



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SIGNAGE COMMITTEE

Monday, December 7, 2020 – 2:00pm *(Via Zoom)*

Community Development Building

Planning Commission Room

305 SW “A” Street

Bentonville, AR 72712

MINUTES

Jon Simpson opened the meeting.

Present for the meeting: Jon Simpson, Chairman, Brent Boydston, Camille Thompson, Cindy Acree, David Wright, Dennis Birge, David Mills, David Wright, Tony Davis, and Bev Shepherd, Admin. Assistant.

Absent: Shelli Kerr

I. OLD BUSINESS/TABLED ITEMS:

A. Jan Carr, 1108 NE Thorn Hill Road – Phone: (918) 607-5106

Email: Jan.Carr.13@gmail.com

Tabled from November: Regarding concerns with roundabout on NE “J” Street in front of Legacy Village Independent Care and the Amazeum entrance to Crystal Bridges. Revisit design and funding options. In October meeting, the committee was still looking into funding resources. They will not move forward until funding is in place. In November, Dennis was still waiting on pricing they were comfortable with.

Result: Ms. Carr did not appear. Dennis updated the Committee on the progress and shared a drawing of the proposed site. He has a cost estimate now and he will share with the Committee after the meeting, but it is nearing \$100,000.00. This will be taken off the agenda until the Committee needs to discuss again.

B. Brandee Perry – 212 SW “E” Street, Bentonville, AR – Phone: (479) 640-7773

Email: brandeesperry@gmail.com

On Central and NW “D” Street cars do not slow down or stop while pedestrians are trying to cross the street. Kids trying to get to Old High and RE Baker are unable to do so safely. In November, we tabled this request to do research on MUTCD standards, materials and costs.

Action: Ms. Perry did not appear. David reported to the Committee that he talked with Tony Davis about this matter. The Street Department has materials in stock to install RRFB's. They are double-sided with flashing lights. We could install in the next 2 to 4 weeks

David Mills made a Motion to install RRFB's as described above. Tony Davis gave a second. Motion approved. Bev Shepherd will notify Ms. Perry of this decision.

**C. Melissa & Eric Maltarich – 601 NE Saddle Ridge Rd., Bentonville, AR – Phone: 937-694-0497
Email: melissamaltarich@gmail.com**

Requesting the addition of a stop sign at the intersection of Woods Creek Road and Miner Court/Saddle Ridge Road. It is a really dangerous intersection with notorious speeding and a tough blind spot at the top of the hill at Woods Creek that has created some near-tragedy situations for young ones and adults. Pleading for this to be considered for the safety of the Woods Creek community as we experience a lot of traffic on this specific road. *Pictures, petition, and various emails attached.* In November, we tabled this item to research the area for signs and crosswalks that may need to be installed.

Action: David Mills reported that they had looked at this area and think it is a good location for a stop sign. There are truncated domes with handicap accessible ramps going across Woods Creek already, and they felt there needed to be a stop sign there anyway. Chief Simpson said that the Police Department came to the same conclusion. Tony Davis shared the traffic counts information stating that there were over ten thousand (10,000) cars going through this intersection over a weeklong count. There is a potential line-of-sight issue as you come up the hill and around the curve, so they can install a Stop Ahead sign. The time line for installing the materials is 2 to 4 weeks, per David Mills. Mr. Louis DiPalma spoke and said that this is what they wanted out there, and they were pleased with this outcome. Chief Simpson said that when this was completed, he would put extra patrol in this area for enforcement.

David Mills made a motion to install a 4-way stop sign with crosswalks, stop bars, early warning/stop ahead signs, and warning flags attached. Tony Davis will put the message boards out as well for a week to help with notifying motorists. Chief Simpson asked to be notified when the work was done, so he can put extra patrol in this area. Cindy Acree gave a second. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Proposed Meeting Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 at 2:00 pm

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TRAFFIC SAFETY & SIGNAGE ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: December 7, 2020

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jon Simpson, Chairman	✓	
Lt. Michael Martin - PD/Traffic		✓
Brent Boydston - Fire	✓	
Camille Thompson – Legal	✓	
Shelli Kerr - Planning		✓
Cindy Acree City Council Representative	✓	
David Wright - Parks	✓	
Dennis Birge - Transportation	✓	
David Mills – Sign/Signals	✓	
Tony Davis, Streets	✓	
Bev Shepherd, Admin. Assistant	✓	

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✓

Will Gurselman

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Traffic and Signage Committee Neighborhood Traffic Management Request Form

The Committee Meets the First Monday of Every Month at 2 p.m. (Unless a Holiday)
at the Community Development Building, 305 SW A St. in the Planning Com. Chambers

Send form to Beverly Shepherd at bshepherd@bentonvillear.com
For any other information contact, Beverly at 479-271-3131

Name: Jan Carr Home Phone: 918-607-5106
Address: 1108 NE Thorn Hill Rd Work Phone: _____
E-mail: jan.carr.13@gmail.com

Reason for application to agenda:

- Signage or traffic calming (Must have 3 signatures)
- Temporary Street Closure (Include Map showing the location of the closure, all signage and any applicable info.)
- Other

For Temporary Street Closures for Special Events: (prior to application)

Contact:

CPT Ray Shastid phone: (479) 271-3180
LT Michael Martin phone: (479) 271-5967
email: michael.martin@bentonville.arkansas.gov

Please see **RUN RULES** located on the Transportation Page
@ www.bentonvillear.com

Describe the issue or problem and what you are requesting:

* See Attached Page

Illustration or Photo (Attach to Application If Necessary)

[Signature] 1/31/20
Applicant Signature Date

Chair Signature Date

NOTE: If you are requesting street signage or other measures used to slow or reduce traffic on a neighborhood street, three (3) additional signatures are needed to submit the application.

[Signature] 1/31/20
Neighborhood Resident Signature Date

1801 Chapel Hill Dr
Address

Katrina Planalto 1/31/20
Neighborhood Resident Signature Date

1303 NE Legacy Parkway
Address

[Signature] 1/31/20
Neighborhood Resident Signature Date

1305 NE Legacy Parkway
Address

The Issue or problem:

We are concerned about the roundabout on J street directly in front of Legacy Village Independent Care and the Amazeum/entrance to Crystal Bridges. The concern is the inability for people to SAFELY cross the street. First off, this roundabout is central to Bentonville's main attractions that appeal to all ages. Second, it is next to Memorial Park. Third, it is directly in front of a Legacy Senior Care village where people live without supervision. Fourth, it is down the road from the Alice Walton Children's center. Fifth, that roundabout will become exponentially busier when the massive apartment complex opens just yards away.

All that being said, there is yet another significant problem. I stood at the crosswalks and tested this myself and was shocked. When a pedestrian is crossing the street and their back is to oncoming righthand traffic, those cars rarely stop. It is difficult for drivers to see these pedestrians until it is too late to stop. Moreover, the concept behind a roundabout is to allow for a continuous flow of traffic. Cars are to yield but, the goal is NOT to stop.

It is very disheartening to think that many of the people from Legacy Village that might walk to visit Crystal Bridges are unsafe. Perhaps a family member might want to push a wheelchair or a stroller across to the park and realize they must play the odds. As I stood on the crosswalk, however, I think people of all ages are playing a game of chance when crossing. People that cross have to be aware of not only the traffic in front of them but traffic coming from all directions. It is a game of chance.

Bentonville is an amazing town. I am proud of Bentonville's push to make the streets bike friendly. I am a cyclist. This crosswalk is neither walker nor bike friendly. We NEED pedestrian operated flashing lights that signal traffic to STOP and tell walkers to GO. Why do we have to wait for an accident? I have watched near misses on that roundabout and talked to many runners and bikers that avoid that crossing. Unfortunately, our walkers at Legacy and surrounding areas do not have another safe crossing alternative within a reasonable distance. Even if they walked all the way up to Tiger and then back on the other side of J, the sidewalk ends.

Please consider the safety of our citizens and take into account the unique location to the major sites, childcare facility, park, apartments, and senior care.

