

Traffic Safety Community Action Group  
Monday September 25, 2023  
Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Location: Bantam Annex

Attendees: Jodiann Tenney, Patricia Peiffer, Ed Fabbri

On Zoom: Clifford Cooper, Kim Fischer, Amanda Glover, Denise Raap, Burke Gibney, Dirk Patterson, Ashlie

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 6:19pm
2. Approve Minutes - August 28 correction made, speed limit corrected from 15 mph to 30 mph. Patricia motions, Jodi seconds. Unanimous approval.
3. Update of scope of work for Seherr-Thoss Request - Ed comments that we will need to have a concept of what we want to propose, then write a letter to the Commissioner to include in the scope of the project. Priority should be to improve the green triangle area across from Espresso 59, and this would be an opportunity to get it in front of DOT. Patricia advocates for a bypass for truck traffic and for Ed's proposal to be drawn up by an engineer to present it properly. Jodi suggests we get a meeting on the table with the state and pull together a master plan. Jodi asks the group to refocus on spending the Seherr-Thoss grant. Ed proposes using the funding for bump outs to shorten crosswalks in and around the Green. Denise, Ed and Raz are meeting tomorrow. The group needs to have on record how we are going to reallocate the money. Jodi makes a motion that Ed, Raz and Denise work on an expanded bump out plan. Must be submitted by this November to secure capital. The cost to draw up the plan is \$9k. Cardinal will supply a cost estimate.
4. Updates on Recent Progress - Speed bump installed. Patricia wonders about the traffic cones. All 6 have been destroyed by drivers running them over, sometimes intentionally. Ed comments on speed bumps: when the parking spaces are full, they work. When trucks hit the bumps, there is a noise issue. When the spots are empty people go around the humps. A UPS truck went over too fast. Cyclists go around the hump. In general, it seems to be slowing down the traffic. Patricia notes that people commenting on social media are pleased with them. Jodi to ask Raz about the second speed bump. DOT set up 23 cameras for traffic study, run on Thursday only at select times. Ed objected and communicated with the installer. Went back to DOT, they can turn them on and off remotely, changed the date to Friday.
5. Town Parking Committee Representative - Union Savings looking to sell some of their parking lot to the Hotel. North Street parking in front of the bank is illegal, letter from State. P&Z working with the hotel project, looking for a representative from our group to participate in a Town Parking Committee.

6. Education and Communication - Next Steps - using the Federal graphics. Patricia would prefer local data as opposed to National data. She like that the first post that read it was sponsored by the Traffic Committee. Patricia can help supply the message to Denise going forward.  
January is the target month for rolling out a communication plan. Patricia will attend the Economic Development Commission to build a relationship. ARPA can be used for visual communications. Patricia can look into environmental wayfinding. Dirk says the sign will not fit because walking around the side of the building is not safe. Dirk has already talked about signs in previous meetings, and suggests revisiting previous plans.
7. Enforcement for Speed Reduction - Jodi to follow up with Denise re: communicating with the Troopers. Jodi proposes a month-by-month report put into a spreadsheet that the Committee has access to to track trends. Committee should make a request prior to budget season for an additional officer. Dirk recommends four officers.
8. Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn at 7:52 by Jodi, seconded by Patricia.