

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, Jeff Cook, John Burica, Terry Kestel, Kevin Hack, Tonya Anderle, Rob Piscia, Allen Goldberg, Jim Holland, Stefanie Smith, Sherrill O'Connor, Kelly Malysa, and Amanda Spallina.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (July 3, 2019)

Jeff Cook made a motion (#1), seconded by John Burica, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of July 3, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- “NO EXIT” SIGNAGE MAGNOLIA COURT
 - Terry Kestel advised signs were posted
- DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN
 - Chairman Dowding explained that work continues on the matter
- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS – DRALLE RD AND RIDGELAND AVE.
 - Terry Kestel advised that signs were posted

PEDESTRIAN ACTIVATED LIGHTS

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Mayor Jim Holland in reference to pedestrian activated lights at the Plank Trail and White St.

Terry Kestel began the discussion and stated that this committee had discussed this matter in past meetings. Chairman Dowding added that quotes for pedestrian activated lights were received in 2018, but the group as a whole was not sure that this was a proper solution. John Burica wondered if pedestrians would simply feel as if they could step into traffic even though it was not safe to do so. Terry Kestel asked about the ability to deactivate the units for events such as farmers market. Rob Piscia asked if the unit could be equipped with a motion sensor to ensure cars were not in an area where it would be difficult to stop.

Hearing many additional questions about the product itself Chairman Dowding advised that he would conduct additional research to examine the custom settings that the members had questions about. This matter will be discussed at the next TAC meeting (November 6, 2019).

MIDBLOCK SIDEWALK (KANSAS STREET)

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Mayor Jim Holland and asked why an 8ft sidewalk that fed from a parking lot onto Kansas St existed. Mayor Holland noted that the sidewalk was not ADA compliant, and it directed pedestrians to Kansas St. in an area where a crosswalk was not present.

John Burica began the discussion and wondered if the sidewalk was poured prior to the new configuration of the Oak St. parking lot. Terry Kestel confirmed this information, and added that several other sidewalks are similar in nature along the north side of Kansas St. Chairman Dowding added that those walks appear necessary while exiting the passenger side of a vehicle and attempting to gain access to the main Kansas St. sidewalk. Rob Piscia agreed but added that the other sidewalks do not feed in from the parking lot. The group agreed.

Following discussion John Burica made a motion (#2) to remove the non-ADA compliant sidewalk from Kansas St to the Oak St parking lot. Jeff Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried with only Terry Kestel opposed.

STOP SIGN REQUEST (MALLOW DRIVE & DUNGARVAN ROAD)

Chairman Dowding was contacted by several residents of the Frankfort Meadows subdivision who expressed concern with the traffic conditions within their subdivision – specifically the intersection of Mallow Dr and Dungarvan Rd. Residents cited speeding vehicles as the main concern. Tonya Anderle, Allen Goldberg, Stefanie Smith, Kelly Malysa, and Amanda Spallina all spoke about the increased traffic volume and high speeds they have witnessed. Amanda Spallina observed school busses being passed and several near misses. All involved wished to have a stop sign posted at the intersection of Mallow Dr and Dungarvan Rd to reduce the speed of motorists in the area.

John Burica expressed sympathy for their concern and noted that stop signs are not designed for speed control. John Burica spoke about several enforcement and educational programs that would be used. Additional directed police patrols, the stealth stat system, and Citizens on Patrol would be implemented. He continued to assure the residents that the village and the police department would work with them on the issue. The data collected will be analyzed and will be discussed at the next TAC meeting (November 6, 2019)

NO OUTLET SIGN REQUEST (DUNGARVAN CUL-DE-SAC)

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Amanda Spallina of the Frankfort Meadows subdivision. She requested that no outlet signs be posted on Dungarvan Rd at the cul-de-sac. She has witnessed several cars head down the cul-de-sac only to find that it was a dead end.

Terry Kestel opened the discussion and agreed with Ms. Spallina. He felt that the cul-de-sac was long and it was difficult for drivers to determine if it was a thru-street or not. The group agreed with his assessment. John Burica added that Mallow Dr. and Blarney Rd. have similar features and requested the same signage for those.

Terry Kestel made a motion (#3) to post no outlet signs on Blarney Rd at Dungarvan Rd, Mallow Dr at Dungarvan Rd, and Dungarvan Rd at Mallow Dr. John Burica seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

84th Ave and North Ave

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Karen Bryant in reference to the intersection of 84th Ave and North Ave. In summary Ms. Bryant explained that the layout of the intersection was confusing and she felt additional signage / reconfiguration was warranted.

Sherrill O'Connor of the Walnut Creek subdivision was present and echoed the concerns of Ms. Bryant. Rob Piscia explained the jurisdictional issues with the intersection. He hoped once the St. Francis Road project was completed that discussion between the Village / Township / County could result in a possible reconfiguration.

Colorado Ave – Traffic Issues

John Burica received an email from an concerned resident in reference to traffic issues on Colorado Ave. The resident felt that additional stop signs on Colorado Ave would slow down traffic. John Burica noted that Colorado Ave has a lack of crash data. Chairman Dowding noted that the police regularly conduct enhanced traffic patrols. Jeff Cook added that the recently completed road construction project may have given the perception of a speed issue. Chairman Dowding stated that extra police patrols have been posted for Colorado Ave. A traffic study will be requested in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Holland requested information on the ongoing downtown parking plan. Chairman Dowding advised that the group plans to present several possible options for public review in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business John Burica made a motion (#4), seconded by Jeff Cook, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of the September 4, 2019 10:15 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.