



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

I. Old Business

1. Tabled from 9/09/24 - Sean Goode **Informational**

Minutes from 9/09/24:

Request mid-block crossing (RRFB) at NW 3rd and the east side of NW Freestone Way due to the high pedestrian traffic to Coler & the schools on Elm Tree Road.

Tony Davis made a motion to conduct traffic counts/study for the midblock crossing and place required items if study warrants. Seconded by Jose Hernandez. Voice vote, motion approved.

Cindy Acree made a motion to review the area for possible the 3-Way Stop at NW Freestone Way and NW 3rd Street with crosswalk striping by Transportation Division. Seconded by Jose Hernandez. Voice vote, motion approved.

2. Tabled Item from 10/07/24 - Molly Pace **Informational**
Signage Request

Minutes from 10/7/24:

EDG on behalf of Thaden School requested a four-way stop at the intersection of SE 10th & Benton Street.

Motion made by Jose Hernandez to conduct a traffic study to determine if four-way stop is warranted. The Committee will compare findings from one year ago to now and update signage as required. Seconded by Ray Shastid. The item is tabled until study is complete. Voice vote, motion approved.

After reviewing the area and the new development coming into the area, Cindy Acree made a motion to deny. Seconded by Jose Hernandez. Voice vote motion approved.

3. Tabled from 11/04/24 - Robert Holland **Informational**

Minutes from 11/04/24:

Request for traffic calming signage throughout Grammercy Park neighborhood due

to non-local traffic.

The committee will review the Neighborhood Streets Pilot Program at the next meeting. This area will be placed on the list for possible extension of the project. The program runs from March to November. Item tabled until program reviewed.

The Committee agrees a policy/procedure for the Neighborhood Street Pilot Program is needed and the task should fall to the new Active Transportation Advisory Board. The board is being developed now. Cindy Acree made a motion to review the policy/procedure by May 2025 with Grammercy Park area based on the request by Robert Holland be on the list for the next session. Seconded by Daniel Clardy. Voice vote, motion approved.

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

1. Signage Request - Tiffany DeSpain **Informational** **tiffanydespain@haashall.org**

School Zone Designation for Streets near Haas Hall Academy Bentonville:

Please designate the section of SE J Street and the small road on the south side of the building as a school zone with appropriate signage, flashing lights, and reduced speeds from 7:15 am to 8:00 am and then from 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm.

Cindy Acree made a motion for the Transportation Division to check the status of ARDOT Right of Way and install the needed School Zone Signage per the MUTCD regulations. Seconded by Tyler Oversteet. Voice vote, motion approved.

2. Signage Request - Eric Sommer **Informational** **ericj.sommer@gmail.com**

Request a four-way stop at the intersection of NW 5th & NW C Streets. Petition attached.

Daniel Clardy made a motion for new counts in January 2025 on NW 5th Street between NW C & NW D Street and will compare with 2019 counts as well as 2024 counts. Table item until all counts are reviewed. Seconded by Jose Hernandez. Voice vote, motion tabled.

3. Signage/Crosswalk Request - **Informational** **Jacquelyn Hudson** **jsm_595s@yahoo.com**

Due to the dangerous intersection of SW Elington and SW 20th streets, we request additional signage and markings to alert drivers to pedestrians.

Cindy Acree made a motion to change 2-way stop to a 4-way stop at SW Elington & SW 20th Street by the Transportation Division. Seconded by Jose Hernandez. Voice vote, motion approved.

4. Construction - ROW Closure - Jacob **Informational** **Akridge** **Jacob.Akridge@Flintco.com**

Flintco is requesting the approval to close the 4 parallel parking spaces in the east bound lane of Central Ave directly north of the 200 E Central Hotel. There is exterior work on the building that can only be accessed by areal lifts from the location of the parking area. Dates requested are 12/4 - 2/29, schedule attached below. Traffic flow on Central will not be affected with this closure.

Daniel Clardy made a motion to approve the request to close 4 parallel parking spaces directly in front of Proejct LSD22-0019 on East Central Ave for Exterior Building work starting 12/4 through 12/29. Seconded by Jose Hernandez. Voice vote, motion approved.

5. **Race/Run - Katie Alridge** **Informational**
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Gold Rush 5K/Fun Run

The foundation is requesting approval for our 15th annual Gold Rush 5K and Fun Run event to be held on Friday May 2, 2025 in Downtown Bentonville in partnership with DBI and First Friday. Parks and Recreation has received our request for staging our start and finish line at Lawrence Plaza. Our Board President, Cortney Carlson, has been coordinating with Dana and Stephanie at DBI, David at Parks & Rec, Mike Rush at Rush Running, and Chief Shastid, James Boothman and James Grace at BPD. Our race route maps for the 5K and Fun Run are included. The Fun Run will start at 6:30pm and the 5K at 7:00pm. The race is typically complete by 8:00pm. Surrounding residents will receive a letter 7 days prior to the race.

After discussion, the committee requested moving the rolling soft closure from A Street to either B or C Street. David Wright made a motion to approve the amended route and applicant must submit new map/route showing the change. Seconded by Justin Scatlin. Voice vote, motion approved.

III. Miscellaneous

IV. Next Proposed Meeting:

1. ***Monday, January 6, 2025***

Kirby Romines, City Clerk

Stephanie Orman, Mayor