very dangerous for pedestrians. The commission discussed concerns with adding additional “STOP” signs at this location when there is one “STOP” controlled intersections within about one block in the west direction of the S. Sharon Drive and E. Stonefield Drive intersection.

Motion to deny the request to install “STOP” signs and “ALL WAY” plaques at the intersection of S. Sharon Drive and E. Stonefield Drive, made by Matt Sullivan, and seconded by Ralph Kneusel.

7 – Ayes  
0 – Nays

**D. Request to install “ROUGH CROSSING” plaques and relocate “RAILROAD CROSSING” signs as needed at Union Pacific crossings.**

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. This item was brought up by the commission at the June 19, 2019 meeting while discussing the request to install “ROUGH CROSSING” signs on E. Puetz Road at Union Pacific crossing. The commission discussed the request and did support the proposed installation. The commission discussed the removal of the signs if the roadway would be improved at the railroad crossing in the future. The removal would come to the commission in the future if necessary. If other signs are found to not be applicable they should be included on future agendas.

Motion to approve the request to install “ROUGH CROSSING” plaques and relocate “RAILROAD CROSSING” signs as needed at Union Pacific crossings, made by Richard Duchniak, and seconded by Andy Sagan.

7 – Ayes  
0 – Nays

**E. Request to install “NO PARKING, STOPPING or STANDING ANYTIME” signs on north side of E. Puetz Road in front of 800 E. Puetz Road (High School) from the entrance of east parking lot to the Knights Place.**

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. The commission’s main concern was the volume of vehicles stopping along Puetz in the mornings and afternoons during the school year and pedestrian safety. The commission discussed the request and did support the proposed installation. A letter with the request was sent to the school district office and no correspondence was received. This item will go in front of the council in August. The commission discussed installing the “NO PARKING, STOPPING, or STANDING ANYTIME” signs are very common nationally in the Safe Routes to School.

Motion to approve the request to install “NO PARKING, STOPPING or STANDING ANYTIME” signs on north side of E. Puetz Road in front of 800 E. Puetz Road (High School) from the entrance of east parking lot to the Knights Place, made by Richard Duchniak, and seconded by Ralph Kneusel.

7 – Ayes  
0 – Nays

**F. Request to install “NO PARKING ANYTIME” signs on north side of E. Lake Vista Drive from western entrance of parking lot to S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. The commission discussed the request and did support the proposed action. The commission discussed bagging the “NO PARKING ANYTIME” signs during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to allow parking during the event if the fireworks remain in the same location as July 4, 2019.

Motion to approve the request to install “NO PARKING ANYTIME” signs on north side of E. Lake Vista Drive from western entrance of parking lot to S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, made by Richard Duchniak, and seconded by Greg Wolf.

7 – Ayes  
0 – Nays

5) Adjournment (8:04 pm)

Motion to adjourn by Matthew Sullivan and seconded by Greg Wolf. (7 – Ayes, 0 – Nays)

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. Sullivan  
Secretary, Traffic and Safety Commission