



**Traffic Safety and Signage Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2024
2:00 PM
Bentonville City Hall**

I. Old Business

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

1. Special Event - NWA Heart Walk **Informational**

Ellen Hoelscher, ellen.hoelscher@heart.org

Special Event closure - April 26th at Orchards Park beginning at 7:30am, route map attached

Motion made by Cindy Acree to approve event closure as submitted, seconded by Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion approved.

2. Signage Request (and other) - SW E Street and surrounding downtown areas **Informational**

Bobby Carlson, boobycarlson@aol.com

Request 4-way stop @ SW E Street & SW 5th Street to reduce frequent speeding.

Parking issues at James Berry Park Lot & the on-street parking spaces along SW F Street and on-street parking of surrounding businesses along Glover Street.

There are several in ground ATT boxes throughout the SW Downtown area that are broken and presenting safety issues.

Mr. Carlson not present, Mr. Sanchez presented issues. After review, four-way stop will be placed at E & 5th, with increased enforcement of parking. Committee will talk to surrounding businesses concerning parking at local park lot and Street Department will contract ATT on broken boxes posing a safety hazard. Motion made by Ray Shastid, seconded by Cindy Acree. Voice vote, motion approved.

3. Traffic Calming - SW E Street & SW 5th Street **Informational**

Judith McCartan, jaamccartan@mac.com

On-street parking issue along SW E Street & SW 5th Street. Cars parking on both sides of the street making this a dangerous area for all traffic.

Cindy Acree made a motion to table item so that all On-Street Parking can be reviewed in the area along with signage (painting vs. poles). Seconded by Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion tabled.

4. **Sign Request - SE A Street** **Informational**
Brenda Borum, 479-464-6166, 507 SE A Street

On-street parking issues, requesting "No Parking" Signs. She says that there are very often cars parked on the grass in front of her house. Police non-emergency does address it when she calls, but the problem persists. In addition, there are many vehicles parked on this street, including large trucks (possibly utility vehicles since it is across from a substation?). She is in a wheelchair and is afraid of being injured as she comes out of her house since nobody can see her. Here are the various issues that she has raised:

1. **Emergency vehicles** could not make a turnaround in the circle to service residents – she said that she has filed a police report on this on July 9 or 10 – but the situation repeats itself
2. There is a **city drain** that was installed nearby – the crews dug a drain and filled it with rock and sand, but with the cars that have been parking on it, it is crushed.

Tyler Overstreet made motion to table in order to perform a site visit and to work on policy related to on-street parking complaints. Seconded by Cindy Acree. Voice vote, motion tabled.

5. **Signage Request - SW Gypsum** **Informational**
Rita Harp, ritaharp258513@gmail.com

Due to the high volume of drivers and speeding, residents would like signage reviewed (speed limit, Children at Play and possible speed bumps) to slow traffic in the area.

Motion made by Cindy Acree to install speed limits and "children at plays" signs as well as increased enforcement by Police. Seconded by Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion approved.

6. **Crosswalk Project - NW B Street & NW 3rd Street** **Informational**
Nathan Boone, PE, nboone@tooledesign.com

Seeking TSS support for a new LSD Project for shared-use bikeways at NW B Street, from NW 3rd & NW 10th Street

TIP24-0004 crosswalk/shared-use project presented to the Committee. After discussion, Tyler Overstreet made a motion to approve, seconded by Justin Scantlin. Voice vote, motion approved.

III. Miscellaneous

1. **SW Rainbow Road at SW Regional Airport Road**

SW Rainbow Road at SW Regional Airport Road - Update only
Striping/Markings is confusing at this location.

Update from Jose, striping is in and is on the schedule to install.

IV. Next Proposed Meeting:

September 9, 2024 due to Labor Day Holiday.

Kirby Romines, City Clerk

Stephanie Orman, Mayor