



City of Ketchum

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO TRAFFIC AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:00AM

Ketchum City Hall Council Chambers

480 East Avenue North

Ketchum, Idaho

Present: Jade Riley, City Administrator
Brian Christiansen, Director of Streets & Facilities
Jamie Shaw, Ketchum Chief of Police
Seth Martin, Ketchum Fire Marshall
Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building
Michael David, City Councilmember (via teleconference)
Kelli Trapp, Recording Secretary
Ezmaralda Gordon, Ketchum Business Owner

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. August 18, 2021

MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2021

MOVER: Brian Christiansen

SECONDER: Suzanne Frick

All in favor, motion carries

The order of agenda items were rearranged to accommodate in-person public comment

Public Comment – Communications from the public on agenda items

3. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and potential action on the request for 2-hour parking in front of 221 Northwood Way, item originally brought by Ezmaralda Gordon at the KTA 7/15 meeting

Ezmaralda Gordon appeared before the Group and gave her comments on the parking situation in front of her business at 221 Northwood Way. Suzanne Frick said that the LI District (light industrial) is not designed for high turnover parking because retail uses are restricted. The LI is designed for the businesses and employees that need long term parking. The LI area is more for manufacturing and industrial activities and is a mixture of buildings that have been there for a number of years, where there may be limited parking for employees. The zoning ordinance requires that one space for every thousand square feet be provided for on-site parking. Frick explained the Planning & Building Dept's process in determining a business's zoning. She said that new projects coming in have to provide off-street parking which happens in the building permitting process. For a new business that comes into an existing building, they look to see if the building is grandfathered in because of the use that's being proposed. If it's grandfathered in, then that business is typically relying on street parking to provide their long-term employee parking. Jade Riley said that what we apply, as a City, is typical for any US city from a zoning perspective and the City is not allowed to change mid-stream. The City is in the process of updating the parking management plan and the CSOs (Community Service Officers) are doing inventory of each block, block by block, to gather LPR (license plate recognition) data and based on that, we will look at which blocks need to be changed. *This item was tabled and the situation will be monitored.*

4. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and potential action on Engineering study for 2nd St & Walnut

Brian Christiansen explained the speed statistics on this area and the results were very close to the speed limit. We had requests to look at the area again for safety regarding pedestrian/vehicle conflicts. Christiansen stated that the MUTCD says that we can't use stop signs to control speed, however we can use them if it increases the safety of an intersection but can only do so with an engineering study or a speed study. *Galena Engineering completed the engineering study and the Group agreed to install stop signs at this intersection.*

MOTION:

Motion to install stop signs on 2nd St at the Walnut & 2nd St intersection

MOVER: Michael David

SECONDER: Brian Christiansen

All in favor, motion carries

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5. DISCUSSION ITEM: Discussion and potential action on speed stats for N. Bigwood below Telemark & S. Bigwood by Clubhouse Dr brought to SFrick via voicemail by Carol with Bigwood Property Owners Association**

Christiansen explained the results of the speed data collected and the Group discussed various potential solutions. *Christiansen will get sign estimates and contact Carol with the information.*

- 6. DISCUSSION ITEM: Discussion on No Turn On Red signs at the intersection of Sun Valley Rd & Main St.**

The Group discussed the specifics on this item. *Brian will close the loop with City Engineer Sherri Newland and see if ITD will be good with a phased approach on signage.*

- 7. DISCUSSION ITEM: Discussion on public comment from Mark Lovlien regarding the speed limit on Warm Springs Rd near the top of the hill and Exhibition Blvd.**

Christiansen gave specifics on speed limit signage existing in this area, which were appropriate at the time. One concern is during winter conditions vehicles may not be able to get up the hill at 20mph due to slick road conditions. Seth Martin said a new traffic study in this intersection is needed because the new fire station will change the dynamics of this intersection for response. We may need to look at ways to calm traffic there. Jade Riley said that we need current data and in October we will be kicking off our Warm Springs Main Street Traffic Analysis piece. We will look at the Warm Springs and Saddle intersection and can keep this as a tangent of that piece. The Group agreed that we need to look at this area as a whole. Riley said we have some of the other Warm Springs data captured by L2 and can integrate those items. *Christiansen will put the traffic counters out in this area.*

- 8. DISCUSSION ITEM: Discussion on public comment from Tracey Nichols regarding speeding on 2nd Ave near Serenade Lane**

The Group discussed the need for baseline data in this area. *Christiansen will put the traffic counters out at this location.*

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Michael David suggested taking away one more parking spot in the red zone at the intersection of Spruce Ave and Sun Valley Rd where the bus stop is, on the north side. When coming out of Spruce Ave and trying to turn left on Sun Valley Rd, going towards Sun Valley, if cars are parked there, it is imperative to pull out far into the intersection to see if cars are coming from the west on Sun Valley Rd. An extra spot would be helpful for the buses to safely pull into and would improve the line of sight for vehicles turning left from Spruce onto Sun Valley Rd. *Christiansen and City Engineer Sherri Newland will observe this location when they walk Sun Valley Rd and reconfirm intersection improvements for next season's mill and overlay project. Additionally, Riley said they can also explore a 4-way stop at Walnut Ave.*

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn at 10:01AM

MOVER: Michael David

SECONDER: Brian Christiansen

All in favor, motion carries

From KTA Regular Meeting 10.21.21:

MOTION:

Motion to approve the adoption of the minutes of September 16, 2021

MOVER: Brian Christiansen

SECONDER: Jamie Shaw

All in favor

Motion carries


Kelli Trapp, Recording Secretary
Ketchum Traffic Authority