

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMISSION

OCTOBER 6, 2021

5:30 p.m.

The Public Safety & Welfare Commission met on the above date and time in Room 0041, Lower Level, Municipal Building

The following members were present: Karen Wendt, Eric Schmid, James Romlein (Chairman), Robert Kaminski, Jaynellen Holloway

Also Present: Becky Huff, Jacob Maas, Elisa Friedl, Ben Olien, Stacy Winkelman, Hoshua Anders, Steve Board, Art Pernstfiner, Steve Simpson, Debra Simpson (on line), John Thomas (on line)

1. Call to order

Chairman opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

2. Receive comments from the public

Chairman suggested that persons wishing to speak on a specific matter would be better served by holding their comments until the matter was called.

No parties spoke:

3. Review and approve minutes from August 4, 2021

Chairman Romlein opened the item, requested comments or a motion to open discussion.

Motion to approve Wendt, Second Schmid
Unanimous Approval by voice vote

Schmid requested accident history and Chief Kaminski provided that there were two accidents on Cady street where there are stop signs. Holloway provided that the 8th and Cole Study would be back at the November meeting. If the Commission requests information on this matter, it will not be available at the November meeting.

The complexities of this area and traffic studies were also discussed.

Schmid noted the multiplicity of existing signage in the area of the two existing schools, the present lack of motorist attention to these existing signs, and questioned the likelihood of any improved motorist attention with the addition of more signage.

The presence of a police officer, responsible for control in the two school areas was confirmed. It was also noted that this dedicated officer writes many parking tickets and few speeding tickets primarily because the area is congested and speeding is not facilitated.

The members also discussed other speed control devices and their applicability in this situation.

Motion to effect an all way traffic study when the staff is available by Schmid. Schmid, Second by Wendt.

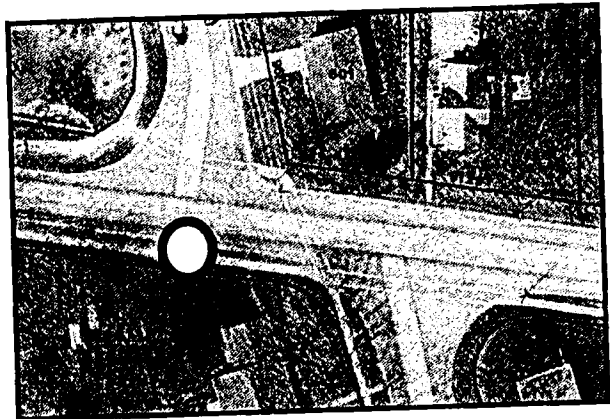
Unanimous Approval by voice vote

6. Review and take possible action: request for improved street lighting and adding a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Boughton and Labaree Streets

Holloway opened the item noting that Steve Board initiated the action, described the dangerous circumstances for students crossing this intersection, described the existing older sodium street light (location

Intersection of Boughton and Labaree

shown) and other lighting option, expressed the desire to address the many issues at this location as individual efforts in order and then to move to a coordinated effective solution.



The disposition of a crossing sign in the intersection was discussed along with the illumination pattern of the existing street lamp at the intersection.

There was extended discussion noting that people do not stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. Fast moving Westbound downhill traffic make pedestrian crossing into the park dangerous. There are numerous issues with traffic and pedestrian sight lines, and this intersection has been a topic in numerous previous Commission meetings.

Motion by Schmid to request WE to replace the intersection light with LED and reposition the service arm toward the East to better illuminate the crosswalk and intersection and for engineering to provide a cost estimate for an upgraded high visibility crosswalk.

Holloway updated the Commission on the Street Light Budget facts, 2020 budget issues, the possibility of a Street Light line item in the budget.

The routing of the sidewalk was discussed and the requirement that crosswalks can only be placed from and to an existing sidewalk. This discussion also examined many crosswalk options.

Motion Second by Wendt
Unanimous Approval by voice vote.