Jan Carr

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Submit by Email



Traffic and Signage Committee
Neighborhood Traffic Management Request Form
To Be Placed On The Traffic and Signage Committee Agenda
****Please Print or Type All Answers****

Name: Brandee Perry Home Phone: 479 640 7723
Address: 212 SW E St Bentonville Work Phone: _____
E-mail: brandeesperry@gmail.com

Reason for application to agenda:

- ☒ Signage or traffic calming request (Application must have 3 signatures)
☐ Temporary street closure
☐ Other

For a temporary street closure for a special event, prior to application, contact either:
Capt. Smith at 271-3180
mike.smith@bentonville.arkansas.gov or
Lt. Martin at 271-5967
michael.martin@bentonville.arkansas.gov
Please see Rules for Races and Runs before submitting an application.

Describe the issue or problem and what you are requesting:

On Central and NW D St cars do not slow down or stop while pedestrians are trying cross the street. Kids trying to get to Old High & E Baker are unable to do so safely.

Illustration or Photo (attach to application if necessary)

STAFF COMMENTS (To be completed by staff):

Brandee Perry 10-6-2020

Applicant Signature	Date	Chair Signature	Date
<u>Ang M Davis</u>	<u>10/6/2020</u>	<u>436 SW O St</u>	
Neighborhood Resident Signature	Date	Address	
<u>Scott Walker</u>	<u>10/6/2020</u>	<u>708 W Central</u>	
Neighborhood Resident Signature	Date	Address	
<u>Anne Wnalen</u>	<u>10-6-20</u>	<u>403 SW D St</u>	
Neighborhood Resident Signature	Date	Address	



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Address: 601 NE Saddle Ridge Rd. Bentonville, AR 72712 Work Phone: (937) 694-0497
E-mail: melissamaltarich@gmail.com

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Melissa Maltarich 10/19
Applicant Signature Date

Chair Signature Date

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ana andrews 10/20
Neighborhood Resident Signature Date
Emily Tanner 10/21
Neighborhood Resident Signature Date
Chad 10/21
Neighborhood Resident Signature Date

4103 NE Miner Ct
Address
600 NE Saddle Ridge Rd.
Address
702 NE Saddle Ridge Rd.
Address

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Thank you for your review of the application. The intersection at hand has caused much concern over the 3 years we have lived on the street with many "close-calls" when crossing the road both with children and during runs.

It was not until a really scary situation with my husband and 3-year old son, that we felt we had personally experienced enough terrifying situations to see if there was more we could do to help remedy the situation and avoid tragedy in the future.

Helpful information for consideration:

- The intersection is a Bentonville school bus stop
- Between the two small cul-de-sacs of Miner Court and Saddle Ridge Road (the two roads impacted by this request), there are over 50 children under the age of 18 with the majority of them being under the age of 10.
- Included 2 photos from both views to better understand the visual challenges involved with this intersection.
- Woods Creek Road is a busy road where speeding is a known issue. Combining this with the blind spot of the hill is where the cause for concern lies.
- In addition to the 3 neighbor required signatures, we obtained roughly 20 other signatures from the neighborhood in 3 days and would be happy to collect more if this would help support the concerns. (Included)
- I've attached the e-mail my husband initially sent the Woods Creek Board who has helped provide direction. I felt reading the story may provide insight as to why we chose this course of action for review.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. It is truly appreciated.

Eric & Melissa Maltarich

Saddle Ridge Road

Miner Court



View of Woods Creek/Saddle Ridge-Miner Court intersection.
View is from Saddle Ridge Road to show the location of the blind spot.



**View of Woods Creek/Saddle Ridge-Miner Court intersection.
View is from Miner Court.**

Good morning,

We have lived in this neighborhood for almost 3 years now and backing up to Woods Creek road, I have noticed that cars are frequently speeding up and down the hill and the stop sign by the pool is routinely ignored. Even on our street with numerous young families and children, speed limits seem to be discretionary as viewed by a resident at the end of my road and visitors. This was always something that I found concerning, but nothing a few "Drive like your children live here" signs and additional awareness signs placed strategically in front of our house couldn't help resolve. After my experience yesterday, one which left me lying awake last night about how my Sunday afternoon barely avoided tragedy, I feel compelled to drive larger awareness of the ongoing issue we have in this neighborhood.

Yesterday, my almost 4 year old son, Harvey, and I were riding our bikes on saddle ridge, him on the sidewalk, me in the street. We decided to take a trip across Woods Creek and onto NE Miner Court for an additional loop. In any other instance, teaching a child to cross a street in a neighborhood development should be a low risk task, however, the woods creek would prove otherwise. We took our loop up miner with no issue, however, crossing back to Saddle Ridge gave me the biggest scare I have ever had in my time being a father. Having Harvey stopped on the sidewalk near the yellow patch on the sidewalk closest to the pool side, we kept a clear eye out for cars, looking left and right, waiting for cars to pass that were even as far down as the stop sign by the pool to clear out to give us the most time possible to get across the road. As we started our approach, a car with two young girls in it came flying up the hill. As I screamed at Harvey to stop, I was not confident the car was going to be able to stop in time. I flew my own body in the front of the car in the hopes that if they couldn't stop, the blow to myself would slow the car down enough to provide Harvey the slimmest chance at survival. Luckily, the car was able to stop in time, Harvey had barely made it off the sidewalk and as I sat in the middle of the road on my bike listening to the two girls, who rolled their window to profusely apologize, I couldn't help but feel we had just avoided a life changing event.

I was shaken, I couldn't sleep last night and I held Harvey extra-long and close last night knowing how easily he could have been taken away from me. I awoke this morning with the intent to share my story with you to drive change. Watching the blown stop signs, the disregard for speed and now experiencing this, it is clear to me that we have to do something to improve the behaviors that exist in this neighborhood. Woods Creek is often used as a cut through for non-residents who may not know the abundance of young children that exist and we need to do more to control this behavior. What control does the association have in order to place additional stop signs, perhaps one at the top of the hill of the at the intersection of miner/saddle ridge and woods creek or potentially install speed bumps at key locations where accidents are at higher risk? What other steps can be taken to ensure we keep our residents safe and reduce the risk of anything that could have happened to Harvey yesterday from happening in the future? What more can I do as a mere resident to help drive change, whether it be city hall meetings, association meetings, etc?

I urge you to take my story seriously and to help me employ action in this neighborhood. The alternative of doing nothing is not a risk anyone with a child, young or old, would want to take at the expense of a potential tragic outcome.

Thank you for the time and consideration, please let me know what I can do to help in this initiative,

Eric

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Neighborhood Resident Signature

10-20-20
Date

4000 NE Miner Ct Bentonville AR 72712
Address


Neighborhood Resident Signature

10/21/20
Date

605 NE Saddle Ridge Rd
Address


Neighborhood Resident Signature

10/21/20
Date

609 NE Shadow Ridge Rd
Address

Neighborhood Resident Signature

Date

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Neighborhood Resident Signature

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Nicholas X. DiPaolona
Neighborhood Resident Signature

10/21/20
Date

500 NE Saddle Ridge Rd.
Address

Mr. Nick Perch
Neighborhood Resident Signature

10/21/20
Date

240 NE Latavie Cir.
Address

Mr. B. S.
Neighborhood Resident Signature

10.21.20
Date

601 NE Green Creek Dr
Address

Neighborhood Resident Signature

Date

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Neighborhood Resident Signature

10/20/20
Date

504 NE Saddle Ridge Rd.
Address


Neighborhood Resident Signature

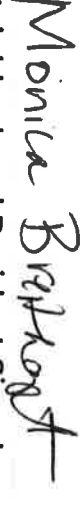
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Date

701 NE Saddle Ridge Rd
Address


Neighborhood Resident Signature

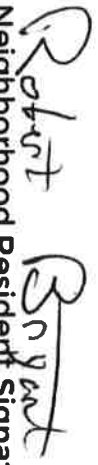
10-20-20
Date

4006 NE Miner Court
Address


Neighborhood Resident Signature

10-20-20
Date

704-NE Saddle Ridge Rd
Address


Neighborhood Resident Signature

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Date

3 Edgewater Lane
Address


Neighborhood Resident Signature

10/20/20
Date

8 Edgewater Lane
Address

Neighborhood Resident Signature

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Neighborhood Resident Signature

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Address

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Neighborhood Resident Signature

