



City of Ketchum

**KETCHUM TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 17, 2022 9:00AM**  
**Ketchum City Hall Council Chambers**  
**191 5<sup>th</sup> Street W., Ketchum, Idaho**

**Present:** Jade Riley, KTA Chairperson, City Administrator  
Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building  
Brian Christiansen, Director of Streets & Facilities  
Jamie Shaw, Ketchum Chief of Police  
Seth Martin, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshall Ketchum Fire Department  
Wes Whitesell, Ketchum Community Service Officer  
Sara Weaver, Ketchum Community Service Officer  
Kelli Trapp, Recording Secretary

**Not Present:** Michael David, Ketchum City Council President

**1. Opening of Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by City Administrator Jade Riley

**New Business**

**2. Adoption of Minutes (00:03:08 in video)**

- (A) October 21, 2021
- (B) November 8, 2021

**MOTION:**

**Motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021 and November 8, 2021**

**MOVER: Brian Christiansen**

**SECONDER: Jamie Shaw**

**All in favor**

**3. Action on Adoption of Ketchum Traffic Authority proposed meeting dates for 2022**

The proposed meeting dates for the Ketchum Traffic Authority for the year 2022 are as follows:

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 (cancelled)	Thursday, Feb 17, 2022 (cancelled)	Thursday, March 17, 2022	Thursday, April 21, 2022
Thursday, May 19, 2022	Thursday, June 16, 2022	Thursday, July 21, 2022	Thursday, August 18, 2022
Thursday, September 15, 2022	Thursday, October 20, 2022	Thursday, November 17, 2022	Thursday, December 15, 2022

**MOTION:**

**Motion to adopt the Ketchum Traffic Authority meeting dates for 2022**

**MOVER: Suzanne Frick**

**SECONDER: Jamie Shaw**

**All in favor**

*The order of agenda items was rearranged to provide for public comment*

**4. Action on request for rumble strips in the area of Warm Springs Road adjacent to the bike path**

Alison Burpee spoke before the Group about her safety concerns due to the increase in distracted driving on Warm Springs Road, particularly alongside the bike path. Vehicles are speeding, especially in the area where it goes from 30mph to 20mph and texting while driving. Burpee added that drivers are putting adult and children's safety at risk being posed as it stands currently. Riley commented that the engineering of Warm Springs Road is an issue. HDR Engineering has been retained by the City and we have asked them to look at traffic calming options and engineering enhancements from the YMCA to Saddle Rd. Brian Christiansen explained the pros and cons of the use of rumble strips. Jamie Shaw stated that Warm Springs is a specified emphasis patrol area for the Ketchum Police Dept.

**MOTION:**

**Motion to ask HDR to look at Saddle Rd west up Warm Springs and some short term measures for distracted drivers and speed and recommendations for some long term solutions**

**MOVER: Suzanne Frick**

**SECONDER: Brian Christiansen**

**All in favor**

**5. Action on public comment from Phyllis Shafran on Ketchum Police cars blocking the sight of traffic for vehicles coming down 5<sup>th</sup> St wanting to turn left on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.**

Phyllis Shafran spoke before the Group about driving west on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and if turning left onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave she cannot see the traffic coming down 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave without getting into the street. She said if the police cars have to park there, they should park parallel. Riley recommended that the Group combine this item with **Agenda Item Number 8. Action on citizen comments from CSO Wes Whitesell on the safety of parking in the 100 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street W and the potential of turning diagonal parking into parallel.** Ketchum Community Service Officer Wes Whitesell spoke about the 5<sup>th</sup> Street West crosswalk that goes from alley to alley. He said if someone is walking across and a full sized pickup truck is parked there on the south eastbound lane, the truck will take up almost the whole eastbound travel lane. People coming westbound down the hill and someone coming from the alley at the same time, could be a bad situation. Whitesell thinks that parallel parking would be good for the whole block. Riley said short term they could do all of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave parallel. Suzanne Frick said that it is a dangerous situation for pedestrians as well as vehicles coming up and down the hill. Frick added that URA is funding a study for this entire area and we should be looking at short term and the longer term. Additionally, we want to do outreach to business tenants in the area. Riley stated that there are sight line issues because there is not a 4-way stop there. Maybe short term, a stop sign could be placed there and that would bring traffic in view of each other. Christiansen said that those two parking places are shoved out into the roadway a bit, any cars that park there have a shortened parking area.

**MOTION:**

**Motion to convert the diagonal parking to parallel parking in between 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and the alley on 5<sup>th</sup> St, on the south side of the street. Ask our engineer to evaluate a stop control intersection at 5<sup>th</sup> St & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and also evaluate the appropriateness of a 4-way stop at 6<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave**

**MOVER: Suzanne Frick**

**SECONDER: Brian Christiansen**

**All in favor**

**6. Action on a request for covered bike parking in the City area**

Item deferred - more information needed

**7. Action on speed stats for 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (request to install stop sign at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave near Serenade)**

The Group discussed the speed stats and the need for an engineering study in this area.

**MOTION:**

**Motion to approve adding the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave & River St to the engineering study**

**MOVER: Brian Christiansen**

**SECONDER: Suzanne Frick**

**All in favor**

**8. Action on a sign application from Carol Tysseling Pintler on behalf of the Bigwood POA for two freestanding speed signs on S. Bigwood Dr.**

The Group addressed the need for a bigger discussion on this type of issue. *Christiansen to discuss specifics with the sign applicant then Riley and Christiansen will get together on working on a more global piece.*

**9. Action on a request of a stop or yield sign at the intersection of Warm Springs Rd and Bald Mountain Rd.**

This item was tabled until the next meeting. (56:45 video time)

**Adjournment**

***MOTION:***

***Motion to adjourn at 10:01AM***


***MOVER: Brian Christiansen***

***SECONDER: Suzanne Frick***

***All in favor***

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Jade Riley  
City of Ketchum Traffic Authority Chairperson  
City Administrator



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