



**Traffic Safety and Signage Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2025
2:00 PM
Bentonville City Hall**

I. Old Business

1. **Tabled Item: NW 5th & C Intersection** **Informational**
Eric Sommer,
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Request was made for a four-way stop at the intersection of NW 5th & NW C Streets. Petition provided at 12/2/24 meeting.

Minutes from 12/2/24: 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.

Transportation recommendation for Committee: All-Way Stop & Crosswalk
Due to construction traffic, Daniel Clardy made motion to tabled until May Meeting. Seconded by Ray Shastid.

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

1. **Apple Glen Elementary - Car Line** **Informational**
Tracey Wood,
trwood@bentonvillek12.org

Apple Glen Elementary made changes to their AM & PM car line due to cars blocking Martin Luther King Blvd. as they turned onto Brave Lane. Parents now must access Brave Lane by entering via Memorial Park at the 4-way stop sign. Ofc. Wong-Many #925 has recommended that we have signs placed at this intersection. We request 1 sign at each of the stop signs on MLK. The NW corner sign needs to include "No Right Turn Arrow" and state from 7-7 AM, 2:30-3 PM M-F. The NE corner sign needs to include "No Left Turn Arrow" and state from 7-7 AM, 2:30-3 PM M-F.

Ray Shastid made a motion to place signs on a 30-day trial. The Street Department is about 30 days plus out on new installations. Seconded by Daniel Clardy. Voice vote, motion approved.

2. **Central Park School - Gator Run** **Informational**
Kelsey Stevenson,
kelseyandcraig@gmail.com

Central Park Elementary School's PTO is looking to host our annual "Gator Run" around SW Liberty Ave on Friday, April 4, 2025. This is a road that runs in a circle around Central Park Elementary and is primarily used for school traffic. In previous years we have kept the run to the sidewalk around the school but since our participation is growing and it is getting cramped. The race is divided into 3 time slots with the first starting at 8am, then 9am, and the last race will start at 10am. We anticipate the whole thing to be over by 10:45/11am, if not earlier. We'd like to request one police officer to be placed at the intersection of HWY 112 and SW Liberty Ave to mitigate traffic.

Ray Shastid made a motion to approved event/closure as submitted.
Seconded by Justin Scantlin. Voice vote, motion approved.

3. **Hometown Half** **Informational**
Maeghan Weygandt,
Admin@bodiesrc.com

Request to hold Race/Run on June 7th starting @ 7am to 10:30am. Start and Finish @ Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center.

After discussion, David Wright made a motion to approve the date of the event, but table the route will need to be worked out due to the number of participants on the trail at one time, as well as possible construction. Seconded by Daniel Clardy. Voice vote, motion approved.

4. **2025 Walmart Shareholders** **Informational**
Triathlon
Joe Falcon,
Joseph.Falcon@Walmart.com

The Walmart race committee has met with the command staff from the Bentonville Police Department for approval of the race course and staffing assignments. Likewise, we will send notifications to residents of the raceway to include local apartment complexes. The review by the Police Department command staff met approval. We will utilize our existing contract with the City of Bentonville Campus Emergency Services program to support the event. Attached is the race deck to include information, helper maps, and the location of police units during the event.

Motion made by David Wright to approved event/route as submitted. Seconded by Justin Scantlin. Voice vote, motion approved.

5. **Dedicated Valet Spots** **Informational**
Carl Garrett/Whitney Stone,
carl@tablemesabisstro.com /
whitney@tablemesabistro.com

We propose designating a valet parking zone in front of Table Mesa (110 E Central) during the following hours:

Valet Service: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Loading Zone: 4:00 AM – 9:00 AM (for delivery vehicles)

The financing is expected to be provided by A&P, likely encompassing all downtown businesses. If this is not the case, the valet service will accommodate both Table Mesa and Tavola as part of the plan.

After discussion, several questions in regard to the public valet area...Will need to be discussed with local businesses and get approval. Where will the cars be parked? Will ADA improvements be needed, and who pays for the improvements? Will there need to be an agreement or permit due to public Right of Way?

Ray Shastid made a motion table until City Staff can discuss and get all questions answered. Seconded by Daniel Clardy. Voice vote, motion approved.

6. **2025 Gravelicious Race** **Informational**

Amy Springer,
amy@visitbentonville.com

Requested Police Lead-out (5 miles from start)

9AM-9:30AM

Police Awareness VMB (Visual Message Board) Sign, or orange cones along HW 72 @ Short Road Marshal Station from 10:30AM-2:30PM. Loadout requested is similar to past two years.

9AM Race start w/ SW 2nd St (HW 72) being closed for 3 min so cyclists can enter HW 72 from Applegate as a group protected by lead-out and moto brigade then immediately turning left on Tater

After verification that start/finish will match the Page 4 submittal on 8th Street, David Wright made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ray Shastid. Voice vote, motion approved.

7. **Walmart Museum - Main Street Closure** **Informational**

Kurt Templeton,
kurt.templeton@walmart.com

On March 14th at 1pm, Walmart will celebrate the grand re-opening of the Walmart Museum, Walton's Five and Dime, and Spark Cafe. We are requesting that North Main Street be closed on March 14th from 9am to 3pm between W Central Ave and N Main Street. We anticipate large crowds, media, and would like to mitigate any risk to injury of folks attending this event.

Motion made by Ray Shastid to approve as submitted. Seconded by David Wright. Voice vote, motion approved.

III. **Miscellaneous**

1. **SW I ST & SW 8th ST Sign Request**
Jess Pearson, Bentonville Moves Coalition

Signage Request:

No Right Turn on Red Signs: Install signs at NB I St and EB 8th St

Left Turn Phasing: Reconfigure the signal phasing to eliminate permissive left-turns across active crosswalks by implementing protected, leading, or lagging left-turn phasing.

Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI): Adjust pedestrian phasing to include a Leading Pedestrian Interval, allowing crosswalk users a 3–5 second head

start into the intersection

Enforcement: Support the new signal configurations with a press release and motorcycle officer enforcement for three weeks.

Dan Weese noted several concerns. Transportation is working on the budgeting currently for updated signage and striping for No Right on Red. This item will come back before the Committee once full review and budget is complete. No vote at this time.

IV. Next Proposed Meeting:

1. **April 7, 2025**

Kirby Romines, City Clerk

Stephanie Orman, Mayor