



City of Ketchum

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:00AM
Ketchum City Hall Council Chambers
480 East Avenue North
Ketchum, Idaho

Present: Suzanne Frick, City Administrator
David Kassner, Ketchum Chief of Police
Brian Christiansen, Director of Streets & Facilities
John Gaeddert, Director of Planning & Building
Michael David, Councilmember
Joseph Meek, ITD Traffic Engineer
Steve Cook, AIA, Ketchum resident
Steve Morcone, Ketchum resident
Jeff Loomis, Galena Engineering
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

July 11, 2019

MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019

MOVER: John Gaeddert

SECONDER: Dave Kassner

All in favor

Action Items

3. Discussion with Joe Meek, ITD Traffic Engineer about a Ped Scramble at SV Road and Main St (photo attached)

Joe Meek explained the functions of a Ped Scramble and stated that he's seeing a large amount of pedestrian traffic and tourist activity on Main Street. He would like to get everyone around town safely and get freight across and through town as well. He is having trouble lining up the time west bound on Sun Valley Rd as many drivers and pedestrians are confused. For that reason, he is looking at a Ped Scramble at that intersection. The PED Scramble could be linked to the HAWK system on River St. Meek explained that he cannot coordinate those signals with RFB's and with RFB's there is no control over them. Meek said that a Ped Scramble is a good solution that would work with the HAWK. *Meek added that he would like to see how it works on Sun Valley Rd and if it attracts more pedestrians and then see how it could work at other locations.*

4. Discussion with Joe Meek on a possible HAWK system at River St (for the Ketchum Boutique Hotel) that could be coordinated with the signal (photo attached)

Meek explained a HAWK system. HAWK stands for High Intensity Activated Crosswalk and is pedestrian activated. Meek said he believes that a HAWK system will help keep pedestrians safer in getting them around town. When a pedestrian is at River St, they can activate the HAWK which will stop traffic and show a hand symbol and then begin a countdown and talk to the signal at Sun Valley Rd. Frick asked if there is something that we can have that would sense when cyclists approach the HAWK, so they don't have to get off their bike and press the button in order to cross. Meek said yes, he can set something up so it can sense

when someone is there. Meek said the hardware would go up and over in the driver's lane and we would need the hardware at River and 6th.

5. Adding a "Not A Through Street" sign at 1st St and East Avenue near the alley at Cristina's Restaurant for safety issues brought by Steve Cook, AIA (photo attached)

Steve Cook, AIA spoke about the speeding vehicles down the alley by Cristina's Restaurant progressively getting worse. Cook said that it has reached a level of urgency. Cook stated he sees a lot of people using the alley to avoid the stop sign at 2nd and East Avenue. Vehicles come speeding down the narrow alley and it has turned into a dangerous situation. Cook suggested placing a large "Not A Through Street" sign near the alley at Cristina's Restaurant by East Ave. The Group discussed various options along with the pros and cons of each. Jeff Loomis spoke about the traffic study they did when removing the stop sign at 1st and East Ave. Since then there has been more development and traffic, Loomis stated. *The Group decided on putting up three stop signs; one at the south end of the alley by Cristina's Restaurant, one at 2nd Ave northbound and one coming down the alley at 1st Ave.*

MOTION:

Motion to install three stop signs; one at the south end of the alley by Cristina's Restaurant, one at 2nd Ave northbound and one coming down the alley at 1st Ave

MOVER: John Gaeddert

SECONDER: Michael David

All in favor

6. Speed concerns on Bird Dr brought by Ketchum City Council President Michael David

Bird Drive resident Steve Marcone said that Bird Drive is the longest stretch of road with no controls and a lot of speeding is going on there. The Group discussed various options to control speeding on Bird Drive with Marcone. Christiansen said they could measure the roadway and see if there's enough width to paint a bike path on one side of the road. Suzanne Frick said that they would try to get something in that would not impede snow removal in the winter. Frick said we should measure the street and see how we can use striping. Michael David suggested painting center lines and fog lines. *Frick said that they would come up with a new striping plan. Christiansen added that it could be done after chip seal. David Kassner said that he would put the speed trailer on Bird Drive Friday, August 9th.*

