

**PARKING AND SAFETY  
MOTION SUMMARY  
August 17, 2020**

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairwoman Keller called the Parking and Safety Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman Drew Farrell, Vice-Chairwoman Lisa Keller

Members Absent: Chairman Kent Shafer

Staff Present: John Donahue, Fire Chief, Rob Penrod, Captain, Jessica Ormeroid, Project Engineer

**Motion to Excuse:** Vice-Chairwoman Keller motioned to excuse Chairman Shafer, seconded by Councilman Farrell. Motion approved by a 2-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held October 21, 2019, as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Councilman Farrell moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held October 21, 2019, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 2-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Pastor Donnie Akers  
Via email  
East Side Mission Church  
32 Joy Avenue  
Delaware, Ohio

The Clerk read into the record a statement from Pastor Akers reporting a safety issue with the alley west of the church and the request to close the alley.

Whitney Gherman  
Via email

Ms. Gherman voiced her support to have a crosswalk at the King Avenue

entrance of Blue Limestone Park.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION of installation of No Parking Signage on the west side of South Washington Street, from West Harrison Street to the alley.

Ms. Ormeroid provided background on the request from a resident due to S. Washington Street no wide enough for parking on both sides and that cars are currently parking on the sidewalk along the east side of the property located at 93 W. Harrison Street since the street is not wide enough blocking pedestrians from using the sidewalk. This impacts the school aged children walking to/from Woodward Elementary School. Staff voiced concerns of sidewalk damage from cars parking on it and recommend the extension of the "No Parking Anytime" zone on the west side of S. Washington Street from W. Harrison Street to the Alley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mary Ehm  
Via Cisco Webex

Ms. Ehm was in agreement with staff, but voiced speed concerns in the area and concerns of the student's safety.

**Motion:** Mr. Farrell motioned to recommend to Council installation of No Parking signage to the recommended area, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 2-0 vote.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION of the extension of the No Parking restrictions adjacent to Smith Elementary School, along the northside of Mason Avenue further west to include additional property acquired by the district (Mason Avenue and the district-owned lot immediately west of 30 Mason Avenue)

Mrs. Ormeroid provided an update that Delaware City Schools recently purchased additional properties on the north side of Mason Avenue west of the existing playground for Smith Elementary. The request from the school is to extend the current parking restriction on the north side of Mason Avenue further west to encompass the additional property the district acquired. Staff was in agreement to this request.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Steve Fellenger  
Via Cisco Webex

Ms. Fellenger voiced that the current parking restricted area is often used for

drop off and pick up of students and is not enforced. He discussed that current signage is fading and need replaced.

Patricia Gass  
Comment received to Clerk via phone

Ms. Gass voiced to the Clerk that she was opposed to parking in front of this property location.

Clarence Gabbert  
Comment received to Clerk via phone

Mr. Gabbert was in support of City recommendations and to not have parking along this property. He voiced concerns over the lack of sidewalks and safety of the students walking the property and that the current parking restriction area is often used for pick up and drop off for students.

**Motion:** Mr. Farrell motioned to formally recommend that legislation be brought before Council for the No Parking Zone at this location, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 2-0 vote.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION of the intersection control at King Avenue and John Street

Ms. Ormeroid discussed the request for intersection control at this location. John Street currently has the through way motion and King Avenue has the stop location. Due to recent flooding and repair work to the John Street bridge staff has created a temporary condition to allow two-way traffic along King Avenue. With this condition a resident has voiced concerns of near collisions between cars exiting the park turning left onto John Street and those traveling northbound on King Avenue, given that the majority of vehicles on King Avenue ignore the stop sign. The resident requested changing John Street to the stop condition and King Avenue to the through movement and possibly requiring those exiting the park to also stop. Staff recommends to convert John Street to the stop condition and King Avenue and the Blue Limestone Park to the through movement. This can also help during the winter months when snow and ice is possible. Staff also recommend that two-way traffic on King Avenue should remain as a temporary condition until John Street is reopened and revisit this condition at this time. Mrs. Ormeroid did inform the Committee that letters were not sent out to the surrounding residents in time to attend the meeting.

Mr. Farrell discussed the need to get public feedback on any support of opposition. Vice-Chairwoman Keller voiced a concern on waiting to move forward due to safety concerns. She recommended having letters sent out to residents to inform them of the Council meeting and move forward with the recommendation to Council.

**Motion:** Mr. Farrell motioned to recommend legislation to Council to reconfigure the intersection, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 2-0 vote.

Motion approved by a 2-0 vote.

ITEM 7. UPDATES on Speed Feedback Signs

Ms. Ormeroid reviewed the history of traffic calming measures approved on Cobblestone Drive, Carson Farms Blvd, Executive Drive, and additional traffic calming measures along Hull Drive to help mitigate speed issues. The permanent speed feedback signs have been placed. Previously approved pavement markings for a center line and edge line markings have not been implemented as of yet so that staff could determine the effectiveness of the dynamic speed feedback signs. She discussed the 2019 pavement markings on West Hull Drive. She reviewed the data collected from the streets from the speed feedback signs. Speeds along Cobblestone show a reduction below the 30 mph Carson Farms Blvd has had a slight reduction, with higher speeds near the entrance of the development where there is not many driveways and a wider pavement. Executive Blvd. has had speed reduction of 2-5 mph. West Hull Drive saw an increase in speed with the installation of pavement markings. After the speed feedback signs were installed there was a decrease in speeds of approximately 28 mph. She discussed the continued cut through traffic along West Hull Drive, and there is a future project in which safety funds were received. These safety funds are allocated to modifications on the access at US 23 and West Hull Drive. Mr. Farrell discussed that if striping has shown an increase in speeds then it would not be a good option for the other streets identified. Mrs. Keller discussed that she was initially supportive of the pavement markings until she saw the data that had an increase in speeds. Mrs. Ormeroid discussed that staff is in the design phase for a traffic signal at Carson Farms Blvd and West William Street.

ITEM 8. UPDATE on Safety Projects

Ms. Ormeroid reviewed the list of potential safety projects. She discussed that funding for the projects was established with the \$5.00 Permissive License Fee that was approved earlier this year by Council. In addition to the local funds there is grant funding that is submitted for the projects. The funding is to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety and also to mitigate traffic calming issues that are identified. Funding allocated to the projects may be affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ITEM 9. STAFF COMMENTS

The Clerk informed the Committee that the next Parking and Safety meeting is

scheduled for October 19, 2020.

ITEM 10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Vice-Chairwoman Keller shared a concern received of the lack of sidewalks along William Street and Central from Houk Road to Sandusky Street. She discussed the bikeway plan for the Willowbrook Trail and that this is a plan that is not currently funded.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Keller moved to adjourn the meeting. The Parking and Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Kent Shafer, Chairman

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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk