Safety Commission
MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Conference Room A/B
3805 S. Casper Dr.

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 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Charlotte Kroupa (Alderperson), Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Lucas Pichler, (Engineering), Steve Brooks (Streets), Caleb Manske, Mitchell Lataille, Anne-Marie St. John, Mary English.

Excused: Captain Dave Rocklewitz

Absent: Brady Reinke (SDNB)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Assistant City Engineer Pichler
Second by: Board Member Lataille
Motion Passed 8-0

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. **23-6:** Several businesses have expressed safety related concerns, as well as other issues, which are being caused by the patrons of M&M Gymnastics (16760 W. Victor Road).

Lucas had a meeting with M&M last year about expanding their parking lot, and a second meeting approximately one month ago, but no action has been taken by M&M as of yet. Amy Brown gave some insight into the parking issues. No parking/tow away zone posted. No cooperation from customers from M&M who become inconsiderate and belligerent when confronted. Parking on Victor Road is not permitted and there is a possibility of danger to children/parents who cross the street. Times when the problem is most prevalent are Monday - Thursday, 5:00pm - 7:30pm, particularly for vehicles parking in the 'No Parking' zone on Victor Road. Lucas said Code Compliance is working on this issue and that all parking must be kept on site, which is not happening. Amy Brown said that between 15 and 50 cars are parked on Victor Road during the aforementioned times and days.

MOTION: Motion to Table

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Rieder
Second by: Assistant City Engineer Pichler
Motion Passed 8-0

Citizens present on this issue was:

- Amy Brown, 12615 W. Meadow Lane, New Berlin

B. **23-7:** A resident has expressed concerns about speeding vehicles near the intersection of Mark Drive and Fremont Lane. The resident has requested a traffic study for possible stop sign installation.

Lucas, said a traffic study was on-going with this complaint coming to us through Alderman Stribl. Problem is due to, or has been exacerbated by, the construction on Moorland Rd. There have been 2 reported crashes in the last 23 years at the intersection of Mark Drive and Fremont Lane. The intersection is controlled by a stop sign for southbound Fremont Lane traffic. A traffic count is still in progress on Fremont lane. The traffic study on Mark Drive, east and west of Fremont Lane shows 129 enforceable violations. Lucas said it was best to wait for the speed study on Fremont Lane to be completed before the Commission takes any action. Howard Avenue is scheduled to reopen in about a month, which will likely ease the situation at Mark and Fremont. However, the Moorland Road reconstruction will likely not be done until July of 2024 so problems will likely persist.

Citizens who spoke at the meeting said stop sign violations at the intersection of Fremont and Mark are recurring, and this was a problem even before the Moorland Road reconstruction, as was speeding on Mark Drive. Speed bumps were suggested and citizens present at the meeting were in favor of them on Mark Drive. In general, traffic in the subdivision has increased tremendously due to Moorland Road construction.

A question arose as to whether a planted obstruction can remain because it slows traffic. It was noted that Code Compliance has already notified the property owner that it must be removed as it is a vision obstruction for vehicle operators. Another issue cited due to construction included semis using the subdivision to access the post office for deliveries. Chris and Carol Fowler told the Commission it was difficult to safely exit their driveway because of the speed and volume of traffic using Fremont Lane.

There was discussion about speed bumps, that they would be placed close to where the speed counters are currently placed. Lucas explained the speed bump approval and installation process to the citizens present. Citizens asked what they can do.

MOTION: Motion to paint a white ‘Stop’ line on the roadway at the stop sign for southbound Fremont Lane traffic, check for signage including a ‘Stop Ahead’ sign for Southbound Fremont Lane traffic, and wait for the traffic data from Fremont Lane.

VOTE: Motion by: Streets Manager Brooks
Second by: Commissioner Rieder
Motion Passed 8-0

Citizens present on this issue:

- Chris and Carol Fowler 15210 W. Mark Drive
- Brian Schimmels 3950 S. Quimby Ave.

C. **23-8:** Alderwoman Kroupa (via a resident) has expressed concerns about speeding vehicles on Calhoun Road, from Johns Drive to National Avenue. Alderwoman Kroupa has requested a traffic study for comparison with previous related complaints.

Lucas explained the data which had been collected noting in general speeds are within the 85th percentile. There was discussion among the Commission and citizens present, who indicated to the Commission a speeding problem continues on Calhoun Road in front of their residences. The noise of ‘jake brakes’ also continued along that stretch of Calhoun Road. Ann Dubats reported her mailbox had been struck twice recently by drunk drivers.

Citizens present for this issue:

- Anne Dubats 3900 S Calhoun Rd.

- Don and Darlene Serkowski 4030 S Calhoun Rd.
- Peggy Koenig 3960 S Calhoun Rd.

MOTION: Motion to lower the speed limit to 35mph on Calhoun Road from the 3800 block south to National Avenue.

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Board Member Lataille
Motion Failed 3-5

MOTION: Motion to pass the information along to the Police Department for enforcement of 'Jake brake' and speeding violations.

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Rieder
Second by: None
Motion Passed 8-0

5. SET MEETING DATE

A. Wednesday, September 13th, 2023

6. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 7:13 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Commissioner Manske
Motion Passed 8-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Rieder, Chairperson