7. Bike and pedestrian safety at the bike path at the Bigwood/Zenergy driveway

Michael David that there were a lot of near misses at the bike path of Saddle Rd and Thunder Trail. You have to pull up so far out in order to see incoming traffic. Frick said that we can do enforcement on the private landscaping there that is blocking the view of oncoming traffic. *Frick said after the streets have been resurfaced and we're going to do the striping, the Group will discuss what can be put there.*

8. Request for an RRFB at Main and 6th brought by Shannon Allen, general manager of Hotel Ketchum

Frick said that since many people are staying at the hotel the bus stop there has become popular. Christiansen agreed and said that one needs attention. Frick said that we would work with ITD on this for options and solutions as to how do we get pedestrians across this area and what would be the most effective. Meek said that he would like to take a look at that and see what we can do to make it safer. *Meek will meet with the Group after he takes a look at the location as we need ITD's approval.*

9. River access on Parkway Drive brought by Ketchum Police Chief Dave Kassner

Police Chief Dave Kassner said that a resident who was trying to fish was turned away by a homeowner that lives nearby. Kassner found railroad ties preventing anyone from accessing the area. The homeowner believes that this is private property and is blocking access from the road. It is close to the end of Parkway Drive. Frick said that vacant lot is private property, but the access way is public property. The Group agreed that we should put a sign there as signage would help. David added that we want people to be able to access the river. We will need to order one sign that says "Parking For Public Access" there. Christiansen suggested first getting the area surveyed and staked. It was clear where the access point was from the road a few years ago and now it's very vague Kassner added. *Frick said that we will recommit to this and Christiansen will add this to his list.*

10. Update on 1st Ave parking brought by Todd Mandeville, Ketchum Computers, 540 1st Ave N (photo attached)

Todd Mandeville was unable to make the meeting but sent an update to Frick and she read it at the meeting: "The 15 minute zone that was installed on 1st Ave continues to be of benefit. The parking during construction continues to be a challenge. Now that there is middle of the street parking on the north end of 1st Ave, it could be worth adding 2 hour parking to the sides of 1st Ave

between 5th and 6th St.” The Group discussed Mandeville’s update and decided to hold off on making any changes at this time. They want to wait until the two construction projects are completed and then evaluate the conditions at that time. The Group will be discussing contractor parking with the two contractors to deal with construction issues.

Motion:

Motion to adjourn at 11:15AM

MOVER: John Gaeddert

SECONDER: Michael David

All in favor

Photos for Action & Discussion Items:

Photo for Action Item 3 Discussion with Joe Meek, ITD Traffic Engineer, about a PED Scramble at SV Rd & Main St



Photo for Action Item Number 4 Discussion with Joe Meek on a possible HAWK system at River St (for the Ketchum Boutique Hotel) that could be coordinated with the signal

