

**CITY OF DEADWOOD
PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

May 2, 2024

1. ROLL CALL:

The City of Deadwood Parking and Transportation Committee met Thursday, May 2, 2024, in the Century Room in City Hall. Justin Lux called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Justin Lux, Cory Shafer, Dory Hanson, Trent Mohr, Tom Riley, Lornie Stalder, Jim Lee, John Rystrom, Misty Trehwella and Andy Goodwin. Commissioner Mike Johnson was present.

Absent was Kevin Kuchenbecker.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 11, 2024.

Minutes for the meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, were approved unanimously by a motion from Mr. Riley and a second by Mr. Goodwin.

3. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA: Informational

- a. **Deadwood Hill Trailhead Update:** Mr. Lux indicated they met with DOT and the next step is to get that parcel platted so that there can be an appraisal and purchase agreement before any improvements are made. Engineers are working on bid documents.
- b. **WWC FEMA Project:** Mr. Stalder indicated on the 20th of May the Sherman Street parking lot will have the asphalt configured and then entire seal coat of the parking lot and then stripe.
- c. **Welcome Center Trail:** Mr. Lux indicated this is the walkway connecting the Railroad Street parking to the Welcome Center. It will be similar to the Whitewood Creek project with ready rock wall stained. It will be all concrete and we are looking at October 31 or sooner as a completion date.

4. NOTICE TO CONTEST PARKING TICKETS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Emma Garvin and Kevin Wagner: Deadwood Taxi Cab Licenses:** Ms. Garvin is the executive director of the Deadwood-Lead Economic Development Corp. and she is also on the MSI committee. The concern with businesses on Main Street is pedestrian safety. Mr. Wagner indicated they were on a fact-finding mission to see if there is anything the businesses can help with regarding this issue. Ms. Garvin asked everyone to let her know who they are and what business they represent and what challenge they see:

Lacy & Joannanne, Black Hills Taxi – Communication. The taxis and law enforcement have been actively talking about how best get the taxis to the clients. Taxi's can only park in designated areas.

Extensive discussion. An event license was discussed.

b. Chamber Shuttles during Kool Deadwood Nites: Ms. Hanson indicated in the past they have done a shuttle service from Cedar Rose Spa (used to be Akela) on Thursday through Saturday from 11:00 am until 10:00 pm which takes them into the Welcome Center. This year they are adding a second shuttle from the Lead-Deadwood High School and the Visitor's Center in Lead down to Fire Street or Armory Street, somewhere in that area. This will be marketed towards employees of Deadwood and that will run from 2:00 pm to 1:00 or 3:00 am. All of these locations will have a water station, restrooms and security there.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Da Bus and Taxi Parking: This was continued from the last meeting. Chief Shafer indicated the signage will be added on Main Street for Da Bus and their spot will be moved up to Angel's Attic, keeping it in the same direction as it is currently. There was never a formalized plan for event parking for Da Bus. Much Discussion. There needs to be input from the fire chief. Moved by Chief Shafer to continue and second by Mr. Mohr, motion carried.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

Mr. Lux indicated city staff had a meeting with DOT because of the recent pedestrian fatalities. Some solutions and deadlines for implementation were: 1) painting pedestrian crosswalks more often. This is a burden shared by the City and DOT. This is a short-term goal which means it will be accomplished this year; 2) signalization such as putting pedestrian crosswalk beacons further back from the intersections that would flash when someone isn't in the intersection to try to slow traffic earlier. We have had them in the past. This is a short-term solution; 3) speed radar signs. These are the reactive signs that give you your speed. Add one on 14A going into town from Broken Boot. This is a short-term solution, as well; 4) consider a potential hawk pedestrian system. This is an overhead pedestrian signal. These are in the preliminary design for the box culvert reconstruction project. This is a long or mid-term solution; 5) reducing speed limits. Slow traffic more around Broken Boot to the 35 mph so vehicles come into town a little bit slower. That would have to go to the DOT committee in Pierre; 6) lighting. Improve lighting, not add more; 7) Traffic flows. The discussion was to make Sherman Street 2 lanes all the way to Pioneer Way so traffic exiting Pioneer Way to get to Sherman Street don't have to go up to Lee, Deadwood or Pine; they could go up Sherman Street where it is currently one-way. DOT has to work on that to see how feasible it is; 8) adjusting Pioneer Way to be 3 lanes of traffic to slow it so a pedestrian only has to cross 3 lanes of traffic, not 4 therefor exposing the pedestrian to less traffic; and 9)

dust off the 2008 Deadwood Pedestrian Study that DOT did to make sure we are continuing to address needs that were identified in that study.

There was discussion about pedestrians walking along the hillside from First Gold to the Lodge. DOT is looking at possible plans for a pedestrian walkway.

There was discussion about having sensors at the crosswalks to turn the flashing lights on instead of relying on the pedestrian to push the button. Or making the signage better where they see they need to push the button.

These solutions will most likely be integrated into the box culvert planned project which has now been pushed out to 2030.

Resident indicated there is an ongoing problem with the Bird Cage (rental) with the route people are taking. She has been talking to the owners and they are open to purchasing a directional sign indicating the route towards Railroad instead of up and around on Dudley Street. Discussion. Google has the address of the Bird Cage incorrect. The City can provide the signage and then bill the Bird Cage. Motion to make a recommendation for the City to provide directional signage for vehicular and pedestrian traffic to 7 Spring Street, a/k/a the Bird Cage and bill back to the Bird Cage by Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Mohr; motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business for the committee to consider, Mr. Mohr moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Hanson; motion carried. Next meeting is May 23, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda McGrath, Recording Secretary

**** Audio from the meeting is posted on the "S" drive.