

KETCHUM TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2018 9:00 AM

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
Michael David, Councilmember
Courtney Hamilton, Councilmember
John Gaeddert, Director of Planning & Building
Linda Badell, Ketchum business owner
Deanna Melin, Ketchum business owner
Craig Spiller, Ketchum business owner
Jane Rizzo, Ketchum business owner
Susie Atkinson, Ketchum business owner
Baird Gourlay, Ketchum business owner

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:06 AM by City Administrator Suzanne Frick. Many Ketchum business owners were in attendance to express their concern with the removal of the fifteen minute parking spaces near their businesses. Linda Badell co-owner of The Vault spoke about cars blocking the alley prohibiting garbage and delivery trucks from pulling in. Badell said that cars pull in to use the restroom or to get coffee and block other cars in. Additionally, someone lost a paid parking spot that they maintain due to the dumpster being moved. Badell asked the Traffic Authority “why take away five parking spaces for the year”? Baird Gourlay spoke next about the same issue. Gourlay suggested the planters be moved back and cone off the area for the Farmer’s Market. This would make it so businesses can function added Gourlay. Jane Rizzo of Starbuck’s spoke next about how she and her husband have heard from community members how people feel uninformed on the removal of the parking spaces and that no polls were taken on the subject. Rizzo said that people are frustrated because they have quite a few customers who are elderly but not handicapped that use the spot. Rizzo added that 15 minute parking serves not only the businesses near the alley but the whole community. She added that she would like the opportunity as well as the community, if this were made an agenda item so that they all could voice their opinions on the matter. Mayor Neil Bradshaw then spoke about finding a balance through dialogue and discussion and that safety was the most important issue. Mayor Bradshaw said that alleys are not designed to be roads or thoroughfares and he would like to see the enforcement of parking management. We don’t want to see the back of businesses blocked off. Mayor Bradshaw said that the City would like to design what works best for walkability connection. One of the things the City is trying to do is to get business owners to park outside the core and walk to their businesses. Deanna Melin co-owner of The Vault spoke about her elderly customers coming to her business with car loads of furniture having to walk. She said it’s frustrating to see parking meters not being used. Melin added that more and more parking is being taken away and it doesn’t serve our tourists or businesses. Suzanne Frick thanked the business owners for coming and said that we will agendize this issue on the July Traffic Authority meeting. Frick added that they would take a look at it and discuss it with the Community Service Officers to maybe do more proactive enforcement in that area. Frick explained that the alleys do allow short term loading and unloading on a regular basis so customers in the short term could stop in the alley adjacent to the business to load or unload. Frick stated it is perfectly acceptable, and legal but parking beyond 30 minutes

is prohibited. Baird Gourlay asked for clarification on the process & asked if they could appeal to the City Council to speed up the process before July 4th. Frick said that she will be in touch and see about possibly having a Special Meeting regarding the issue.

2. Adoption of Minutes

May 10, 2018

MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2018

MOVER: Dave Kassner

SECONDER: John Gaeddert

All in favor

3. Discussion and action to remove the no parking restrictions in the alley adjacent to Cristina's Restaurant

David Kassner talked about a condo owner whose property faces Walnut that has difficulty turning in and out of his garage due to the parking in the 30 ft. alley when he comes to town for two weeks during the year. The group discussed that those spots are not being used for the rest of the year and those spots are not accessible due to those signs. Kassner stated those signs should come out and there is enough room for the condo owner pulling in and out of his driveway if cars were parked there. Kassner added that the signs could come out and the posts left in for when the condo owner was in town. Kassner added that there is no point in having those two restricted parking spots. Michael David added that parallel parking by delivery trucks in the alley should not be a problem. There is parking allowed on the south to the west edge.

MOTION:

Motion to remove the two parking restrictions in the alley adjacent to Cristina's Restaurant

MOVER: John Gaeddert

SECONDER: Michael David

All in favor

4. Discussion and action to reduce or eliminate red curb markings on Main Street, 1st Street and River Street around the vicinity of the Limelight Hotel and US Bank building

Michael David said that the Mountain Ride busses need 80 feet for the busses in front of the Limelight. Kassner said the area in front of the Limelight needs to have the red zone due to the big driveway. The two red zones on the corner of Main and the one on 1st can be shortened to the stop light. This would add parking on 1st. Gaeddert made a motion to remove some of the red on Main St. north of the intersection of 1st on the west side and then on the north side of 1st street remove it subject to final verification. Kassner said if those were parking spots before there is no reason not to allow parking there now. Frick added that David and Brian can go out there and determine from a safety standpoint what red area can be removed.