Justin Conley

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Karen Johnson

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Kevin Walker

Neighborhood Resident Signature

Kevin Mott

Neighborhood Resident Signature

Monica Griffin

Neighborhood Resident Signature

Stephen Brown

Neighborhood Resident Signature

Kimberly Gwell

10-20-20

Date

Address

4218 NE Blue Spruce Ave

10-20-20

Date

Address

4403 NE Blue Spruce Ave

10-20-20

Date

Address

9 Bluestem Ln.

10-20-20

Date

Address

703 N.E. Saddle Ridge

10-20-20

Date

Address

4204 NE Munir Ct.

10/20/20

Date

Address

705 NE Saddle Ridge Rd.

10/20/20

Date

Address

4104 NE Wines Court

10/24/20

Date

Address

604 NE Seattle Ridge Rd.

Northwest Arkansas Neighborhood Management
Woods Creek Property Owners Association Manager
management@nwawoodscreek.com

On Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 9:48 AM Management Company of Woods Creek POA
<management@nwawoodscreek.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Shepherd,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in the matter I have forwarded to you below. I have been in contact with Mr. Davis with the city's roads department and he said that I would need to contact you. Apparently, speeding has been an issue on Woods Creek Road for years and we are afraid that it is a tragedy waiting to happen. The board would like to know if it is possible to install speed bumps and/or flashing crosswalk signs and what we would need to do to assist in this. Please feel free to call me if there is anything you would like to discuss on this matter and let me know if the city can help us with this.

Thank you,
Christine Hare

Northwest Arkansas Neighborhood Management
Woods Creek Property Owners Association Manager
management@nwawoodscreek.com

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Woods Creek POA Board** <woodscreekofnwa@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 1:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Speeding Concerns
To: <management@nwawoodscreek.com>

His concerns have always been concerns of the neighborhood and unfortunately past boards have found no way to rectify the issue. Can you please see what you can find out for him as far as the city is concerned, maybe someone or a department he can reach out to? The Board isn't in control of what stop signs are placed where. That is a city issue.

Thank you,
Kori

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eric Maltarich <Eric.Maltarich@kdrp.com>
Date: October 5, 2020 at 1:07:23 PM CDT
To: "woodscreekofnwa@gmail.com" <woodscreekofnwa@gmail.com>
Cc: "Melissa Maltarich (melissamaltarich@gmail.com)" <melissamaltarich@gmail.com>
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Eric

ERIC MALTARICH

Director of Sales

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Beverly Shepherd

From: Beverly Shepherd
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 1:09 PM
To: 'Management Company of Woods Creek POA'
Subject: RE: Speeding Concerns
Attachments: TSS FORM.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Hare –

Please find attached an application to the Traffic Safety and Signage Committee. The next committee meeting will be held via Zoom on November 2nd at 2:00 pm. If you can fill out, get signatures and return it to me by Friday, October 23rd, I will see that you get on the agenda for November 2nd. Otherwise, I would not be able to get you on until December.

Regarding speed bumps, you can go on the city website www.bentonvillear.com and click Government and go to the Transportation page, you will find the Traffic Calming Guidebook and the Traffic Management Policy, which would list the criteria it would take for the committee to consider installing a speed bump. To be very honest, the city is not keen on installing them. They hinder the response time of our emergency vehicles. However, there might be a possibility of another traffic calming measure we could take.

If you have further questions, please advise.

Beverly Shepherd, Administrative Assistant
Traffic Safety & Signage Committee
3200 SW Municipal Drive
Bentonville, AR 72712
(479) 271-3131
bshepherd@bentonvillear.com

From: Management Company of Woods Creek POA <management@nwawoodscreek.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Beverly Shepherd <bshepherd@bentonvillear.com>
Subject: Re: Speeding Concerns

Dear Ms. Shepherd,

I wanted to follow up with you on this request and see if there is anything the city can do to address this issue.

Thank you,
Christine Hare

Beverly Shepherd

From: Amanda Griffin <amandashadrach@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Beverly Shepherd
Cc: Amanda Shadrach
Subject: URGENT Request for Traffic Signage in Woods Creek Neighborhood
Attachments: A46E9B16-7055-49E8-82DC-83E35D05B5BC_1_201_a.jpeg; Family photo july 2020.jpg

Good Morning Beverly,

I am emailing you in regards to a request that is being made for URGENT traffic signage at the intersection of Woods Creek Rd and Miner Court/NE Saddle Ridge Rd in the Woods Creek neighborhood of Bentonville. Getting a stop sign installed immediately on the corner of Miner Court and Woods Creek Rd WILL PREVENT someone from being hit and killed. In fact, similar to the traffic signage approaching the intersection of Woods Creek Rd and Marina, an "approaching stop sign" sign is also needed going up Woods Creek Rd. in advance of the Miner Court/NE Saddle Ridge intersection.

The road is UNSAFE. It is unsafe because approaching traffic coming up the hill of Woods Creek Rd CAN NOT SEE that there is even an intersection until they are at the top of the hill and at that time, it is too late to stop. Regardless of day time OR night time, the blind spot is of such magnitude, that for anyone going 20 MPH or over would not have time to stop for any pedestrian crossing. Additionally, as a pedestrian, because of the extent of the blind spot you can not see a car coming until it is almost too late as well.

I live at 705 NE Saddle Ridge Rd. My husband and I have a 6yr old daughter and 4 year old twins and a dog with a hip replacement, who is geriatric. Any time we attempt to cross the road, we are terrified. There have been times we have attempted to cross (in the day) and we have had to split up and almost jump to the side of the road because of speeding cars. Our family was almost hit by a huge truck flying through the intersection at 8PM on Saturday night. Our neighbor Harvey Maltarich and his father were almost mowed down by a speeding car full of teenage girls a couple of weeks ago. We have purchased signs out of our own money and placed them along Woods Creek Rd and NE Saddle Ridge Rd letting people know they need to slow down because children live here. It's not working. WE NEED HELP. On NE Saddle Ridge Rd. alone we have 30 children 18 and under and similarly on Miner Court 25 + children. There have been a number of incidents in the last year of cars even passing the school bus that stops on the corner of Miner and Woods Creek to pick up children. We have 2 school bus stops at the corner of NE Saddle Ridge Rd and Woods Creek and the corner of Miner Court and Woods Creek.

The traffic is only continuing to increase through Woods Creek. Woods Creek Rd. is a cut through to Battlefield. As construction continues from the new bridge that crosses 49 toward Battlefield and our neighborhood, traffic will only continue to increase. We are asking for urgent help, please. Immediate traffic signage at the intersection of Woods Creek Rd. and Miner Court. Traffic signage with lights if possible, notifying of upcoming stop signs. Additionally, we need more of a police presence.

We have witnessed many cars fly through the stop sign on the corner of Woods Creek heading toward NE Saddle Ridge, never stopping. Additionally, cars and trucks speeding on Marina on the way out of the back entrance of Woods Creek neighborhood. A 13 yr old girl on her bike was hit by a truck in Woods Creek this spring. She had to be life flighted to Children's Hospital...she survived, but this CAN NOT happen again.

We need an advocate for change on the board. Our neighbors, no doubt would pay, if needed for signage. Saving a child or a family from being hit at this intersection is URGENT. Children, parents and families that invest in Bentonville and in the Woods Creek neighborhood need to feel safe. That is not the case right now.

Please be an advocate for change on behalf of Woods Creek neighborhood and the children who live here. If you are not able to, please help us find someone who is. We appreciate any and all attention to this issue. I have attached a picture of my family to the email. This is my family, that I am trying to keep safe. 3 little people who love to ride their bikes and scooters and play ball.

