



Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Public Safety Building
16300 W. National Ave

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regular scheduled meeting.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Commissioner Rieder, Assistant City Engineer Pichler, Streets Manager Brooks, Alderperson Kroupa, Commissioner Reinke, Staff Designee Rocklewitz

Excused: Steve Kon (NBFD), Mitchell Lataille, Caleb Manske

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 8th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Commissioner Reinke
Motion Passed 6-0

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. **23-4:** A resident has expressed concerns about the dangerousness of the intersection of Katherine Drive and Pleasant Drive and is requesting yield signs or stop signs be installed.

Lucas Pichler provided a synopsis of the complaint, as well as maps of the area, which included historical crash data and historical traffic counter data, and Two-Way Stop/Yield Guidelines. Pichler also advised this specific concern had been previously addressed with the safety commission (in 2022), at which time yield/stop signs were not recommended, but trees were trimmed back.

Pichler explained although the previous concern(s) resulted in no additional control signage, he did agree the intersection of Katherine Drive and Pleasant Drive presented some dangers. Pichler advised for this intersection, Katherine Drive would be considered the minor thoroughfare and Pleasant Drive would be considered the major thoroughfare. Pichler further advised yield signs could be installed to clarify which of the roads was the major thoroughfare versus the minor thoroughfare.

MOTION: Motion for recommendation to the Common Council for the installation of two yield signs on Katherine Drive (northbound/southbound) at Pleasant Drive.

VOTE: Motion by: Streets Manager Brooks
Second by: Commissioner Reinke
Motion Passed 6-0

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

6. TABLED ITEMS

A. **22-20:** Alderman Stribl (via a resident) has requested changing the intersection of Michele Witmer Memorial Drive and Library Lane from a two-way stop sign to a four-way stop sign. **(Tabled for a traffic study)**

No discussion

B. **23-2:** A resident has requested increased signage in the area of the 3300 block of Johnson Road to alert drivers of vehicles entering and exiting driveways, due to the vision obstruction created by the hill. **(Tabled for a traffic study)**

Pichler provided traffic study data for Johnson Road, which was collected between 02/27/23 – 03/03/23. The average speed was 39 mph, the 85th percentile speed was 43 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations (45 mph or greater) was seven percent. Pichler also advised there was no additional crash data since the previous safety commission meeting. Pichler further provided a graph, which showed the most problematic times of the day for speeding were around 7:00 AM, and 5:00 PM. Dave Rocklewitz advised he recently created a traffic enforcement assignment for that specific area, especially for those problem times, as he had already been provided with the graph. Pichler advised he believed the hill in that area did present a vision issue, as the hill was a substandard hill for the posted speed limit, and noted there were a couple options for additional signage, including “Hill Blocks View” signs, advisory speed limit signs, and/or spinner alert signs. Jim Riefschlager, of 3340 S. Johnson Road, spoke and confirmed the hill was an issue, especially when exiting driveways in that area. Riefschlager again expressed his frustration with

lack of police presence. Rocklewitz again advised he created a traffic enforcement assignment for that specific area; however, it was not created until recently, as it was previously recommended that the police department hold off on traffic enforcement efforts until accurate data could be collected. Pichler advised by taking no action, the commission would be ignoring there was an issue. Pichler also advised that by taking action, the commission could be setting precedent for all other substandard hills in the City. Pichler advised he was open to adding a "Hill Blocks View" sign and/or a 25 mph advisory speed limit sign; however, residents would still need to take precautions when exiting their driveways. Riefschlager again asked about police enforcement. Rocklewitz again advised there was a current traffic enforcement assignment and following the conclusion of that assignment, he planned to put up a speed monitoring sign for several additional weeks.

MOTION: Motion to install a "Hill Blocks View" sign, along with an additional 25 mph advisory speed limit sign on northbound Johnson Road, as well as continued police presence and the placement of a temporary speed monitoring sign in the area.

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Reinke
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0

7. SET MEETING DATE

A. Wednesday, May 10th, 2023

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:47 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Assistant City Engineer Pichler
Motion Passed 6-0

***Respectfully Submitted,
Captain Dave Rocklewitz, Safety Commission Secretary***