



**Traffic Safety and Signage Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024
2:00 PM
Bentonville City Hall**

I. Old Business

1. **First Friday Closure Plan - Stephanie Marpe,** **Informational**
stephanie@downtownbentonville.org

First Friday Events - Closure Plan

Please see attached map that was reviewed by Fire, Police and Transportation on 12/20/23.

Cindy Acree made a motion to approve new closure plan for First Fridays, seconded by David Wright. Voice vote, motion approved.

II. New Business

1. **SW 4th & Elm Tree Road Crosswalk request, Aaron Nolan,** **Informational**
Aaron@downtownbentonville.org

Crosswalk request @ SW 4th & Elm Tree Road because children in the Coler Creek neighborhood will be attending Elm Tree Elementary as of August 2024. Currently, there is no way to safely cross Elm Tree Road.

After review of the area, the Committee proposed RRFB on the south side of the intersection on Elm Tree @ SW 4th Street. Striping/Markings on SW 4th will also need to be updated. All items will need to be ordered, and lead times are several months out. Cindy Acree made a motion to approve, seconded by Tony Davis. Voice vote, motion approved.

2. **Price Coffee Road Crosswalk request, Carter Smith,** **Informational**
cartersmith@ceieng.com

Crosswalks are requested due to Historic Valley View School Building at 3200 Price Coffee Road. Two separate crossings are proposed for pedestrians & cyclists to reduce conflicts between uses. The crossings proposed are approximately 75 feet apart. Site Map provided.

Trailblazers to fund and obtain all required permits. With the permit application the Traffic Study will be submitted for review. Chief Scantlin made a motion to approve, seconded by David Wright. Voice vote, motion approved.

3. **Race/Run Event - Walmart** **Informational**
International Shareholders Executive
Triathlon, Joe Falcon,
joseph.falcon@walmart.com

Race/Run event requested for June 4, 2024, 6am to 10am. Poice, Fire & Park Departments have approved/confirmed dates and facilities. Notifications to residents in adjoining neighborhoods & businesses will be completed by Walmart as in past events.

After review of the annual event, Cindy Acree made a motion to approve, seconded by Tyler Overstreet. Voice vote, motion approved.

4. **Sign Request - SE 6th Street, Paul** **Informational**
Walker, padubya@cox.net

"No Parking" Signs request on the south side of SE 6th Street between SE A & SE B Streets due to several businesses on that section of road. Customers park along the curb creating a traffic hazard.

This location has been presented in the past. The Committee feels that adding NO PARKING SIGNS will be a temporary solution to an ongoing issue. Motion made to place NO PARKING SIGNS on both side of SE 6th Street to prevent on-street parking by Cindy Acree, seconded by Chief Scantlin. Voice vote, motion approved.

5. **Traffic Study request - NE 5th &** **Informational**
Central, Gill Trainor,
trainorgs1@gmail.com

Traffic Study request for NE 5th Street & Central Avenue intersection. Residents have witnessed several accidents at the intersection. The road speeds are excessive and there are major blind spots from all directions.

After discussion, the committees agreed this area needs a long-term plan. In the meantime, Traffic Counts will be taken, and additional signage will be added north and south bound to warn of DANGEROUS CURVE AHEAD. Traffic Counts will be taken after winter weather passes and school is in session. Cindy Acree made a motion to approve signage and counts, seconded by David Wright. Voice vote, motion approved.

III. Miscellaneous

IV. Next Proposed Meeting:

1. **February 5, 2024 at 2:00pm**