



Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Conference Room A/B
3805 S. Casper Drive

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM, by Mary English.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Mary English, Chuck Garrigues, Charlotte Kroupa (Alderwoman), Matt Newman (SDNB), Lucas Pichler (DPW), Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD), Justin Schulpius (NBFD), Tammy Simonson (Engineering)

Absent: Mitchell Lataille, Caleb Manske (Chair), Anne-Marie St. John

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson Garrigues
Motion Passed 8-0

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. **24-12:** A resident (via the Mayor's Office) has expressed concerns about speeding on Small Road (south of Beloit Road). The resident has requested consideration for the installation of speed humps.

Mary English provided an overview of the complaint, noting that Small Road was not a through street and that there was a turnaround at the dead end of the roadway. English also noted there were already four "No Outlet" signs on Small Road to alert drivers that the road was not a through street. Lucas Pichler and Dave Rocklewitz also noted that they had received similar complaints about speeding vehicles over the years from residents with houses on Small Road.

Pichler explained that "Dead End" signs would be more appropriate than "No Outlet" signs. Charlotte Kroupa asked if it would be possible to change the "No Outlet" signs to "Dead End" signs. Pichler confirmed the Streets Department could easily change the signs and that he would be in favor of the change. Chuck Garrigues asked if the new "Dead End" signs could be a larger size than the current "No Outlet" signs. Pichler advised it was possible the new signs could be larger, but he would have to check to see if that was an option. Tammy Simonson also advised that the wider shoulder could be a factor for higher vehicle speeds. Matt Newman asked about the speed limit on Small Road, which was confirmed to be 25 mph. English inquired about conducting a traffic study to determine if speeding was a problem. Dave Rocklewitz advised that based on past complaints, he believed it was worthwhile for a traffic study to be conducted to determine the severity of the speeding problem.

MOTION: Motion to have a traffic study conducted and to change the existing “No Outlet” signs to “Dead End” signs, with consideration of larger signs

VOTE: Motion by: Staff Designee Rocklewitz
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 8-0

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

6. TABLED ITEMS

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

Item not discussed

B. **23-19:** A resident from 1725 S. Elm Grove Road has requested signs be added in the area to attempt to limit traffic and/or alert drivers of an at-risk child in the area. **(Tabled for information gathering)**

MOTION: Motion to Take item from table

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: NBSD Representative Newman
Motion Passed 8-0

Lucas Pichler advised that Item 23-19 had been on the table for several months and simply required a decision from Safety Committee on how to proceed with the agenda item. Pichler provided a synopsis of Item 23-19 as a reminder for the members of the Safety Commission who were present when the request was first made and for the members of the Safety Commission who were new and were not aware of the request.

Pichler noted that it although it seemed that the family making the request for the signs had done everything that they could to provide safeguards for the safety of their child, he had some concerns with the Safety Committee recommending the installation of the signs being requested. Pichler advised his initial concern with the request for the specific signs being requested was that they would not be standard signs and that the signs being requested would not provide any actual guidance to drivers as to what to do when viewing the signs. Pichler also advised although there were some communities that had installed signs like the signs being requested, there were also some communities that chose not to install signs like the signs being requested. Pichler further noted that Wisconsin Department of Transportation specifically did not install signs like the signs being requested. Pichler also added his concern with the Safety Commission recommending the installation of the signs being requested could lead to a precedent, which could also result in the City installing similar signs for all future similar requests. Matt Newman and Justin Schulpus also agreed with Pichler's concern about creating a precedent for the Safety Commission and the City.

MOTION: Motion to not install the additional specific signs being requested, based on setting a precedent for the Safety Commission and the City

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Battalion Chief Schulpus
Motion Passed 8-0

C. **24-5:** Alderman La Fever (via a resident) has requested the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Riviera Drive and El Dorado Drive. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

MOTION: Motion to Take item from table

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson Garrigues
Motion Passed 8-0

Tammy Simonson provided an overview of the complaint, as well as speed study data for Riviera Drive, which was collected between 06/24/24 – 06/28/24, and El Dorado Drive, which was collected between 08/05/24 – 08/14/24. The speed study data showed the average speed in the 15600 block of Riviera Drive, between 06/24/24 – 06/28/24, was 22 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations was one percent. The speed study data showed the average speed in the 15800 block of Riviera Drive, between 06/24/24 – 06/28/24, was 22 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations was two percent. The speed study data showed the average speed in one location on El Dorado Drive, between 08/05/24 – 08/09/24, was 22 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations was one percent. The speed study data showed the average speed in a second location on El Dorado Drive, between 08/05/24 – 08/14/24, was 23 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations was zero percent. Simonson also noted that the traffic volumes on both Riviera Drive and on El Dorado Drive were low. Simonson further added that there had been two crashes at the intersection of Riviera Drive and El Dorado Drive (2013 and 2021). Simonson explained that she utilized the data collected and entered it into a Two-Way Stop/Yield Guidelines analysis program to determine if stop signs were warranted at the intersection of Riviera Drive and El Dorado Drive. Simonson advised that based on the program's recommendations, stop signs (and yield signs) were not recommended at the intersection of Riviera Drive and El Dorado Drive.

MOTION: Motion to take no further action on the request for the installation of stop signs

VOTE: Motion by: NBSD Representative Newman
Second by: Alderperson Garrigues
Motion Passed 8-0

- D. 24-8:** A resident has requested an evaluation of 149th Street, between Cleveland Avenue and Janice Place, to determine if the installation of speed humps is warranted. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

Item not discussed

7. SET MEETING DATE

- A.** Wednesday, September 11th, 2024

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:48 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Staff Designee Rocklewitz
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 8-0

Dave Rocklewitz, Safety Commission Secretary