



Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 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, by Commissioner Rieder.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Lucas Pichler (Engineering), Steve Brooks (Streets), Charlotte Kroupa (Alderdwoman), Brady Reinke (SDNB), Mary English, Caleb Manske, Anne-Marie St. John, Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD)

Excused: Mitchell Lataille

Absent: Steve Kon (NBFD)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 8th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Board Member English
Motion Passed 9-0

4. OLD BUSINESS

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

Assistant City Engineer Pichler provided an update on Item 23-10.

Pichler advised that Waukesha County had confirmed the timing of the traffic signal at Beloit Road and Forest Point Blvd had been unintentionally changed, but had since been adjusted. Pichler also advised that Waukesha County had made a verbal agreement with the City of New Berlin to share expenses related to making improvements to the intersection, with a potential completion date by the end of 2024.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 23-17:** A resident has requested “No Engine Braking” signs be installed around Racine Avenue and Highland Drive.

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

Pichler noted the “No Engine Braking” ordinance already existed and several “No Engine Braking” signs had already been strategically located at various points throughout the City. Pichler advised there were no “No Engine Braking” signs on Racine Avenue, near the location of the complaint. Pichler questioned if the addition of more signage would be effective or not; however, stated with the hill at this location, as well as the location of the nearby Interstate and quarries, the additional signage was understandable for southbound traffic. Pichler additionally advised Racine Avenue was a County highway, so the decision to add signage would ultimately require approval from Waukesha County. Board Member Manske added the additional signage also appeared justifiable because of the higher volume of traffic that travels in the area of the complaint.

MOTION: Motion to install a “No Engine Braking” sign on Racine Avenue, for southbound traffic, in a strategic location, with permission from Waukesha County

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Reinke
Second by: Board Member English
Motion Passed 9-0

- B. 23-18:** A resident has expressed concerns about speeding vehicles on Church Drive. The resident has requested consideration for the installation of speed humps.

Assistant City Engineer Pichler provided a synopsis of the complaint, as well as a crash pin map, which displayed a handful of crashes since 2000.

Pichler advised that although the complaint of vehicles speeding on Church Drive was also almost definitely related to the Moorland Road/National Avenue construction project, this has also been a complaint in the past. Pichler explained that the complainant was requesting consideration for the installation of speed humps, which would first require a traffic study before moving onto any next steps. Pichler was not opposed to conducting a traffic study, but had concerns that if speed humps were installed, there might be requests for speed humps on secondary roadways in the area, such as Mayflower Drive or Pleasant Drive. Pichler also advised to get accurate data, a traffic study should be conducted following the conclusion of the Moorland Road/National Avenue construction project, which was projected to be completed in late Summer 2024.

MOTION: Motion to conduct a traffic study following the conclusion of the Moorland Road/National Avenue construction project

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Reinke
Second by: Commissioner Rieder
Motion Passed 9-0

6. TABLED ITEMS

- A. 23-16:** A resident has requested stop signs be added at both intersections of Hunter Lane and Forest Point Blvd. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

No action or discussion at this meeting

7. SET MEETING DATE

- A.** Wednesday, January 10th, 2024

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:32 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Reinke
Second by: Commissioner Manske
Motion Passed 9-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Captain Dave Rocklewitz, Safety Commission Secretary