

Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES



October 9, 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 6:01 PM, by Caleb Manske.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present:, Mary English, Charlotte Kroupa (Alderwoman), Mitchell Lataille, Caleb Manske (Chair), Lucas Pichler (DPW), Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD), Tammy Simonson (Engineering), Anne-Marie St. John

Absent (excused): Chuck Garrigues, Matt Newman (SDNB), Justin Schulpus (NBFD)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. **24-15:** A resident has expressed concerns about speeding vehicles in the 13800 block of Wilbur Drive. The resident has requested a stop sign at the intersection of Wilbur Drive and Wilbur Court and/or additional speed limit signs and children at play signs.

Aaron Eastman spoke about the request, noting that he had made a similar complaint about speeding vehicles on Wilbur Drive to the Safety Commission in about 2019; however, he was not sure of the outcome of the previous request. Eastman elaborated on the current request, advising that he had concerns about speeding vehicles on Wilbur Drive, specifically because of the number of children that resided in the area. Eastman requested consideration for any measures that would result in slower vehicle speeds, to include the installation of speed limit signs, stop signs, speed humps, and/or "Children at Play" signs. Eastman also added that he would be willing to personally donate up to \$3,000 to be used toward the purchase of an electronic speed sign, if that was an option.

Caleb Manske addressed the stop sign request, noting that stop signs were approved based on engineering guidelines. Manske advised that based on the location of the request, he would be hesitant to recommend the installation of stop signs, specifically noting that stop signs at Wilbur Drive and Wilbur Court would result in additional problems because they would not be warranted. Tammy Simonson addressed the "Children at Play" sign request, noting that studies of those types of signs have shown them to not be effective.

Mitchell Lataille inquired about the previous request, from 2019, asking if it was known what came of that request. Simonson located speed study data from 2020 (13600 block of Wilbur Drive), which indicated that vehicle's average speeds were 24 MPH. Simonson advised that the Engineering Department could

conduct another speed study. Charlotte Kroupa asked about the current location of speed limit signs in the area. Simonson determined that there was a speed limit sign, which also included a “Slow, Children at Play” sign, on Wilbur Drive, just east of Sunny Slope Road. Lucas Pichler added that there were standards for the location of speed limit signs, which would include one at the entrance to a residential area; therefore, there was a standard speed limit sign already in place. Kroupa inquired about the possibility of adding an additional speed limit sign. Simonson advised adding another speed limit sign was an option, but noted that there was no current data that would warrant an additional speed limit sign. Lataille suggested that the Engineering Department conduct a speed study to gather data. Manske agreed with Lataille’s suggestion, noting that it would not be prudent to do anything without current data.

MOTION: Motion to have the Engineering Department conduct a speed study

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Board Member Lataille
Motion Passed 8-0

- Citizens providing comments on this issue:
 - Aaron Eastman, 13820 W. Wilbur Drive

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. **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)

MOTION: Motion to Take item from table

VOTE: Motion by: City Engineer Simonson
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 8-0

Simonson provided the traffic study data results, which was collected in September 2024. According to the speed study data collected in the 2100 block of 149th Street, which was collected between 09/23/24 – 09/30/24, the average vehicle speed was 28 MPH, and the enforcement rating was “Low,” (nine percent enforceable violations). According to the speed study data collected in the 3200 block of 149th Street, which was collected between 09/23/24 – 09/30/24, the average vehicle speed was 27 MPH, and the enforcement rating was “Low,” (five percent enforceable violations).

Simonson stated that when she was setting up the traffic counters, she observed that it appeared northbound traffic on 149th Street, north of Dakota Street, appeared to be traveling faster than southbound traffic. Simonson stated that based on her observations, she believed that the stop signs at 149th Street and Dakota Street did not appear to be warranted.

Manske asked if anyone had any thoughts, specifically related to the request for speed hump installation. The consensus was that based on the data collected from multiple speed studies, speed humps did not appear to be warranted.

MOTION: Motion to take no action on the request for speed humps, based on the data collected

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

- C. 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. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

MOTION: Motion to Take item from table

VOTE: Motion by: City Engineer Simonson
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 8-0

Simonson provided the traffic study data results, which was collected in September 2024. According to the speed study data collected in the 14900 block of Small Road, which was collected between 09/09/24 – 09/16/24, the average vehicle speed was 25 MPH, and the enforcement rating was "Low," (four percent enforceable violations). According to the speed study data collected in the 5000 block of Small Road, which was collected between 09/09/24 – 09/16/24, the average vehicle speed was 32 MPH, and the enforcement rating was "High," (29% enforceable violations).

Simonson noted that Small Road had wide shoulders and properties with houses and trees cut back, which made it easier to speed. Simonson stated that although the request to the Safety Commission was to consider installation of speed humps on Small Road, there were also other traffic calming measures that could reduce speeding concerns. Simonson referenced the Federal Highway Administration Traffic Calming ePrimer and discussed some of the other traffic calming measures, which included chicanes (with or without medians) and road diets. Simonson noted that Small Road was scheduled for repaving in 2027, which would be the best time to consider potential major roadway changes. Lucas Pichler added that Small Road used to be a county highway, therefore, he recommended pursuing future roadway improvements to make the roadway more consistent with local roads.

MOTION: Motion to take the following actions:

1. Take no action on the request for speed humps, but refer the concern and data to the Engineering Department for consideration of redesign with other traffic calming measures when the roadway is scheduled for repaving in 2027
2. Refer the information to the Police Department for increased law enforcement presence

VOTE: Motion by: Staff Designee Rocklewitz
Second by: Board Member English
Motion Passed 8-0

- D. 24-14:** A resident has expressed concerns about vehicles' speeds on Egofsk Road, between National Avenue and Martin Road. The resident has requested consideration for the installation of speed humps. The resident has also expressed concerns about visibility for drivers traveling on Egofsk Road, around the curve just south of Martha Drive. The resident has requested that the Streets Department assess the area near the curve to determine if trees and/or brush can be trimmed to enhance visibility for drivers. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

MOTION: Motion to Take item from table

VOTE: Motion by: City Engineer Simonson
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 8-0

Simonson provided the traffic study data results, which was collected in September 2024. According to the speed study data collected in the 5300 block of Egofsk Road, which was collected between 09/16/24 – 09/20/24, the average vehicle speed was 26 MPH, and the enforcement rating was "Low," (nine percent enforceable violations). According to the speed study data collected in the 5400 block of Egofsk Road,

which was collected between 09/16/24 – 09/20/24, the average vehicle speed was 23 MPH, and the enforcement rating was “Low,” (three percent enforceable violations).

Simonson commented on the speed study data, noting that the speeding concern appeared to be more of a perceived problem than a significant or consistent problem. Lucas Pichler also added that the Streets Department still had not yet cut back the brush, but would be in the future.

MOTION: Motion to take no action on the request for speed humps, based on the data collected

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

7. SET MEETING DATE

A. Wednesday, November 13th, 2024

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 7:18 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Board Member English
Motion Passed 8-0