MOTION:

Motion to remove some of the red curb area on Main Street after safety standpoint determination

MOVER: John Gaeddert

SECONDER: Michael David

All in favor

5. Discussion on a proposal to install speed bumps on Bald Mountain Road at the request of resident Ben Flandro

The group discussed this issue and viewed the map from Ben Flandro. Frick stated that speed bumps are fraught with issues. Kassner stated that speed is not a problem in that area and added that studies

show speed bumps do not necessarily slow vehicles down. Kassner added that studies have shown that people go faster when approaching a speed bump as well as speed up when leaving a speed bump. Kassner said that they have gone and set speed checks there and set the radar trailer and the average speed was 18mph. The oversized trees do affect the line of sight when they get so big. Frick said that we can deal with the oversized trees and do that all the time. *The group decided no on the speed bumps but that they would take care of the trees.*

6. Discussion on striping of Warm Springs Road for bicycle access from the Wood River Trail crossing to 10th Street to connect the new Warm Springs Road bike lane to the Wood River Trail

Frick stated that since Warm Springs is now under construction and the stripers are out doing work, now is the time to make the decision regarding connections. Frick said that they will speak to the stripers and explained that the City is putting in a dedicated bike lane on Warm Springs up the hill. The group has to decide what the connection should be at the crossing of the trail on Warm Springs to the new bike path. Gaeddert suggested to stripe from the bike path and to connect then you have two options from the YMCA to either go straight or turn left and then you're connected and have a straight shot into town. *Frick said that they will talk to the stripers.*

7. Discussion on fire hydrant sign at Heidelberg Hill

Kassner received a call from the neighbors regarding people parking in front of the fire hydrant at Heidelberg Hill. *Kassner suggested having Community Service enforce this problem by going out to the area and ticketing cars parked in front of the hydrant and the group was in agreement.*

8. Discussion on the partially uncontrolled intersection at 5th Street and 1st Avenue

Michael David told the group about small children at this intersection for a long time waiting to cross the street. There is no crosswalk on the east side. Cars fly down the steep hill and there is no stop sign there. Kassner said that a raised crosswalk could work but that would be a big problem for drainage. Kassner suggested putting flags out. He said the kids enjoy using the flags. Frick said to have someone take a look at it. *Frick added they can put in the pedestrian flags while it is being studied.*

9. Discussion on the possible installation of in-street pedestrian crossing signs at the intersection of 4th Street and Main Street as well as at the crossing of the bike path and Warm Springs Road (north of YMCA)

Michael David spoke to the group about in-street pedestrian crossing signs and the safety issues of pedestrians crossing intersections. David added that many communities have them and they can be temporary for the summer. Drivers turn and sometimes the driver's behind the cars turning go around the vehicle turning and pedestrians are out of the line of sight. The pedestrian crossing signs are a calming device and another reminder for drivers to be cognizant of pedestrians and bicyclists. David said that they would have to get ITD's blessing. One at Warm Springs Road at the crosswalk by the YMCA would be a good location as well as the intersection of 4th and Main Streets due to the heavy pedestrian and cyclist traffic there. Frick said that they would need an engineer's approval since they will be placed in the street. *Frick said that they could take a look at it & the intersections that they have control over.*

10. Discussion on requesting ITD to add a green turn arrow on Main Street to indicate to drivers and pedestrians that automobiles will be making left hand turns onto Sun Valley Road.

Michael David explained that this was more long term and he would like to ask ITD on the north and south bound left hand lane to have a four slot thing that has a green arrow along with a green light so that pedestrians understand. David added that it does say "proceed on green" but it is not very noticeable. Many drivers who aren't familiar with the area would benefit as well. *Frick stated that the City has spoken to ITD about it and ITD said it was not a problem if Ketchum wants to do the engineering on it and pay for it as well.*

Items not on the agenda

11. David Kassner was asked by an elderly citizen if the City could put a mirror by the old grinder going out onto 4th where Gary's Gallery was, near Irving's Hill. As the citizen is crossing 4th she cannot see to get out. *Kassner suggested to maybe put this item on the next Traffic Authority agenda.*

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn at 10:32 AM

Mover: Michael David

Secunder: David Kassner

All in favor