

**PARKING AND SAFETY
MOTION SUMMARY
October 21, 2019**

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Shafer called the Parking and Safety Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman Chris Jones, Vice-Chairwoman Lisa Keller and Chairman Kent Shafer

Staff Present: Matt Weber, Deputy City Engineer, John Donahue, Fire Chief, Rob Penrod, Captain, Jessica Ormeroid, Project Engineer

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held June 17, 2019, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Keller moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held June 17, 2019, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Susan Hannahs
166 Cambridge Road
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Hannahs voiced concerns of speeding along Cambridge Road particularly in at the Exeter and Merrick area. She discussed that the street is wide enough that cars will speed down and even pass one another. Staff to monitor the area.

Bob Smith
188 Firestone Drive
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Smith voiced concerns over the speed bumps at Firestone Drive and that traffic goes too slow over the speed bumps and then speed up after the last one. He discussed that there is increased traffic with the new development area. He discussed that there was no difference in speeds related to the no parking signage in the area and that his car was recently hit. He requested that speed bumps be removed to the area.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION for Traffic Calming Measures

A. Executive Blvd.

Mr. Weber discussed that Executive Blvd is similar to the Lexington Blvd and Buehler Drive needs and accident history. He discussed the accident history that is largely around the curved areas. Ms. Ormeroid provided data to the Committee and that this street has an 85% speed of 29 mph, ADT of 1,100 vehicles, and approximately 12 accidents between 2014 and 2018. Six of the accidents did occur at the curve. Mr. Weber discussed staff recommendations to stripe the center line at the curve to mitigate some of the drifting. Staff discussed the estimated cost for the project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Konrad Young
758 Executive Blvd
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Young discussed concerns that the street has a lot of speeding and is often used as a racetrack. He requested a multi-way stop sign at Rutherford Avenue and Executive. He also voiced concerns regarding Pinecrest becoming a thoroughfare to access 23. He requested that staff have no left turn out of Pinecrest and limit left turns from 23 to Pinecrest due to safety concerns. Staff discussed needing to do a multi-way stop sign analysis and report back. Ms. Ormeroid discussed working with ODOT regarding the Pinecrest and 23 area on safety issues.

Jim Masker
999 Executive Blvd
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Masker discussed having cars in his front yard during the winter that have lost control at a curve along Executive Blvd. He discussed concerns over individuals parking too far from the curve.

Paul Harbrecht
820 Executive Blvd
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Harbrecht questioned staff on potential countermeasures and how long the evaluation period will be. Mr. Weber discussed the striping use to narrow lanes. He discussed needing additional enforcement on the speeding in the area and that the evaluation period will be one year based on accident history and then determine other traffic calming measures that may be beneficial to area if

needed.

Motion:

Mr. Jones motioned to approve striping along the curves as suggested by the Engineering Department along Executive Blvd, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

B. Cobblestone Drive

Ms. Ormeroid provided traffic data for Cobblestone Drive in which the 85% speed was 34 mph, ADT of 2,200 vehicles, and that parking is permitted on both sides of the road and there has been 4 accidents related to speed. She discussed recommendations to have center line striping, with an edge line, from South Houk to Rock Creek Drive and placement of permanent speed feedback signage on Cobblestone. Staff reviewed the estimated cost for the project. Vice-Chairwoman Keller discussed the efforts to reduce speed by the neighborhood since 2011 including a neighborhood task force that was formed. Chairman Shafer discussed needing extra police enforcement in the area to help change the behavior of speeding in the area.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Keller motioned to approve striping along the centerline and edge line and have dynamic speed feedback signs, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

C. Carson Farms Blvd.

Ms. Ormeroid provided information regarding traffic data along Carson Farms Blvd, with a 85% speed of 33 mph and ADT of 2,000 vehicles. She discussed that there are no speed related accidents, but that history was related to the intersection of Cobblestone and Carson Farms Blvd prior to the installation of the multi-way stop sign. She discussed the recent plans to have a traffic signal placed at US 36 and Carson Farms Blvd. Staff recommends striping on parts of Carson Farms Blvd and placement of dynamic speed feedback signs.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Keller motioned to add striping along Carson Farms Blvd and dynamic speed feedback signs, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

D. Lehner Woods Blvd.

Ms. Ormeroid provided traffic data for the area that was collected in 2018. She discussed that the 85% speed was at 29 mph and ADT was 523 vehicles. She recommended staff collect updated traffic analysis of the area as the neighborhood has multiple more houses in the area compared to 2018. Vice-Chairwoman voiced concerns that she received are related to increased traffic

due to construction trucks entering the neighborhood. She requested if construction traffic can be rerouted to use Boulder and not through the neighborhood. Mr. Weber discussed looking at access areas and working with the developers on the concerns. The Committee recommends this discussion come back once traffic data is complete.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION for Parking Restrictions at Benjamin Street and South Houk Road

Ms. Ormeroid discussed that the concern was voiced at the Neighborhood Speed meeting and the concern was turning from S. Houk Road to Benjamin and that cars are parked close to the intersection. She presented a map to indicate where parking restrictions should occur relating to the Codified Ordinances. She recommended parking restrictions by Codified Ordinance of 30 ft from a stop sign or stop condition or within 20 feet from a crosswalk. Staff looked at restricting parking S. Houk Rd to Hutchinson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Karmen Krinn
300 Benjamin ST
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Krinn voiced concerns relating to restricting parking in this area, as she purchased the lot asking if there were any parking restrictions and were told no by developers. She states she would not have purchased the property if she had advance knowledge. She did recognize that she has had to tell her teenage drivers to not park so close to Houk Road intersection and request that some on street parking be provided.

