

INDEPENDENCE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 04-23-03

Commission members present: Terry Allen, Kie Cottam, Tim Hinds,
Michael Iwai, Lonnie Sanner, Vernon Wells

Absent: Mike Danko

Visitor: Jack Sanner

Traffic Safety Tech: Carl Nightengale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (April 23, 2003):

Minutes were unanimously approved.

VISITOR BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Russ Schmidt had requested speed bumps be installed on 16th Street to slow cars down. The Commission discussed this idea and decided to table the idea and watch how traffic flow develops in that area.

The Committee prefers to use other methods than speed bumps, and the consensus is not to add them.

2. Pam Wright requested a stop sign on F Street at 13th. She was especially concerned about the east-bound traffic from Trafalgar Square, phase two. The Commission discussed and approved this request placing a stop sign on F at 13th Street.

That stop sign is in. There is no stop sign at the exit of the private drive off Trafalgar Square, but traffic is required to stop there anyway.

3. The new Ash and Williams Streets intersection needs to be controlled in some way. The Commission had earlier discussed alternative and decided to recommend temporary stop signs on all four corners so that traffic flow in that area could be studied more fully. There is currently a two-way stop, at Williams and Ash St. north. Intention to go through both ways when paving is done.

Motion for west-bound stop on Williams St. only was moved by Lonnie Sanner and seconded by Kie Cottam.

4. James Brooks requested speed bumps on Mooney Street to slow traffic.

There is much less traffic on Mooney now that the work on Hoffman is almost complete, and there have been no newer complaints..

The Committee consensus is not to recommend speed bumps.

5. A Commission member recommended and all agreed that a stop sign was needed at Ash Street and Polk.

That stop sign is already in place.

6. Central HS exit onto Gun Club Road was discussed for potential problems. Many cars use this exit, and turn either direction on Gun club. A VHS tape was reviewed showing the traffic. It was mentioned that there has been no accidents in a year's use of the exit.

This item is on the City Council agenda of May 13th.

Some suggestions:

Make a right turn only, except busses.

Make the exit wider to ease traffic.

Leave it as is.

Carl will video tape another session of the heaviest traffic, using a unmarked vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tim Hinds was introduced as the new City Council representative, replacing Dr. Bob Archer.

2. John Pfaff has a concern about children and vehicles sharing the alley running between A and B streets, off Ash.

Carl Nightengale had observed the area, and agreed with Mr. Pfaff's concern.

The Commission's best solution would put 'No Through Traffic' signs at both ends of the alley.

The motion was approved and seconded. Mr. Cottam will take action.

3. Cheryl Parmenter is concerned about pedestrian crossings across Monmouth Street and 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets.

Carl had observed these crossings and agreed with Ms. Pamenters' concerns.

Suggestions to improve driver's attention to letting pedestrians cross safely are using the orange crosswalk 'sandwich' signs, and more Crosswalk Compliance checks by IPD.

4. The alley between Monmouth and C Streets is one-way north. It was recommended (not by the committee) to make the north end two-way.

The Committee agrees that this is a bad idea. The existing traffic design is the best flow, although inconvenient for the parking lot.. Mr. Cottam suggested cutting the curb on C Street to allow two-way traffic to the lot. This would be our long term goal.

5. Additional speed limit signs are needed on 16th street. There is only one right now.

Mr. Cottam will install two more 25 mph signs.

6. Two more speed limit signs are needed on Stryker Road – only two, at each end of this long street at present.

Mr. Cottam will install two more 35 mph signs, toward the middle.

7. When the new sidewalks are installed on 16th Street, what will be the impact on on-street parking? Cars now park illegally in the bicycle lane.

Tabled for further discussion.

8. A hazard at 4th and Spruce, heading south. A tree blocks the stop sign.

Carl will observe and discuss action with Mr. Cottam
Will report at the next meeting.

9. Circle K displays an ad sign which blocks view of traffic on 17th Street. IPD is currently in the process of enforcing signs compliance.

Mr. Cottam will investigate and talk with Circle K about their sign.