

# Minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

6:04 p.m.

## Committee Members:

John Marc Knight, Kendalyn Harris, Chris Simonsen

## Staff/Department Personnel:

Chief Tom Ross, Gary Hill, Gary Blowers, Richard Higginson, Ed Biehler, Chad Wilkinson, Lloyd Cheney

Committee member Chris Simonsen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. The time was then turned over to Paul Rowland, City Engineer.

## Request for 25 MPH speed limit signs on Mill Street near Creekside Park

Mr. Rowland stated that with the completion of the new park, there has been some increased traffic along Mill Street. This particular street has a long history. A speed study was conducted, with the results showing normal increase with about 85% driving within the posted speed limit. We do not want to put in anything structural; more as just a reminder in the area. New speed limit signs can be installed, as well as “playground signs” closer to the park. Mr. Rowland recommends the new signs to be approved by the City Council. Chief Ross concurred. Mr. Knight made a motion to recommend the signs to City Council, Ms. Harris seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with Committee members Harris, Knight and Simonsen voting “aye.

## Consider 4-way Stop at 1800 South and 200 West while replacing vehicle damaged flashing Stop sign assembly

Mr. Rowland stated statistically, this particular intersection is the least safe in the city. We have been through an entire revolution trying to improve it. The Traffic Safety manual requires that traffic should be equal on all sides to incur a 4-way stop. Mr. Rowland proposes a 4-way stop, to include new 36 inch LED Stop signs. A Bountiful resident was concerned about traffic backup especially with houses so close to the intersection and another 4 way stop intersection within a couple blocks. Chief Ross reported that drivers are repeatedly committing left turn violations, causing accidents. This intersection is too small for a round-about, but something needs to be done. Ms. Harris said she respects the resident’s concerns, appreciates Mr. Rowland’s research and made a motion to recommend the 4-way stop to the City Council. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with Committee members Harris, Knight and Simonsen voting “aye.

*Changes to School Parking Restrictions on city streets around Viewmont and Bountiful High Schools*

Mr. Rowland stated that this discussion is for information only and no action will be taken until there is public input at a later date.

Mr. Rowland reviewed the extensive history of parking concerns over the past several decades. This has varied from no parking signs, petitions being signed, more no parking signs until now. Chief Ross noted that the Police Department does not have the man power to enforce the signs and is only done by complaint. The new high school in Farmington to help to alleviate some of the problem and with the current remodels of both High Schools, there is a small increase in on site school parking. Chief Ross explained his concerns, citing that we cannot keep putting in more signs and pushing out the problem of parking. The school district is working with the local churches for extra parking and sending letters to encourage students/parents to carpool. Chief Ross suggested if the signs are pulled, both sides of the issue shrink and it will be easier to enforce. People have to remember that living in a society, comes down to where you choose to live. If you choose to live near a school, these are the conditions. Committee members discussed the options presented. Mr. Knight made a motion to recommend to the full City Council that all the "no Parking" signs be removed, after the council has had the opportunity to gather comment from the public. Mr. Rowland wished to add that the decision made by the City Council needs to be final and not remanded back to the Traffic Safety Committee. This agenda item could be done by late August or early September. Ms. Harris wished to abstain from the vote. Mr. Knight and Simonsen seconded the motion made. Voting for the recommendation were Committee members Knight and Simonsen, with Ms. Harris abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.