



**Traffic Safety and Signage Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023
2:00 PM
Bentonville City Hall - 305 SW A Street**

I. Old Business

1. **John Dupps, duppscabin@yahoo.com** **Informational**
Request for "30 MPH" Speed Limit signs and "No Thru Trucks" signs on Sears Road from Morningstar to Mill Dam Road. (Petition provided).

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Minutes from 10/2/23: After review of the area, Committee determined once construction is complete, several items should occur:

1. 30 MPH speed limit signs will be installed.
2. A posted truck route should be posted. Transportation Department to review w/Highway Department for the best possible route
3. Discussion with local business which cause the increase in Dump Truck traffic should occur (local Quarry).

Will revisit item 120 days after construction. Motion made by David Mills. Seconded by Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion approved.

Follow up for Mr. Dupps items:

1. Look at a possible stop bar due to turn radius being dangerous.
2. 30 MPH signage to close to intersection, request it be moved west.
3. Request for center striping to make the roadway safer.
4. Truck traffic has reduced, but now will be the time for a "No Thru Trucks" or Truck route posted
5. Check on the boring related to Cox ROW permit...Cox has not completed.

Transportation Division will look into each item. No vote required.

II. New Business

1. **John Skaggs, skaggsfirm@cox.com** **Informational**

Traffic Calming request for NE B Street Area

Traffic Calming request for the intersection of NE B Street & NE 2nd Street. Areas has insufficient sight distance to make a safe turn and on-street parking should be restricted to allow 250' sight distance for safety in both directions.

Traffic Calming request for the intersection of NE B Street between Blake & NE 3rd Street. The street is too narrow to accommodate on-street parking and two-way traffic. Parking should be eliminated or the roadway widened.

After discussion of NE B Street, the Committee will reach out to the Club concerning parking in garages nearby. Ray Shastid made a motion to paint the east side curb red from Blake Street north to NE 3rd Street. This will prohibit on-street parking to improve the two-traffic. Seconded by Justin Scantlin. Voice vote, motion approved.

Discussion of NE 2nd & B Street on-street parking and the insufficient sight distance. Motions was made to add stop signs and review on-street parking near the intersection. Motion made by David Mills. Seconded by Tony Davis. Voice vote motion approved.

2. **Benjamin Hulsey,** **Informational**
bchulsey1@gmail.com
Traffic Calming request at NW Elm Tree and NW 3rd Street
Request NW 3rd & Elm Tree be reviewed due to the numerous accidents involving the entrance wall to Highland Park Subdivision. What options are there to remedy this problem?
Mr. Hulsey showed a presentation of the issues and accidents at Highland Park Subdivision. David Mills made a motion, seconded by Ray Shastid to restrip double yellow lines and add an edge line at the dangerous curve/ entrance to the subdivision. This will require quotes and the Engineering Team to design striping corrections. Voice vote, motion approved.
3. **Dean Kruithof, dckruithof@aol.com** **Informational**
Sign request for Kensington Subdivision
No Parking sign request for the roadway accessing Lift Station #33 (Kensington Ave) and Lift Station #40 (Fairwinds Dr) due to long-term RV parking block access. Kensington POA Board approved at their August Meeting.
David Mills made a motion to place "NO PARKING WITHIN xx FEET OF SIGN". Committee will check with Water Utilities Director to verify the exact footage required. Seconded by Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion approved.
4. **John Terlouw,** **Informational**
terlouwjon@gmail.com
Sign request at SE A Street between 2nd & 3rd Streets

Request for "No Parking" signs on SE A Street between 2nd & 3rd Streets. It is common to have on-street parking but when cars are parked on both sides of the road, it causes a one-lane road. It is not wide enough for emergency vehicles. The road is asphalt with no curb on the east side, the surface is crumbling into the ditch making it hazardous.

Discussion on the serious issues with downtown local street parking. No action was taken but the Committee will work closely with the Event Coordinators to direct traffic to all garages. May need to have a special meeting to discuss the on going problems.

III. Miscellaneous

**1. Dennis Birge (per Holly Hook Email)
Sign Request on SE 6th Street -Discussion**

See the minutes concerning this area from earlier this year:

4/3/23: David Wright motioned table until Planning "Tyler" can contact business owners along SE 6th Street to see how the back parking is being utilized. Signage along SE 6th stating "parking in back" may be all that is required. David Mills seconded. Voice vote, motion approved.

5/1/23: Tyler will work with neighboring businesses and revisit item next month. Motion to table by David Mills. Seconded by Cindy Acree. Voice vote, motion approved.

6/5/23: After reviewing the on-street parking, David Mills made a motion to disapprove of the request. Seconded by Cindy Acree. Voice vote, motion approved

No action taken, will review with overall parking issues downtown.

2. Item added for Chardonnay/Keystone and SW 4th Street by Ray Stastid. Need to improve the intersection due to heavy traffic and change to overall number of cars. Ray Stastid made a motion to conduct a traffic study for possible four-way stop at the intersection. Seconded by David Mills. Voice vote, motion approved.

3. Item added by Tracy Billings for ROW23-0241, dumpster placement at one parking stall on SE 2nd Street for 5-days. David Wright made a motion to approve, seconded by Ray Stastid. Voice vote, motion approved.

IV. Next Proposed Meeting:

1. **Monday, December 4th, 2023 at 2pm.**

Kirby Romines, City Clerk

Stephanie Orman, Mayor