



**Traffic Safety and Signage Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2024
2:00 PM
Bentonville City Hall**

I. Old Business

II. New Business - Public Comment to be Heard with Agenda Item

1. Permanent Art Installation in the roundabout at Water Tower Rd and SE 8th St. Informational

Shelli Kerr, City of Bentonville

Review of recommendation by the Public Art Advisory Committee to install artwork titled "Singing Kites" by Shelby Fleming and Simone Cottrell for installation in the roundabout at the intersection of Water Tower Rd and SE 8th St. The design includes three kites made of steel ranging in height from 72" inches to 180".

The attached proposal and the artist's response to PAAC questions are attached. The Public Art Advisory Committee selected this proposal at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2024 and is scheduled for the June 11 City Council agenda.

Cindy Acree made a motion to support the art piece as submitted, seconded by David Wright. Voice vote, motion approved.

2. Traffic Calming-SE 22nd Street Informational

Brittany Marley, brittany.michelle.marley@gmail.com
1202 SE 22ND STREET

People drive through here and 21st Street as a shortcut by the high school and to the Wild About Learning Academy, and it's very busy and dangerous. This is a residential road with several small children under the age of 10. I can count at least 8 in the near vicinity who are 8 years old and under. We need a speed bump or speed table to slow down traffic (mostly through traffic) and make this a safe place for children who live in this neighborhood. This is not a raceway and people driving through here are not concerned with the welfare of children. Many of them don't even slow down. It is not acceptable that we don't have better traffic controls to protect the children in this neighborhood.

Applicant not present for Committee Q&A, request to table until more information can be given. I will reach out to applicants to resubmit all items required.

3. **Bentonville Together Event** **Informational**
Josh Stacey, City of Bentonville

The Bentonville Together Multicultural event was moved to October 5, 2024, after inclement weather prevented the event from taking place in April. With the new date, two sections of the A Street Promenade are expected to be ready for use (Lawrence Plaza and the Square). We are requesting to close A Street from NW 2nd to Blake St. to host this event. The requested closure will be from 5:30am on Friday, October 4 to 4pm on Saturday, October 5.

I have met with both police and fire who have signed off on the closure. I have also met with 21C and Arvest Bank and both have given their approval of the closure.

Justin Scantilin made a motion to approve the event date & times with the closure pending due to possible construction changes. The applicant will work with Police & Fire on any possible adjustments. Seconded by David Wright. Voice vote, motion approved.

4. **Event - Girls on the Run Fall Celebratory 5K** **Informational**
Savannah.Goins@girlsontherun.org

Girls on the Run of NWA Fall Celebratory 5K, November 23, 2024
6am - 12pm (Race Begins at 7:30am)

We will be using the same route has previous years.

Motion made by David Wright to approve as submitted, seconded by Cindy Acree. Voice vote, motion approved.

5. **Events - 4 Race/Runs** **Informational**
Christian Moore, City of Bentonville

Bentonville Parks and Recreation requests street closure approvals for the following upcoming events.

1. Cupid's Kilometers (February 8th, 2025: closure time approx 7:20am-9:30am with roads re-opening as runners complete sections of the course)

2. Irish 5K/10K (March 8th, 2025: closure time approx 7:20am-9:30am with roads re-opening as runners complete sections of the course)

3. Run Bentonville Half Marathon and 5K (April 5th, 2025: closure time approx 6:50am-11:30am with roads re-opening as runners complete sections of the course)

4. Glow Run (May 30th, 2025; closure time approx 8:30pm - 9:30pm with roads re-opening as runners complete sections of the course)

Cindy Acree made a motion to approve events dates/times & routes as submitted. Seconded by Tony Davis. Voice vote, motion approved.

6. **Traffic Calming - 448 SW D Street** **Informational**
Josh Lawson, josh.lawson@aa.com

We would like to request: 2 stop signs, speed limit signs and children at play signs. Cars are constantly flying down this road, the park has no form of signs for slow speed or for children at play. Neighborhood Petition included.

After discussion, since this is a neighborhood park, the parks department will review the area and add to the upcoming park improvement project to

add a crosswalk & a four-way stop. Motion to approve made by Cindy Acree, seconded by Justin Scantlin. Voice vote, motion approved.

III. Miscellaneous

1. Discussion - Neighborhood Streets Pilot Program

Presentation attached from 11/7/2022

Committee reviewed current comments from the SW D Street neighbor streets pilot program. Tony Davis made a motion to adjust signage spacing every 350-500ft from intersections, remove SE E Street signage and re-work the wording to be less restrictive (from Local Traffic Only/No Through Traffic to possibly Slow Traffic). Seconded by Cindy Acree. Voice vote, motion approved.

IV. Next Proposed Meeting:

1. July 1, 2024 - Will Committee have a quorum?

Due to the 4th of July Holiday, July 1st meeting will be moved to July 8th.

Kirby Romines, City Clerk

Stephanie Orman, Mayor