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## **TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Committee Room #1

PRESENT: Alds. Wilke, McBride, Moldenhauer, Roznowski – 4

EXCUSED: Ald. Pantuso

ALSO PRESENT: B. Porter, Public Works Director

Ald. Wilke as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **90-day trial of parking restrictions on 113<sup>th</sup> Street from Center Street to Clarke Street**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director regarding a 90-day trial of parking restrictions on 113<sup>th</sup> Street from Center Street to Clarke Street in response to a petition received from area residents.

Mr. Porter explained that a request was made by a resident living in the immediate neighborhood for parking restrictions as high school students parking here all day prevented access to mailboxes. Mr. Porter said that staff requested that the residents be surveyed to determine if this feeling was the majority in the neighborhood. A petition was submitted and Mr. Porter felt there were a significant number of neighbors who feel the same way.

The Public Works Director noted that there are a variety of parking restrictions in place in the surrounding streets. For consistency purposes, Mr. Porter suggested a two-hour no parking restriction instead of the requested 3-hour restriction.

Karen Brenton, 2655 N. 113<sup>th</sup> St., said the postman has a hard time delivering the mail with cars parked all day. She felt snow removal is also problematic with cars parked on the west side of the street all day long.

Moved by Ald. Roznowski, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer  
to approve a 90-day trial of two-hour parking restrictions on the  
west side of 113<sup>th</sup> Street from Center to Clarke Streets – Ayes: 4

### **Traffic Calming – after study evaluation**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director regarding an after study evaluation on traffic calming on 103<sup>rd</sup> St., 104<sup>th</sup> St., and 106<sup>th</sup> Streets. The purpose of the study was to identify if the speeding and cut-through traffic problems at these locations were reduced as a result of the installation of temporary speed tables. A total of six speed tables were installed.

Traffic data was collected from Tuesday, October 15 -17, 2013, several weeks after the speed tables had been installed. The before data was collected over a 7-day time period in April 2013. Mr. Porter

noted that road closed traffic barricades were set-up on both the north and south ends of 103<sup>rd</sup>, 104<sup>th</sup>, and 106<sup>th</sup> Street after the 'before data' collection was taken.

Mr. Porter said that the speed tables are not good for snow plowing and will be removed for the season.

Ken Voigt, Ayres Associates, One Riverwood Place, Waukesha, reviewed the study findings on the speed data and traffic volume on the three streets where the speed tables were used. In summary, daily traffic volumes were reduced on the streets. This could be attributed to the placement of the traffic barricades. However, speed reduction was significant on each street.

Robert Witten, 539 N. 106<sup>th</sup> Street, said one of the speed tables was placed to the south of his home. Although they appreciated the speed tables, he did not feel they were necessary on 106<sup>th</sup> Street which is a small street with stop signs. Mr. Witten said his neighbor on 104<sup>th</sup> Street was very happy with the speed tables and they noticed significant speed reduction. The difference is 104<sup>th</sup> Street is a long, through street with no stop signs from Blue Mound Road to Wisconsin Avenue. Mr. Witten expressed appreciation for the efforts made to slow traffic down.

Cpt. Sutter said that the results speak for themselves. The police department has not received any negative comments from citizens. Cpt. Sutter discussed the use of the police departments speed trailer and the results received with that. Cpt. Sutter suggested sometimes large volume is perceived as a speed problem when it really isn't.

The committee discussed the study results and felt the reduction in speed was impressive and concluded the speed table trial successful. They felt there were many other areas in the city where these speed tables could be utilized. The committee asked Mr. Porter to continue working on a traffic calming policy including the use of speed tables.

Mr. Porter felt that the speed tables provide relatively inexpensive testing for use in similar situations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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