



Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 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: Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Lucas Pichler (Engineering), Steve Brooks (Streets), Charlotte Kroupa (Alderdwoman), Mary English, Anne-Marie St. John, Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD)

Excused: Mitchell Lataille, Caleb Manske, Brady Reinke

Absent: Steve Kon (NBFD)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 13th, 2023

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Board Member English
Motion Passed 7-0

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **23-13:** A resident of the Hickory Hill Condominiums has expressed concerns about the traffic volume entering and exiting the Princeton Club parking lot. The resident has requested a traffic study and consideration for the installation of traffic signals.

Assistant City Engineer Pichler provided a synopsis of the complaint, as well as a crash pin map.

Pichler explained that the location of the concern involved Beloit Road (CTH I), which was a Waukesha County highway, Lynn Drive, which was a privately owned road, and the Princeton club, which was a private business; therefore, the City of New Berlin did not have control over any of the intersecting roadways. Pichler advised the City of New Berlin could hire a contractor to complete a signal warrant analysis and then possibly make a recommendation to the Waukesha County Safety Commission for consideration of traffic signals or the Safety Commission could simply request the Waukesha County Highway Department conduct their own signal warrant analysis; however, based on the crash data from 2000 - 2023, which included only two crashes between 2018 – 2023, as well as the warrant standards that were required for consideration of a traffic signal, he did not believe a signal warrant analysis would show a

need for the addition of traffic signals.

MOTION: Motion to take no action

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Assistant City Engineer Pichler
Motion Passed 7-0

- B. 23-14:** Alderman La Fever has expressed concerns about speeding vehicles on San Mateo Drive, from Moorland Road to 153rd Street. Alderman La Fever has requested a traffic study and consideration for the installation of speed humps.

Assistant City Engineer Pichler provided a synopsis of the complaint, as well as traffic study data for San Mateo Drive, which was collected between 10/23/23 – 10/30/23. The traffic study data showed the average speed was 25 mph, the 85th percentile speed was 31 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations (35 mph or greater) was five percent. Pichler also provided a crash pin map, which showed one crash since 2000.

Pichler advised that most of the problem was most likely caused by vehicles turning left onto San Mateo Drive, from southbound Moorland Road, to avoid the traffic signals at Moorland Road and Coffee Road; however, that problem could become a non-issue in the somewhat near future, as there were plans to close the median opening at Moorland Road and San Mateo Drive in 2025. Pichler also noted that like other recent concerns related to construction on Moorland Road, traffic volume on San Mateo Drive had most likely increased; however, that did not mean necessarily there was a speeding problem. Pichler believed with the 85th percentile speed being within 6 mph of the speed limit, the problem being caused by a construction project with an end date, as well as a probable solution with the planned median closure, and not being able to install temporary speed humps for trial purposes until at least 2024, this consideration of speed humps was currently not an appropriate option. Captain Rocklewitz also added that the Police Department had monitored San Mateo Drive in 2023, with both officers and a Speed Sentry sign, and made observations/collected data that were consistent with the traffic study data that Pichler had provided.

MOTION: Motion to take no action

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Streets Manager Brooks
Motion Passed 7-0

- C. 23-15:** Alderman La Fever has requested the speed limit be lowered on Coffee Road, from Moorland Road to National Avenue.

Assistant City Engineer Pichler provided a synopsis of the complaint, as well as traffic study data for Coffee Road, which was collected between 10/30/23 – 11/03/23. The traffic study data showed the average speed for eastbound traffic was 32 mph, the 85th percentile speed was 37 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations (45 mph or greater) was one percent. The traffic study data showed the average speed for westbound traffic was 33 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 37 mph. Pichler also provided a crash pin map, which showed several crashes since 2018; however, it did not appear any of the crashes were speed related.

MOTION: Motion to not lower the speed limit; request for Police Department enforcement of speeding violations

VOTE: Motion by: Assistant City Engineer Pichler
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 7-0

- D. 23-16:** A resident has requested stop signs be added at both intersections of Hunter Lane and Forest Point Blvd.

Assistant City Engineer Pichler provided a synopsis of the complaint, as well as a crash pin map. Pichler

noted due to the date he learned of the complaint, he had not been able to complete a traffic study.

Pichler noted there was already one existing stop sign on Hunter Lane (southbound) at Forest Point Blvd (south intersection). Pichler advised based on the crash data from 2000 - 2023, which included only two crashes between 2018 – 2023, which were not intersection related. as well as the traffic volume at the location of the complaint, he did not believe additional stop signs would be warranted. Board Member English questioned if vehicles traveling northbound on Forest Point Blvd, from the south, could be creating safety concerns because of potential speeding. Pichler advised even if speeding was a concern, adding stop signs for that purpose alone would not be the appropriate solution, as stop signs are not used for speed control. Pichler advised he could still conduct a traffic study to gather data to determine if the addition of stop signs would be warranted.

MOTION: Motion to table for traffic study

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Rieder
Second by: Board Member English
Motion Passed 7-0

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **23-10:** A resident has requested crosswalk markings be added to the traffic signal at Beloit Road and Forest Point Blvd.

Item not discussed

6. SET MEETING DATE

- A. Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

7. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:35 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Streets Manager Brooks
Motion Passed 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Captain Dave Rocklewitz, Safety Commission Secretary