



City of Ketchum

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 19, 2018 9:00AM
Ketchum City Hall Council Chambers
480 East Avenue North
Ketchum, Idaho

Present: Mayor Neil Bradshaw
Suzanne Frick, City Administrator
Lisa Enourato, Assistant City Administrator
David Kassner, Chief of Police
Brian Christiansen, Director of Streets & Facilities
John Gaeddert, Director of Planning & Building
Michael David, Councilmember
Craig Spiller, Ketchum business owner
Carol Flanagan, Ketchum business owner
John Melin, Ketchum business owner
Dain Hamilton, Ketchum business owner
Susan Martin, Ketchum resident
Linda Badell, Ketchum business owner
George Golleher, Ketchum business owner
Louise Shaw, Ketchum business owner
Deanna Melin, Ketchum business owner
Baird Gourlay, Ketchum business owner
Charles Stuhlberg, Ketchum business owner
Wendy Muir, Ketchum business owner
Julie Johnson, Ketchum business owner
Barry Peterson, Ketchum business owner
Jim Slanetz, Ketchum business owner
Karin Reichon, Ketchum business owner
Matt Gorby, patron of Ketchum businesses
Kelli Trapp, Recording secretary

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by City Administrator Suzanne Frick

New Business

2. Adoption of Minutes

June 14, 2018

MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2018

MOVER: David Kassner

SECONDER: John Gaeddert

All in favor

Action items (Agenda Action Item Number 4)

3. Discussion on alley parking between 4th Street and Sun Valley Road

Some Ketchum business owners were in attendance to express their concern with the alley parking behind Town Square between 4th Street and Sun Valley Road. The Traffic Authority heard this matter about three months ago as we are starting to have more events and the desire was to reclaim that space for activities and for the public to use on a regular basis for those events. The Traffic Authority decided to reactivate the space as part of Town Square and see how it goes during the summer. Some of the City business owners spoke about wanting the City to give back the 15 minute parking spaces and how it would benefit their businesses. Suzanne Frick said that it is up to the Traffic Authority to discuss and decide if the decision that was previously made will be changed. David Kassner said that the alleys, by Ordinance, are allowed to be used for loading/unloading, grabbing a cup of coffee or using the restroom and it is not against the Ordinance to do so. It really is what the alleys are for; customers to load and unload their vehicles. Kassner thought they were improving the flow when they removed those parking spots. Regarding the two parking places behind the stage where the dumpsters are, they cannot allow cars to park there because it is a restriction by Idaho Power said Kassner. Kassner added that the dumpsters are tipped at an angle due to the garbage trucks having to come in at a specific angle and the Fire Department needs 20 feet of clear space as well. Michael David said that they are not supposed to encourage additional traffic in those alleys. Frick stated that they need all of the information on the financial commitments made before activation of the space, it is a balance. Kassner agreed saying it hinges on knowing what the prior commitments are and said that if you own a business your parking is either going to be for customers or employees. He added since 1990 when restricted parking came in employees are absorbing the parking spots. Kassner stated that there are 800-900 unrestricted parking spaces in town and the majority of parking citations written are to merchants and their employees. Michael David said the 15 minute parking spots cannot drive one decision for the entire community. Kassner added that the Traffic Authority will convene a special meeting after they see the commitments made. *Frick stated that the Traffic Authority will do the research and take a look at what exists if they were to pull the planters back 8 feet and reconvene when they have all the information.*

(Agenda Action Item Number 3)

4. Discussion and action on installing a mirror by the old grinder going out onto 4th Street where Gary's Gallery was, near Irving's Hill to help with visibility for pedestrians crossing 4th Street.

David Kassner spoke with a resident who said that when people pull out due to the way that the building is you have to pull up onto the sidewalk to see if anyone is coming. Kassner thinks it is a valid safety concern. The mirror would be to see pedestrians coming from the east heading west. Brian Christiansen asked if it would be better to have the mirror on the building side as placement is huge and pedestrians would be able to use it as well as drivers. *Christiansen stated he will go out to the location as soon as we get the mirror to ensure adequate placement.*

MOTION:

Motion to install a mirror going out onto 4th Street Irving's Hill to help with visibility

MOVER: David Kassner

SECONDER: Michael David

All in favor

5. Discussion on a crosswalk at Warm Springs Road and Bald Mountain

Frick said that The Traffic Authority has received numerous requests for a crosswalk because it's not easy to cross at that location. Frick stated it should be on the easterly end of the corner. Christiansen said there is a bus stop on the other side of the corner and wondered how the other side would line up. Usually when they put crosswalks there needs to be signage with that. The group agreed on a crosswalk at Warm Springs Road and Bald Mountain. *Christiansen will get the details on the signage.*

6. Discussion on the use of the Warm Springs bike path for loading and unloading delivery vehicles

Michael David stated that many times there are delivery trucks on the bike path which then forces pedestrians and bicyclists onto the street. Christiansen agreed that something needs to be done. David said the delivery trucks should leave half of the path open & put their flashers on when making deliveries. *Frick said she will have Jake speak to UPS, Fed Ex, Sysco and the area landscapers and let them know what the Traffic Authority is asking them to do. Kassner will inform the Community Service Officers as well.*

Items not on the agenda:

Christiansen said that the Community Service Officers are asking for more red curb on the corner of Sun Valley Road and Washington Avenue across from Smoky Mountain Pizza. Christiansen said that it was at one time painted back further instead of the standard twenty feet. Cars coming around that corner cannot see people coming up the hill and people coming up the hill can't see nor can pedestrians. Christiansen went to the location to see it and he agrees that it is an issue and more red curb is needed. Christiansen added that there is an additional 17 feet before the twenty foot red zone that can be used. *Christiansen will take that 17 feet for more red curb.*

Christiansen said that on 1st Avenue between Sun Valley Road and 2nd Street on the east side of the street there is an access to an empty lot curb drop that is not painted. The Community Service Officers are asking why it is not painted as parking. It is painted as an access because there is a curb drop. *The group agreed that the public could park there.*

Kassner said there is an electrician that came in to speak with him about parking in the city while trying to work for two to three hours at various locations and *the group agreed discretion should be used by the Community Service Officers in regards to the parking of trades servicing area businesses.*

Kassner stated as summer is here speeding is becoming a problem and if we had more speed control signs that can be moved around town it would make an impact on controlling speeding. *Christiansen agreed that it would be a good idea, as they are moveable, to purchase the signs and shift them around.*

Michael David suggested that they put in street pedestrian crossing signs on the bike path at Warm Springs and the south end of the YMCA lot. *Christiansen will take a look at it to see feasibility.*

Michael David said that Mountain Rides needs additional bus space in front of Wrap City because northbound busses stopping at Kentwood Lodge are blocking the intersection of River and Main Street. Christiansen said what they've done in the past is measure it out first to see if there is room. *Christiansen will measure the location in front of Wrap City.*

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn at 11:58 AM

Mover: Michael David

Secunder: Brian Christiansen

All in favor