

Public Works Committee Minutes Thursday October 12, 2017

Chair Lederer called the meeting to order at 7:20p.m.

Roll Call: Public Works Committee members present at the meeting were Chair Mark Lederer, Chris Petykowski, Cara Coburn-Faris and Rick Chappell. Others present included, Village Engineer Brian Berquist, Crew Chief John Mitmoen, and Village Administrator Karl Frantz as well as Village residents Gloria Whiting, Gemma Warner, Cheri Carbon, Carol Scheatte, Scott Friedman and Dennis Palmer

Compliance with the open meeting law was noted.

Listening session on Village traffic concerns and any ensuing recommendations -

Chairperson Mark Lederer opened the session and outlined his perspective on the matter referring to his “Notes on Traffic Calming” that are appended to these minutes.

Cheri Carbon 2714 Harvard Lane –Expressed concern that the permanent bump outs are not where the temporary ones were and that one of them will be a danger to all the bicyclists having to turn right at Harvard and the bike path.

Scott Friedman 3209 Lake Mendota Drive – LMD is a high speed, high volume street with no sidewalks to the school. It is a wide, busy street and main thoroughfare in and out of the Village. He noted traffic control measures that had occurred when he lived in Washington in a community adjacent to Bellevue called Clyde Hill that was a lot like the Village. He believes the Village needs to consider traffic calming measures on Lake Mendota Drive as well as sidewalks or accommodations so people can safely walk and bike.

Gloria Whiting 922 University Bay Drive - Stated her concern about the placement of the permanent bump outs that omitted one of the temporary bump outs and that she was never made aware of the change. Traffic is speeding up after going through the bump outs and the absence of the one bump out aggravates that. She was concerned that the Village never contacted residents, and she is directly affected, as the eliminated one is right in front of her house. She is hopeful that something can be done about that and also wants to understand how to keep track of what is going on in the Village between its 19 various committees.

Dennis Palmer 959 University Bay Drive. – Said that communications was lacking on the UBD bump out project. He had sent an email to the Village outlining his concerns and suggestions and never heard back until the project was underway. He also felt a crosswalk needs to be installed adjacent to the bus stop.

The Committee thanked participants and discussed working on an updated traffic calming policy. They discussed notifications on projects. The Village will also deploy its Metro Count equipment to take vehicle speed and volume measures near the eliminated bump out in addition to post construction counts where the pre-construction counts were taken in order to see if additional measures should be considered.

Frantz noted that this project was bottom up, with residents on UBD taking the initiative and there were numerous residents at the meetings. The Village may have misjudged the general level of public knowledge about what was being considered and when. When the Village initiates a project, all residents on the street are notified by mail and there are walk through and on site meetings. In this case, due to the number of residents at meetings and who visited Village Hall or emailed with questions this systematic approach did not happen. Mr. Lederer commented that the Village can consider additional calming measures if need be. Mr. Lederer also stated that he believed the committee was committed to completing the project and solving the underlying problem of excessive speeding in the Village.

Consider stop sign on street behind Arbor Crossing -The Committee discussed the request for placement of a stop sign in this area and Chris Petykowski brought up the need to ascertain if any of the warrants for a sign are met. Brian Berquist will consult with Yang Tao who is knowledgeable about the warrants required and then the issue will be brought back to Committee.

Update on Locust Drive UBD project- Brian updated the Committee on progress.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Karl Frantz
Village Administrator