

**City of Lafayette Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

Members Present: The following members were present: Todd Wilkins, Bob Downing Ron Campbell, Keth Sapp, Nick Sandifer, Robert Stwalley, Heather Maddox, David Hittle, and Jeromy Grenard, City Engineer was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting, Mr. Downing seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Speeding on South 30th Street

Mr. Grenard, City Engineer shared Mrs. Murray had previously suggested engaging the neighborhood and there has not been an opportunity to do that yet. The traffic counters were placed again with almost the same results showing the need for some type of action. Discussion ensued. The commission agreed this needs to be studied further and no commission action was taken.

New Business:

Speeding: Bennett Road-between Teal Road and Beck Lane

Mr. Grenard reported on a traffic count done recently with the main excess speed in the middle of the road. Discussion ensued.

Speeding: Scott Street-between Main Street and South Street

Mr. Grenard reported on a concern from Park Security regarding speeding on Scott Street. Pedestrian traffic is heavy however the 85th percentile speeds are 30 to 31mph. The street has 3 pedestrian crossings at each intersection. Mr. Grenard recommended one additional speed limit sign for the northbound direction and additional signage at the center pedestrian crossing similar to what was done on Park Avenue. Mr. Campbell moved for passage, Dr. Stwalley seconded. Motion passed.

Speeding: State Street-between Earl Avenue and 18th Street

Mr. Grenard reported on continued issues regarding speeding on State Street a recent traffic count reported the 85th percentile at 41-43 mph, with speeds as high as 60 reported. Mr. Grenard recommended lowering the speed limits to 25 mph allowing the speeding to be more enforceable by the police and striping narrow travel lanes. Dr. Stwalley moved for passage, Mr. Downing seconded. Motion passed.

Sight Distance: Beck Lane/Old Romney Road/Wabash Avenue intersection

Mr. Grenard reported on the difficulty with site seeing on Beck Lane if coming off of Old Romney Road and Beck Lane does not stop at this intersection. Mr. Grenard's recommendation is to add a stop sign at the intersection drive approach on Beck Lane but allow the traffic coming up the hill to flow freely. Mr. Campbell moved for passage, Dr. Stwalley seconded. Motion passed.

City Engineer's Report:

Mr. Grenard gave brief updates on the following areas:

The Traffic Signal at the YMCA entrance is ready and awaiting poles for installation.

Park East Blvd extension is almost complete however still awaiting traffic signal and lighting poles.

A drainage project is scheduled for Kossuth and Ninth street on September 20th and will be closed for 30 days.

Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn, Mr. Downing seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Sue Scott

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