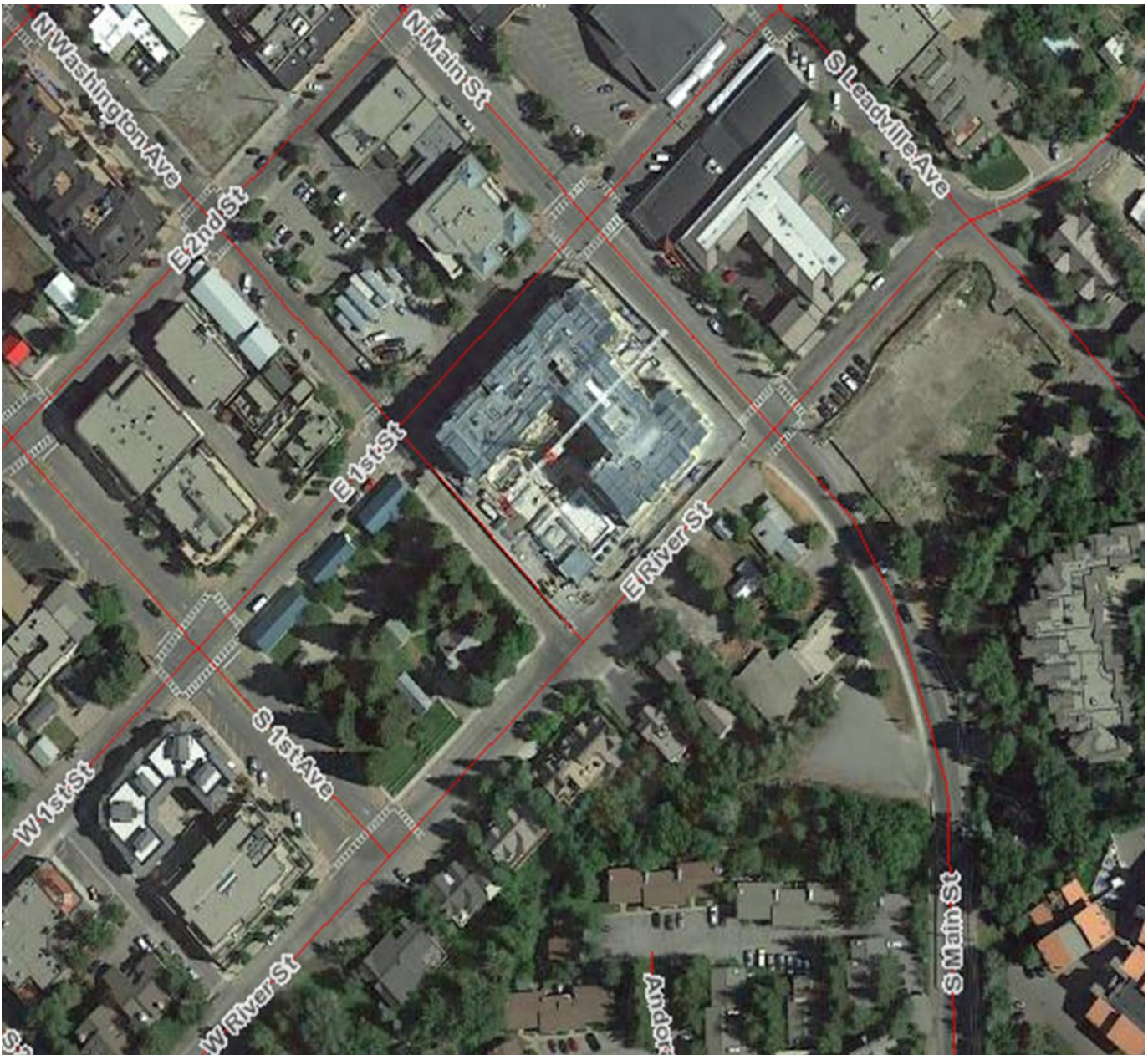
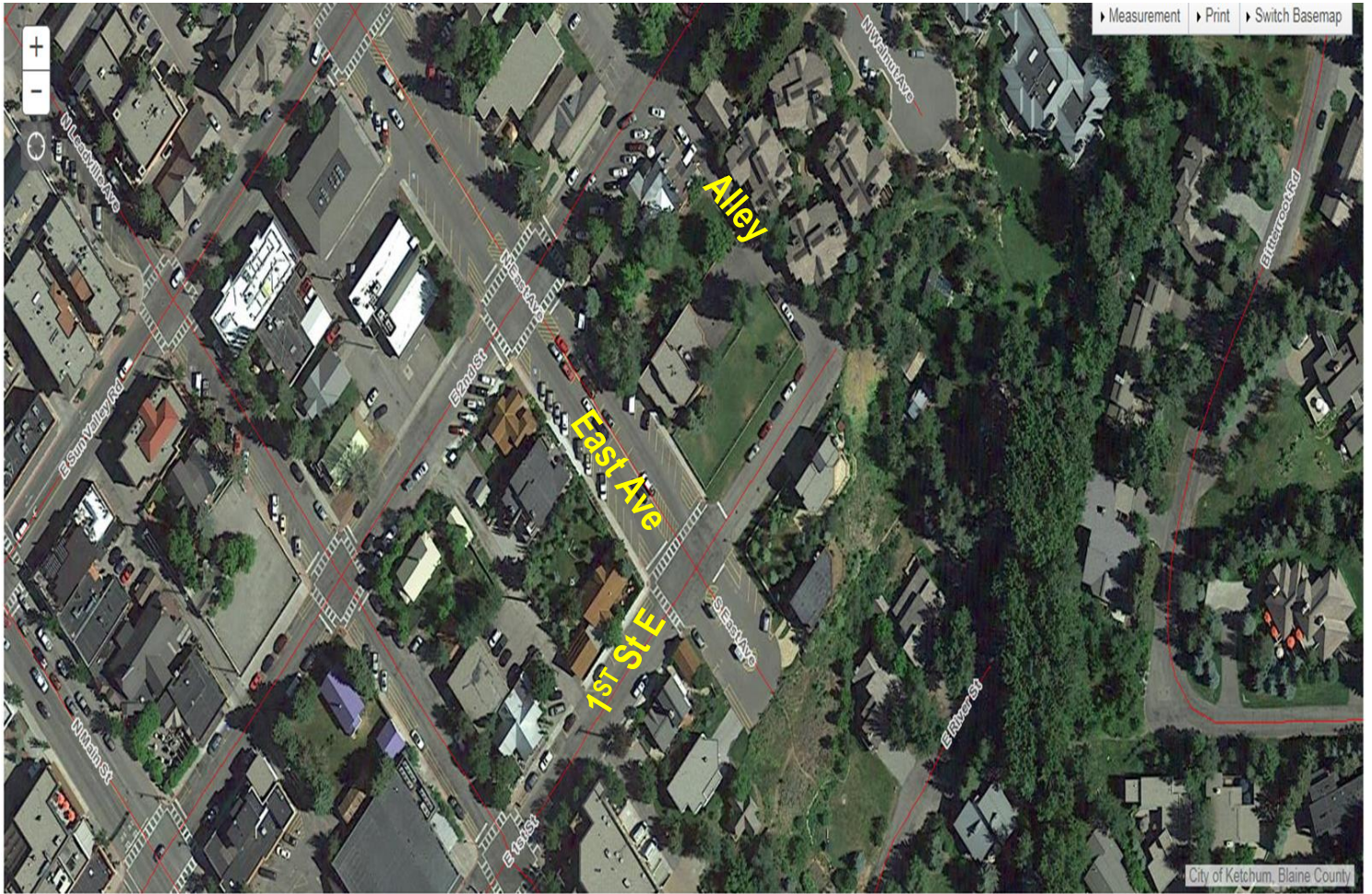


Photo for Action Item 5 Adding a “Not A Through Street” sign at 1st St and East Ave near the alley at Cristina’s Restaurant for safety issues brought by Steve Cook, AIA



TA Agenda 8.8.19 Action Item Number 7 Bike and pedestrian safety at the bike path at the Bigwood/Zenergy driveway



TA Agenda 8.8.19 Action Item Number 8 Request for an RRFB at Main and 6th St brought by Shannon Allen, general manager of Hotel Ketchum



TA Agenda 8.8.19 Action Item 9 River access on Parkway Dr brought by Ketchum Police Chief Dave Kassner



TA Agenda 8.8.19 Discussion Item Number 10 Update on 1st Ave parking brought by Todd Mandeville, Ketchum Computers 540 1st Ave N

