

Ketchum Traffic Authority

Thursday, February 8, 2019 9:00 AM
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
Micah Austin, Director of Planning & Building
Ben Varner, Interim Director of Mountain Rides
Michael David, Councilmember
Robin Crotty, Recording Secretary

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Suzanne Frick

New Business

2. Adoption of minutes

January 18, 2018

MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2018

MOVER: Brian Christiansen

SECONDER: Dave Kassner

All in favor

3. Discussion on the request from Mountain Rides for a new proposed eastbound and westbound bus stop on Sun Valley Road west of Second Ave.

Ben Varner talked about improving service and about the request he received to add a bus stop on each side of Sun Valley Road, west of 2nd Ave. He explained that the curve where the stop is proposed was looked at as well as safety. There is high density and poor infrastructure in that underserved area, which is the silver route. After review the group agreed the stop would be productive and are asking for city support of 45 feet of red curb. No new curb is required. Ben Varner explained that this would be replacing the old Ski Tech stop. Michael David explained it opens the Bird Drive properties for access to the bus. Brian Christiansen explained the process for striping and said his staff will measure it out in case striping is required. Suzanne Frick questioned if the two adjacent properties are in agreement. Varner advised that an outreach has not been done yet but if this request is granted they will start the outreach. Ben Varner confirmed it will be the closest stop to Edelweiss and the group agreed that this is a good location. Christiansen recommended that Mountain Rides get permission for the No Stopping and Bus Stop signs from the property owners. If there is going to be a trial period he suggested cones until signs and curb painting is completed. Varner advised if this works out they will look at permanent improvements to the bus stop as part of the improvement project. David advised a bench would be a good idea. Austin questioned the lighting and Varner advised that this is a day time silver route and the new Mountain Ride signs are motion detected. Ben Varner will contact Brian Christiansen to proceed after property owners have been contacted.

MOTION:

Motion to add the bus stop.

Mover: Chief Dave Kassner

Secunder: Micah Austin

All in Favor

4. Discussion on 480 North Walnut (property at the corner of Walnut & 5th) they are requesting a two-hour sign on Walnut or 5th. The property owners are looking for guest parking.

Brian Christiansen advised that owners of this property came in to talk to Grant Gager. They advised that they do not have parking for their guests and are requiring 2-hour parking. Dave Kassner showed pictures of parking on Walnut and 5th at 8am. Kassner advised that he believes their driveway can hold a minimum of 3 cars. He is not in favor of enforcing 2-hour

parking in that area. He talked about the library getting rid of parking in front of the children's area. The city is in the process of making that entire area completely 2-hour parking, so this may not be an issue. Frick talked about the ability to park in the LDS church parking lot. The group does not see how they can have a problem getting out of their driveway. Christiansen advised he thinks it is a visibility issue, not a parking issue and offered painting the corner as a suggestion. *All agreed there will be no change. Brian Christiansen will advise Grant Gager of the Traffic Authority's decision.*

Old Business

5. Discussion of the timing and programming of the traffic signal lights and pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Main Street and Sun Valley Rd

Michael David has been watching this light as a Mountain Rides Bus driver and a walker. He talked about the left-hand turn heading south on Main Street heading towards Sun Valley and pedestrians crossing against the light out of confusion. He believes the pedestrians do not know the cars have the right of way there. It is not user friendly for the pedestrians or the drivers. He doesn't know what can be done but wanted to bring it to the board's attention.

Austin advised that ITD has said the lights are safe but maybe not pedestrian friendly. He thinks we should talk to ITD to make sure that it is safe. David said that it is very confusing to visitors and that the residents may understand because they are accustomed to it. Christiansen said that he talked to ITD about a month ago and ITD advised that it is safe. ITD advised him that the City will need to make a recommendation to have it changed. Christiansen advised that a cost analysis of change was done, and the cost would be \$150,000 to make a change. Christiansen advised that past administration made changes that were able to fix the problem but by doing so caused a new problem.

David suggested a road diet and Frick advised we could do a traffic analysis. David voiced concerns about a left hand turn without a turn arrow saying that light favors traffic, not pedestrians. A cost of study was discussed along with the fact that it is a safety concern. *The board agreed that they would like to have a study done. Austin advised that he will talk to the KURA about assisting with that cost for a Main Street traffic study. David advised that SVED is looking at this for Economic Development as well.*

6. Discussion on naming of the alleys

Micah Austin advised we would need to know cost and if we have space for signs. As soon as we figure that out we would need a community process and council approval. He talked about KURA involvement and their thoughts behind it. Micah does not want to bring this to the KURA unless this board is in favor.

Brian Christiansen spoke about the challenges of snow removal and other equipment that would be needed and snow storage is an issue as well. He said it can be done if that's what the city wants but will create some issues. David asked Christiansen if he had priorities of what alleys could be done. Christiansen talked about the paved alleys in West Ketchum and that the property owners are responsible for them. David asked if this could be a phased project. Dave Kassner talked about dispatch and doesn't think it would hurt to have them named. Frick advised that it would be a decision of the council and there are other priorities for council at this time. Austin thinks this would be a long-term strategy for Ketchum. He would like to see the alleys named but there is not immediate need. David agreed and said that sidewalks are more of a priority at this time. The pros and cons of alley naming were discussed. *Micah Austin advised that he will shelf this idea for the time being.*

7. Additional topic

Michael David talked about the Warm Springs & 10th Street intersection and the need for a stop sign. He gave personal experiences he has seen and doesn't know what to do in that area. Frick said she will check to see if there is going to be some detailed analysis in the traffic plan. Austin advised that there is not an easy fix for that area. The pros and cons and locations of roundabouts were discussed. Austin gave details about the ADA report that was completed. He will forward the report to the group. Christiansen advised that the City is in need of an inventory of all the sidewalks. The ramps and construction of the City's new sidewalks was also discussed. *Austin advised that the ADA issues are all solvable except the current City Hall building.*

MOTION

Motion to adjourn at 10:06 am

Mover: Suzanne Frick

Secunder: Michael David

All in Favor