

4. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding Bird Scooters.**

Marquardt stated at a recent Common Council meeting the use of Bird Scooters, particularly on sidewalks, was asked to be on an upcoming agenda for discussion.

Hicks stated he has seen scooters on sidewalks with residents acting stupid. He doesn't know how they can regulate or curb that behavior. Hicks think we should just continue to monitor it. He also hasn't heard of any other complaints.

Majkrzak said he agreed and hasn't heard any complaints either. He does like the service they offer. However, he is disappointed with the way they are stored at times. In general, he feels like management has done a better job with that issue than years past. He thinks we should continue to keep an eye on it. It could be added to the open session as a part of an agenda item or a staff report at a Council meeting.

Hicks thought it should be brought back to Council as a staff report just for additional questions.

Marquardt stated he will bring it back to Council as an agenda item or staff report.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding pedestrians not crossing W. Main Street at designated crosswalks near the University.**

Marquardt stated at a recent Common Council meeting this item was asked to be on an upcoming agenda for discussion. The area in question is mainly adjacent to the University between Prince Street and Prairie Street. Students will sometimes cross mid-block, not using the traffic signals at Prince Street, Whiton Street, Prairie Street, or the pedestrian crossing at Cottage Street.

To deter students from crossing mid-block, some sort of deterrent would need to be installed, such as a fence. In Main Street's current lane configuration, the fence would need to be placed immediately behind the curb to have any deterrent; otherwise, students could still cut across and walk on the terrace instead of the sidewalk. And the fence would need to be placed on the north side of the street because of driveways on the south side. The location of immediately behind the curb would impede snow plowing operations.

Marquardt stated he travels Main Street quite often. He doesn't see many people crossing the street mid-block. However, the few he has seen cross seem to be paying attention because they are crossing mid-block and looking for cars, unlike the ones who cross in a crosswalk and think they are protected by two white lines. Those pedestrians think they can just cross and don't look for cars. He doesn't feel there is an issue or a need to do anything at this time.

Hicks agrees with Marquardt. Hicks stated he liked the idea of a fence but doesn't think we could do it with the property we have. Hicks recommended doing nothing right now. If it becomes more of an issue, and Starin Road is closed, it could be addressed at that time.

Majkrzak said, in general, a fence would look horrendous. If they end up doing something someday, it should be something more in the terrace. Majkrzak did agree with Marquardt that some people just don't look. He feels it something that should be monitored.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding traffic concerns near Walmart and Aldi.**

Marquardt stated at a recent Common Council meeting this item was asked to be on an upcoming agenda for discussion. Marquardt said after the agenda was published he received a call from an elderly couple who live on the west side. They would like a crosswalk by Casey because they were almost hit while trying

to cross the street to get to Aldi. They cut through the sidewalk behind Casey's and then crossed Main Street to get to Aldi. Marquardt stated he didn't think the sidewalk behind Casey's was ever intended to be the public access to Main Street, across private property. Marquardt did reach out to Strand to get their thoughts on installing another crosswalk somewhere in the vicinity of Walmart and Aldi. Their response was mid-block pedestrian crossing on a four-lane undivided roadway is typically discouraged unless you have an active control, such as what we already have or adding a traffic signal. The nature of this area, with many driveways and few public intersections, would not leave vehicles to anticipate a pedestrian crossing. Marquardt said we do already have the crosswalk at Mulberry Glen and the hotel. In his opinion, that crosswalk was put there because it is the only residential area on the west side that is connected to the Main Street sidewalk. At the time, that's where a grocery was located. Right or wrong that crosswalk did get put in there. Their other thought was Main Street, in this area, has an annual average day traffic count of 8,700 vehicles a day. If there was a consideration made to restripe Main Street as a three lane, with a two-way left turn lane, a median refuge island could be added at crossing locations to improve and allow for crossing one direction of traffic at a time. Marquardt stated that would be taking the four lanes, two lanes in each direction, and taking it down to one lane in each direction. This would then let you create what is known as a suicide left turn lane with vehicles coming at you while trying to turn left in either direction. With so many driveways, at different locations, that could be a little dicey.

Since Aldi has only been open for about a month, Marquardt recommended if there are concerns with pedestrians crossing at the location that they wait until at least spring to see what traffic patterns evolve. If there are other people making the request about crossing in that area, it can be reviewed at that time. Putting in another crosswalk, at a non-public intersection, is not the right thing to do.

Hicks stated his only thought was about getting a cost of moving the flashing light crossing set up (at Mulberry Glen) to the west between Walmart and Aldi parking lot. He agrees that crosswalk was probably put there when we had a grocery store. Now we do have a grocery store but it's down further. If people from Mulberry Glen want to cross in that area, he feels it would be safer to walk on the south side of the road and cross over right before Aldi. He feels it would better moved west of where it is right now.

Majkrzak said he really likes the suggestion of moving it to the west. He is seeing more kids walking and there really isn't a great place to cross the street in that area. Majkrzak felt where the crosswalk is now is very hard to see. Maybe it's because of all the driveways and/or trees in that area. He doesn't know if a traffic light would be the best idea but does think moving the flashing light crosswalk would be a great compromise. It would be worth investigating it more.

Hicks agreed with Majkrzak that it is hard to see pedestrians when driving west on Main Street. He stated the tree canopy is covering it. It is also so close to the intersection at Elizabeth Street with the stop and go light that is controlled. Moving it to the west may help us avoid a stop and go light at Walmart at some point. He would like to get an initial cost estimate to move the flashing light to the west. He thought we could bring it back in the spring to Council.

Marquardt stated he will do a staff report on this discussion at the next Council meeting. That way they know the Public Works Committee is looking at possibly moving the flashing light, and could follow up with their thoughts and questions regarding this possible change.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding Public Participation at Public Works Committee meetings.** Marquardt stated at the last Finance Committee meeting, staff was directed to revise the proposed changes regarding public comments and distribute them to all committees for review and feedback.