



City of Ketchum

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:00AM

Ketchum City Hall Council Chambers

480 East Avenue North

Ketchum, Idaho

Present:

Jade Riley, City Administrator
Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building
Brian Christiansen, Director of Streets & Facilities
Jamie Shaw, Ketchum Chief of Police
Ross Dinkelspiel, resident of West Ketchum
Kelli Trapp, Recording Secretary

Present via Video Teleconference: Michael David, City Councilmember

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by City Administrator Jade Riley

ACTION ITEMS

2. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Minutes

A. February 11, 2021

MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2021

MOVER: Brian Christiansen

SECONDER: Jamie Shaw

All in favor

3. ACTION ITEM: City crosswalk painting

Brian Christiansen spoke about the City crosswalk painting scheduled for this spring. He requested guidance from Galena Engineering for some of the crosswalks that do not meet ADA requirements. Jeff Loomis of Galena Engineering recommended to paint the crosswalks even if they are not ADA compliant since marked crosswalks are traffic control devices. *The Group was satisfied with Loomis's recommendations and the Street Department will paint the crosswalks as scheduled this spring.*

4. DISCUSSION ITEM: Feedback on Main Street and 6th Street intersection

Riley said there are two conflict points; people are unaware that they are going into the travel lane when turning onto 6th Street from Main Street and geometry wise it's almost impossible to make a proper 90 degree left hand turn there. Christiansen stated that for traffic heading south on Hwy 75 and turning left at 6th they are unaware that they are going into the oncoming travel lane. The Group agreed to get feedback from one of the consultants who will be working on the Warm Springs/Main Street project. Frick said that they should first get a bigger study done to see how that entire system should be flowing before doing anything and the Group agreed. *Riley and Christiansen will get together with ITD to get their feedback and return to the Traffic Authority with that information before taking final action.*

Agenda items reordered to allow for in-person public comment

5. DISCUSSION ITEM: Traffic calming request for Bird Dr neighborhood

Ross Dinkelspiel, a resident of Bird Drive appeared before the Group and spoke about the increase in traffic and speeding on Bird Drive. He said once the bike path is cleaned small children are coming down off of the bike path on the extension that comes down Bird Dr and 4th Ave and entering the street without paying attention. He suggested a raised

crosswalk in that area be installed to impede vehicles going over 20 mph. He hopes it would decrease the speed on the 4th Avenue section and increase the safety of the kids using the bike path. Riley proposed potentially Beta testing the area for traffic calming. This is an opportunity to engage a Traffic Engineer that is residential specific. Michael David agreed that getting input from a residential specific traffic engineer would be helpful. Frick suggested that they engage the neighborhood first to identify all of the issues and to make sure we are not diverting traffic to other streets. Jamie Shaw stated that in the spring the police department will add it back to their patrol area and he will ask the officers for any ideas they may have. *Riley added that he and Christiansen can have a discussion with a traffic engineer on options and bring them back to the Traffic Authority.*

6. DISCUSSION ITEM: Feedback on intersection at 5th Street and East Avenue

There is no stop sign on 5th St at Leadville for east and westbound traffic. Riley observed that once people make the progression away from Main Street but also toward Main St onto 5th having two uncontrolled intersections as you're moving down 5th St, it seems vehicles increase their speed versus having to stop at every other intersection. Frick stated from a pedestrian standpoint, she does support a four-way stop at this location. Shaw thinks a four-way stop there would be very effective and would have no impact on emergency vehicles. *The Group will discuss this item further.*

7. DISCUSSION ITEM: Parking regulations on the west side of Warm Springs Road between 9th and 8th Streets

Christiansen explained that the Street Department follows the MUTCD requirements regarding sign height and explained the figure 2A.2 inside the meeting packet. The reason for having the signs at 7 feet tall is so that pedestrians do not hit their heads on the signs as there is pedestrian traffic around that area. Inside the City core signs were placed for diagonal parking but were replaced with signs that were eye level to drivers. Outside of the core the department is trying to follow MUTCD standards. *Christiansen will have the department lower these signs down to the standard parking sign height.*

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn at 9:40AM

MOVER: Suzanne Frick

SECONDER: Brian Christiansen

All in favor