

Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

1:00 p.m.

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. **Voting members in attendance were: Joel Beam, Cindy Dobbins, Mike Klondaris, and Kip Shuter.** Absent voting members: **Steve Foster, Dan Robinson, and Greg Schroeder.** Ex-Officio members in attendance: Mayor Thallemer, Jeremy Skinner, Jeff Beeler, and Scott Whitaker. Also in attendance was Warsaw Times-Union reporter, Jennifer Peryam; Assistant City Planner, Tim Dombrosky; and St. Anne's Church building and grounds representative, Curt Singrey.

Kip Shuter called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March 5, 2014 Traffic Commission meeting were approved. Mike Klondaris made motion, seconded by Joel Beam.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Jefferson Street at McKinley Street Stop Signs** – Discussion with new street superintendent, Jeff Beeler, found the stop sign LED's to be very expensive (in excess of \$1,300 each) and could be problematic due to vandalism and maintenance. Jeff recommended using an incremental system to see if less expensive methods produce the required result. He will investigate installing flags or "spinners" at this time. Motion by Mike Klondaris, seconded by Cindy Dobbins.
2. **Downtown Parking** – Cindy Dobbins inquired on the status of downtown parking signs. Tim reported that the deadline for Graycraft signs is still set for May 16th. Way finding signs are done and waiting to be installed by Graycraft.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **INDOT 2014 Striping Projects** – Kip Shuter read an email from INDOT district engineer, Dana Plattner, advising that INDOT plans striping SR15 and SR25 sometime this year after they work out some bugs with the application truck.
2. **St. Anne's Church Crosswalk Request** - Kip Shuter reported that he was contacted by Curt Singrey from St. Anne's after he was tasked with requesting a crosswalk. The commission was provided GIS, photographs, AADT, and MUTCD data for crosswalks. Curt advised that all parking for activities all thru the week occur across the street in their parking lot and at times is difficult to cross Market Street and vehicles don't slow down. The commission discussed options, including signage, church volunteers to serve as crossing guards, etc. There is no good place to install a crosswalk and without expensive upgrades for ADA compliance, a crosswalk could not be installed. Jeff Beeler recommended looking at improved high visibility pedestrian signage. Mike Klondaris motioned to have the street department install new signage, seconded by Cindy Dobbins.
3. **Eastside Truck Route** – Kip Shuter asked the commission to consider options to the eastside truck route. The traffic commission, council, and mayor often hear complaints with the route going thru residential districts. Consideration of moving the route could help alleviate some of the Jefferson and McKinley intersection issues. Kip and Jeff will derive alternate route(s) to examine and report back.
4. **Trucks on Union Street** – Jeremy Skinner inquired as to the definition of 'No Trucks' on Union Street. Due to heavy traffic on S. Buffalo Street, Wildman's Uniform asked about their delivery vehicles using Union Street from their back exit. Historically 'No Trucks' has been defined unwritten as any "commercial" vehicle, but usually referenced as a semi-tractor trailer. UPS and FedEx trucks would be in same category. The bridge weight limit is unknown so the commission agreed that employee passenger vehicles could use this exit but would at this time discourage deliver truck use, especially if it would mix with school traffic.
5. **South SR15 Improvements** – Councilman Klondaris inquired about what the traffic commission could do to keep INDOT looking to improve South SR15. The city will continue discussions with MACOG to have the state consider improvements as projects get proposed.

6. **North SR15 Speeding** – Councilman Klondaris inquired again about the use of a speed board on North SR15 to reduce speeds. Kip reported that WPD’s board is still in the repair shop to see if it can be fixed. LTAP loans speed boards but at a significant cost to the municipality if damaged or stolen (would be entering into a contract). Jeff reported that speed boards are only effective for short periods of time before they are ignored. Outside of traffic calming devices, which are out of city control on a state highway, enforcement is the best tool to curb this issue. Lt. Beam advised that patrol officers are aware of the issue but he will reinforce it.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Kip Shuter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kip L. Shuter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "S".

Kip L. Shuter