



CITY OF WAUWATOSA
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Regular Meeting
Committee Room #1
6:30 PM

7725 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE ITEMS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James Moldenhauer	Alderman	Present	
Jeffrey Roznowski	Alderman	Present	
Dennis McBride	Alderman	Present	
Bobby Pantuso	Alderman	Present	
Jason Wilke	Alderman	Present	
William Porter	Public Works Director	Present	
Elizabeth Hilt	Program Analyst	Present	
Joel Tilleson	Alderman	Present	
John Dubinski	Alderman	Present	
Brian Ewerdt	Alderman	Present	
Gregory Walz-Chojnacki	Alderman	Present	
Cheryl Berdan	Alderwoman	Present	
Kathleen Ehley	Mayor	Present	

2. Memo from the Public Works Director and presentation by Ken Voigt, Ayres & Associates, regarding a traffic calming policy

Ken Voigt, Senior Traffic Engineer, Ayers Associates, N17 W24222 Riverwood Drive, Suite 310, Waukesha, spoke at length about the PowerPoint presentation his company researched and put together for the city on traffic calming measures the city could be taking to mitigate the traffic problems in different areas of the city. He explained that traffic calming seeks to reduce speeds, noise, and accidents in order for the city to provide a safe environment for drivers as well as pedestrians.

Mr. Voigt explained that traffic calming has many benefits for solving neighborhood traffic solutions with education tools. Ald. McBride thought it was important to make sure the neighborhood is involved. Mr. Voigt pointed out that traffic calming has to be looked at as a system including neighborhood support and speed watch.

Mr. Voigt outlined the various tools available to the city in order to slow traffic down. Among the various techniques proposed were; traffic vertical and horizontal deflection, speed humps and tables 12 to 20 feet wide. He also talked about installing traffic circles and other traffic calming "chokers" such as pinch points, narrowing the pavement, chicanes, wavy lanes, half closures and partial closures.

He stressed that stop signs are not very effective as traffic calming methods.

Mr. Voigt spoke about the materials that most traffic humps are made specifically of asphalt. He also spoke about traffic calming program eligibility, stressing that public involvement is important. He showed slides of one neighborhood in particular, N. 104th Street between W. Blue Mound Road and Wisconsin Avenue which has been in need of traffic calming measures for some time. Mr. Porter commented that these two streets could be used as a learning tool and template.

Ald. Moldenhauer asked if the devices used to measure traffic levels and speeds could be rented. He stressed that the data should be gathered to share with the public in order to encourage community support.

Ald. McBride suggested the establishment of a set of criteria for the test cases on 103rd and 104th streets.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to recommend approval authorizing the use of approximately \$7,500 of WI DOT traffic mitigation funds for a traffic calming pilot program on N. 103rd and N. 104th Streets between Wisconsin Avenue and Blue Mound Road - 5

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis McBride, Alderman
SECONDER:	Bobby Pantuso, Alderman
AYES:	Moldenhauer, Roznowski, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke

Carla A. Ledesma, CMC, City Clerk