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TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2009, REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Williams, Ian Mattingly, Robert Meyer, Dennis Stringer, John Tarro

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Teresa Ogle, Doug Kraemer, Sgt. Tim Fletcher, Tim Legler, Lisa Barnes, Gary Pasciak, Faith Pasciak, Rod Hoffman, Jim Heintzman, Dennis O'Reilly, Carolyn O'Reilly, Robert McBride, Chris DeLong, Tom Collins

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. The December 4, 2008, meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. Public Input

Leroux Street – Dennis and Carolyn O'Reilly came before the committee to discuss traffic calming measures for Leroux Street, between Montezuma Street and Park Avenue. Staff has provided a procedure packet to residents. A petition has not yet been submitted. Mr. O'Reilly stated that the Copper Basin Road reconstruction project has increased traffic (permanently). He stated that speeders, both uphill and downhill create hazards for the many pedestrians on the road. There have been five incidences where vehicles have ended up in their front yard. Staff will conduct traffic counts and speed studies, and the item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Sarafina Drive – Jim Heintzman came before the committee to discuss concerns with cut-through traffic and speeding, with the most dangerous section near the mailboxes. The mailboxes are located on a curve at the common area where Sarafina goes down toward Smoketree. The sidewalk is on the west side of the street, with mailboxes on the east side. Speed studies were done, with 85th percentile speeds being 28 or 29 mph. Residents are requesting speed humps or "Curve Ahead" or "15 mph" signs to slow people down before the mailboxes. Staff was directed to look at alternatives, i.e., moving mailboxes or providing a drive-through or parking area, however it was indicated that this issue is the responsibility of the HOA who will look into resolving it. Chairman Williams suggested that once the mailbox location is resolved, warning signs should be tried. If the problems still exists, then a petition process should be started. Sarafina Drive is a minor collector, so speed humps are not an option, but other traffic calming measures may be feasible. It was also suggested that staff could conduct a license plate check to determine cut-through vs. residents usage if traffic calming measures are pursued. If traffic offenders appear to be residents a joint City and HOA meeting may be appropriate for the entire area. At this time however signing and internal HOA solutions will be pursued.

4. Alley Closure – west of Rush and North of Gurley
 - a. Discussion
Staff contacted adjacent property owners to get opinions on the alley closure and invite them to attend and give feedback. Gary and Faith Pasciak own Realtor

Associates. They are against closure due to the fact that it forces everyone to use Gurley Street to exit their business, which makes turning left onto Gurley difficult. Construction signs, trees and bushes are creating sight distance problems. They feel that using the alley to access the light on Gurley Street is safer.

b. Committee Action/Recommendation

Applicant Rose Keel was not in attendance, so Chairman Williams stated that the committee must assume that the request has been withdrawn. Even so, adjacent property owners are opposed to the alley closure. A guardrail request adjacent to a single home below the grade of the alley will be addressed separately by staff.

5. Glendale Avenue Closure – eastbound direction at Coronado

a. Discussion

Resident Rod Hoffman discussed a request for road closure on Glendale Avenue. He is aware of an attempt in October, 2005 for a full or half closure at the east end at Park Avenue. At that time the Fire Department was against closure due to the primary emergency route, Coronado Avenue, being icy at times. Mr. Hoffman is suggesting a half closure on Glendale Avenue at Coronado Avenue for eastbound traffic only. The road would be two-way beyond the closure; with no entry for all traffic except emergency vehicles. Mr. Hoffman has submitted a signed petition. Traffic counts were updated showing 480 vehicles per day (580 in 2005) which shows a decrease of 100 cars per day. There was a substantial change in westbound numbers which dropped by 132. Council would need to approve the temporary closure. Should the trial closure be approved Lincoln School will need to be notified.

b. Committee Action/Recommendation

A motion was made that a temporary 60 to 90 day trail closure be recommended for approval by Council to evaluate the impacts. This trail request will be made following a positive response from the Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Officer Election

A motion was made to reelect Al Williams as Chairman and Dennis Stringer as Vice-Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Chairman Report

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