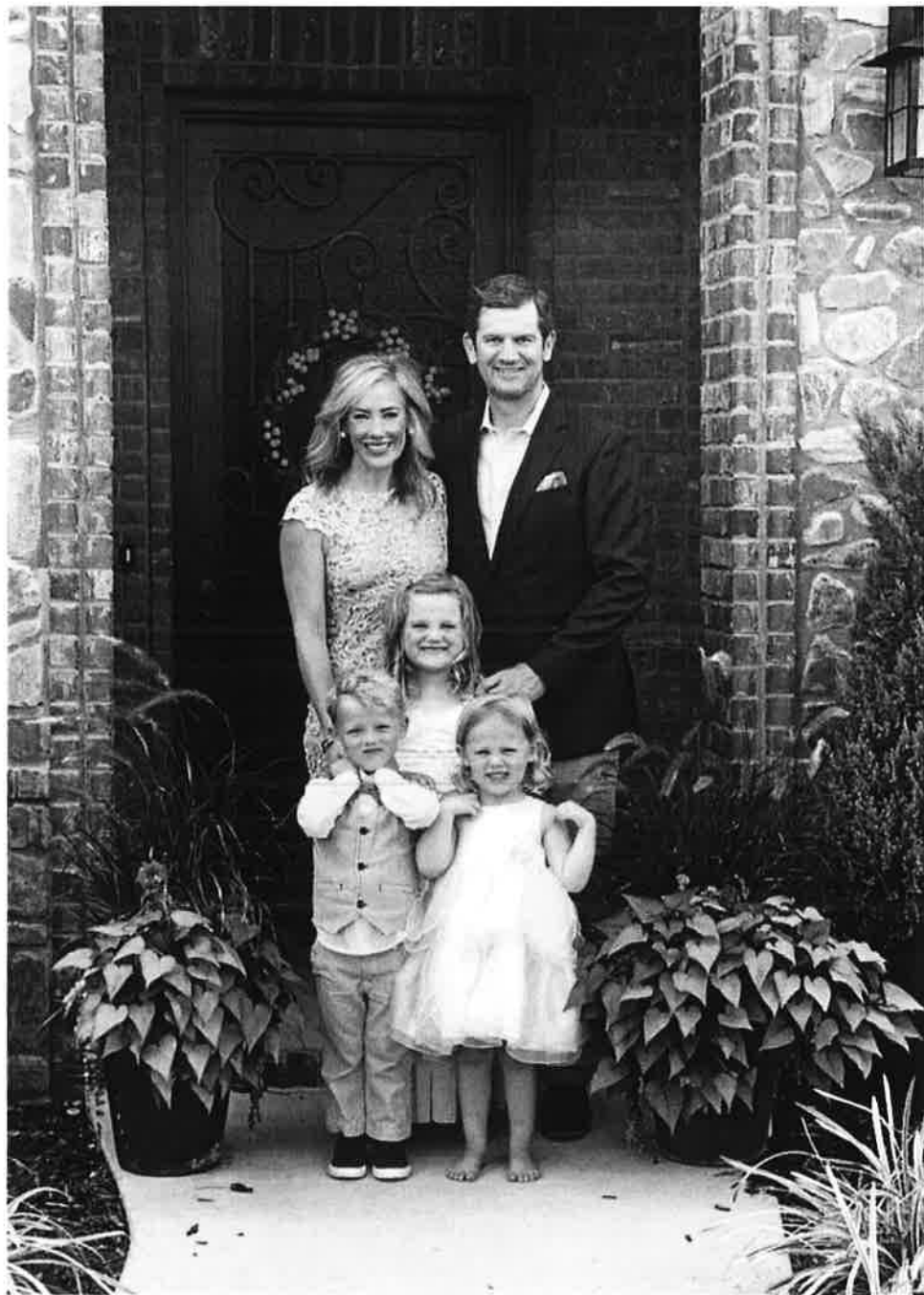
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Beverly Shepherd

From: Beverly Shepherd
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 8:05 AM
To: 'Emily Tanner'
Subject: RE: Intersection of Woods Creek Rd & Saddle Ridge Rd

Importance: High

Ms. Tanner –

Thank you for your concern about the intersection in Woods Creek. Yes, someone is supposed to be getting an application to me by the end of the week. There is really nothing else for you to do right now. The Committee will meet again on November 2nd and discuss this issue, if I get the application. If I do not get one, then it would be appropriate for you to make an application yourself. Would you like to attend the meeting yourself via Zoom. If so, I will be glad to send an invitation to you sometime next week. Let me know.

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From: Emily Tanner <emilytanner25@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 7:29 PM
To: Beverly Shepherd <bshepherd@bentonvillear.com>
Subject: Intersection of Woods Creek Rd & Saddle Ridge Rd

Hi Ms. Shepherd,

I live at 600 Saddle Ridge Rd and am concerned about the danger posed by the intersection with Woods Creek. People routinely speed on the hill leading up to the intersection and the hill also makes it difficult to see any approaching traffic. I have seen several near vehicle collision at the intersection and I do not feel safe crossing it with my child. I learned from another neighbor that the street department might consider additional signage for the intersection. I wanted to write to express my support of making the intersection a four way stop or adding speed bumps to the intersection. I know a neighbor is collecting signatures to bring this issue before the department, but please let me know if there is anything I can do as an individual to assist in the effort to bring this issue to the attention of the street department.

Thank you!

Emily Tanner