

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 11, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lacy Kent, Barbara Turner, Suzanne Bolin, Albert Clement Josh Martinez (Mr. Martinez entered at 6:06)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence Saterfield, Daniel Pomerlee

REPRESENTATIVES: Public Works Director Rich Urquidi; Street Superintendent Gene Palmer; Councilman Stokes

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

Lacy Kent made a motion to add Discussion/Decision on the closure of South 2nd East Street to through traffic to the agenda as new business as it is a time sensitive matter for the pre-construction engineering on Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization Plan and cannot wait until the April meeting. Barbara Turner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES:

Lacy Kent made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting. Barbara Turner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Elect 2020 Chairman

Lacy Kent made a motion to nominate Albert Clement as the 2020 Chairman. Barbara Turner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Item closed.

U-turns at Elementary Schools

The committee decided to start by addressing the issue with the schools first and see if they would be willing to send a notice to parents regarding the unsafe practice of performing U-turns in front of the schools. Mr. Urquidi said that he would talk to James Gilbert about the issue to see if they could come up with a resolution as the schools have always been receptive to such input. Carry forward.

Jackson and Main Street Vision Triangle

The committee agreed since the street has been repaired and there are not construction signs in the way the vision has improved. Mr. Urquidi pointed out that the vision triangle actually increased from what was previously at that corner. Item closed.

Discussion/Decision on No Left Turn onto N. 2nd West from E. 5th North Street

Josh said that he talked to the owner of S&P Trucking and asked if this change would impact any of his business. He said no, all his trucks leave off of N. 2nd West, but cannot make a turn from 5th to 2nd anyways because it's too tight for them. The only time one of their trucks leaves that area and out N. 2nd West and up toward Marathon Cheese. He said the only impact would be him driving to work, but he is willing to just drive around the block which has been a lot of the feedback from others. Gene said they had put up all

the truck route signs and that they are still going over the tracks every morning. Josh said that S&P did say they go that direction if they are going towards Boise. Gene said it is now 100% closed. Gene talked to Chief Conner and officers are supposed to warn drivers on the first violation and ticket on the second violation. Lacy Kent made a motion to make a no left turn onto N. 2nd West from E. 5th North Street. Barbara Turner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Item closed.

Discussion/Decision on the Closure of South 2nd East Street to Through Traffic

Mr. Urquidi explained that while preparing for the pre-construction phase for the implementation of Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization plan it became clear that a determination needed to be made on whether we would need to realign S. 2nd East Street (the portion of the street before Jackson St. and the traffic light between the old Paul's building and the Stockyard) or close it to through traffic. That section of road has always been a non-conforming point in the intersection for traffic, as it jogs to meet N. 2nd East, rather than entering the ITD roadway (N. 2nd East) squarely. This alignment has always been a concern of ITD's.

For best practice in traffic management, and in order to leave the road open there would be significant additional costs to realign the street to the intersection as well as realigning the traffic signal arm as we realign the road. Since S. 2nd East is a low volume road it would impact few drivers if that traffic pattern was changed. Neither Mountain Home Police nor Mountain Home Fire Department saw any negative impact to emergency response services. The committee was shown a letter of support from Chief Moore of the fire department.

Lacy Kent made a motion close South 2nd East Street between the old Paul's building and the Stockyard to through traffic. Albert Clement seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Item closed.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

Josh Martinez said he is concerned about the pedestrian safety at the crosswalk at N. 9th East Street and American Legion. Item added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Stokes said he would like to discuss pedestrian education at the next meeting as well. Item was added to next meeting's agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Lacy Kent made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Albert Clement seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.


Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 8, 2020 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

U-turns at Elementary Schools

NEW BUSINESS

Crosswalk Concern at N. 9th East Street and American Legion Boulevard
Pedestrian Education