Traffic Safety Community Action Group

Monday, November 29, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting via Live Video Stream and Telephone

Minutes Taken from Video Recording

1. Call to Order

   Meeting was called to order by Chair Jodi Tenney at 6:01pm. Members present were Dirk Patterson, Lauren Della Monica, Todd Johnson, Raz Alexe, and Cliff Cooper.

2. Approval of minutes

   No approval of minutes (some minutes outstanding from previous special meetings).

3. Public comment

   No public comment.

4. Set meeting dates for 2022 and December 2021 date

   Dates moved to 4th Monday of the month rather than last Monday of the month to avoid holiday conflicts. The only exception is the December 2022 meeting which is moved to December 19th to avoid meeting between Christmas and New Year’s. Motion to approve by Raz Alexe. Seconded by Dirk Patterson. Motion carried.

   December 2021 meeting is moved to December 20th and will be a special meeting via Zoom.

5. Capital request update

   These requests will fall to Raz and will be presented on December 14. Two requests: work on area near Espresso 59 with bump outs and four-way stop signals at approximately $50K, and proceeding with larger traffic audit at approximately $50K from capital campaign with hope for an additional $50K from DOT or grant. Denise Raap pointed out that there is grant money available (approximately $86K) for Friends of the Green, headed by Mike Reardon, which could be used for such a thing as the traffic study. Traffic study is the number one capital priority.
6. Other budget requests

Denise Raap invited Pete Russo and Jim Holmes to join the meeting to field questions about constables and additional law enforcement. Jim has no figures as yet as to costs of additional officers/enforcement. There will be start-up costs in addition to salaries. There should be some budget item for costs to continue Safety Awareness initiative begun this year.

Ed Fabri suggested speed bumps on local roads. DOT would need to be onboard for bumps on state roads, which is unlikely.

7. Lighting at crosswalks

Meadow Street Extension crosswalk is dangerous and should be lit or removed. The other concern is the crosswalk opposite the Post Office. Dirk Patterson points out that there is no pole on which to place a light at the PO location. Cliff Cooper pointed out the installation of solar operated light at Bissell Street as part of Greenway for which the cost was approximately $10K, though it is not over a state road. There will be improvement in lighting at Spencer Street with beacon. Ed Fabri suggested that elimination Meadow crosswalk might encourage pedestrians to go to either North Street or Spencer Street, though others will continue to cross where there is no crosswalk. Dirk Patterson has approved Spencer Street light, but any additional lighting would need to go to Borough Board, not to mention the problem of location of available poles, which on North Street, for example, are to illuminate the sidewalk and are placed too far back from street to be effective for crosswalks.

Ed Fabri presented a sketch for addressing the area in front of Espresso 59. This proposal would need DOT approval, which would require the additional traffic study discussed prior.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Dirk Patterson. Seconded by Lauren Della Monica. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Johnson
Recording Secretary