



City of Ketchum

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 8, 2018 9:00AM
Ketchum City Hall Council Chambers
480 East Avenue North
Ketchum, Idaho

Present: Suzanne Frick, City Administrator
Brian Christiansen, Director of Streets & Facilities
David Kassner, Chief of Police
Michael David, Councilmember
Jake Losinski, City Management Analyst
Wally Morgus, Executive Director of Mountain Rides
Kelli Trapp, Recording Secretary

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM by City Administrator Suzanne Frick

New Business

2. Adoption of Minutes

October 11, 2018

MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2018

MOVER: David Kassner

SECONDER: Brian Christiansen

All in favor

Action Items

3. Discussion about mid-block driveways and alley access

Suzanne Frick stated that in the past the City's philosophy has been to minimize the number of curb cuts on the streets. When there is an alley the City requires alley access so that we are not disrupting the pedestrian flow on the sidewalks and causing vehicle pedestrian conflicts in and out of driveways. A number of projects have been coming in asking for curb cuts and not having access off of the alley. Brian Christiansen asked to clarify if the promotion of alley access is specifically for residential, core or is it encompassed in all streets? Frick said that from a pedestrian standpoint it does not matter if you're in a residential or commercial area, the driveway has a tendency to create a conflict. David Kassner said it interferes with traffic flow and parking in the core and that is the bigger issue. Christiansen stated there are a couple of issues as to how alleys are classified in the Code or they are not designed or in our Code for primary access. In a residential area, if an alley becomes a primary roadway, there is no room for snow storage and drainage. The City has been encouraging primary access off of alleys and as they are getting developed residents are wanting the City to maintain alleyways. The problem with that is there is not enough room for snow storage. On all the alleys in the core there is no room to store snow so they remove snow from the alley and put it in the street and they cannot do that same thing in a residential area because there's no room to put the snow. Kassner asked if it works any better if they look at doing just the core in the tourist zones. Christiansen agreed adding that there is value in that. Most of the alleys in the residential areas are maintained by the homeowners and they know that gong into it. *Frick will go back and say tourist, core area, off the alley and in residential zones it's primarily off the street at this point in time. That is the direction that they will be giving applicants.*

Items not on the agenda:

Michael David spoke about the bus stop in front of Kentwood and Wrap City and Mountain Rides' desire next spring to get more red curb to the north as it is a challenge to stop the bus, turn and hang out at River Street. They will see how the new theater works out. *Christiansen has taken a look at River Street and will make sure that they have access.*

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn at 9:16 AM

Mover: Michael David

Secunder: David Kassner

All in favor