Tom Samson
312 Benjamin Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Samson voiced concerns over the parking restrictions along Benjamin Street based on the Codified Ordinances and that it eliminates any parking on the street for himself and any potential new neighbor. He discussed that there is a reasonable expectation to buy a house and be able to park in front of it. Chief Donahue discussed the need to be able to have fire trucks be able to make the turns and Ms. Ormeroid discussed pedestrian safety at pedestrian ramps. Chairman Shafer discussed providing parking along the west of the ramp. Staff discussed the option to sign the intersection or to remove the pedestrian crossing. Vice-Chairwoman Keller questioned why some crosswalks are painted and why some are not. Ms. Ormeroid discussed that many crosswalks are related to stop conditions. The Committee reviewed the location of mailboxes and fire hydrants.

Vice-Chairwoman Keller read concerns that were received for speed concerns especially at the playground area and concerns over the parking along Benjamin Street near Houk Road and Johann Street. Ms. Ormeroid discussed that staff reviewed this concern at the Pre-Meeting and that staff will be working with the developers to relocate the crosswalk curbs.

Motion: Councilman Jones motioned to eliminate parking on the south side of Benjamin Street between Houk and Hutchinson, extend the No Parking on the northside of Benjamin from Houk to 50 ft, and open up restricted parking on northside of parking on Benjamin after Hutchinson to the curb ramps, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION for Pedestrian Crossing to Parks at Rockmill Street and Canal Street

Ms. Ormeroid reviewed the three different locations for access to the Carson Farms Park. She discussed that Canal Street does not have curb ramps and would propose that this be added in and proper signage be placed. She discussed that this issue was brought forward at the Neighborhood Speed meeting. She discussed that at Rockmill access point needs enhanced signage to area to open up the site distance for pedestrians. She informed the Committee that letters were sent to residents in the area.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Keller made a motion to the enhanced pedestrian crossing to Rockmill Street and Canal Street, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 7. UPDATES and DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Crosswalks RRFB's at Cobblestone Drive and Houk Road and Boulder Drive and Houk Road

Ms. Ormeroid provided information that money from the trust fund will be designated for pedestrian enhancement and that RRFB's will be installed at the two locations on Houk Road.

B. Diverston Way Parking Restrictions

Chief Donahue discussed the concerns that related to parking on Diverston Way and that the area was located near his house and that it was new neighbors that had been parking on both sides of the street near the curve. He discussed that the restrictions would be recommended by him on the north side of Diverston as that is the location of the fire hydrant. At this time the Committee is recommending the neighborhood to work out the issue and proceed with further recommendations if the issue persists.

C. Vernon Avenue Speed Limit Changes

Staff discussed that this street is considered multi-jurisdictional and that there have been concerns of speeding in the Kensington sub-division. The section in Delaware Township is non posted and is at 55 mph. Staff requested that the township reduce their speed and that ODOT has final jurisdiction. The lowest ODOT would reduce the speed is to 35 mph. Staff recommends that the City increase the speed to 35 mph on Vernon up to the subdivision, where it will be 25 mph.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Keller motioned to forward to City Council changes to Vernon Avenue speed, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

- D. Handicap Parking Spaces – Permit Process
 - 1. 42 Chestnut Street

Mr. Weber discussed the current process to provide handicap spots to residents and that they are required to provide a medical need of necessity. He discussed that if space is available and there is a medical need then the City tries to accommodate. He discussed the recommendation to provide a policy in which these decisions can be done at an administration level of approval and that staff will be looking at a process to review the continued needs of spots for residents that have a spot issued. He discussed the process continuing to come before the Committee if the request impacts downtown parking. He discussed that staff needs to further investigate the request at 42 Chestnut Street.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Keller motioned to make changes to the staff review process for handicap spaces in the City and to have staff work with the City Attorney to make alterations to the policy, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

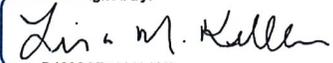
ITEM 9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Councilman Jones recommended that Planning work with the developers on where parking restriction and signage will be when building.

Chairman Shafer recommended that future 32 ft. wide streets have striping put in by the developers.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Shafer. The Parking and Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Lisa M. Keller

Kent Shafer, Chairman



Elaine McCloskey, Clerk