

Lights-Streets-Sidewalks June 27, 2025

Minutes

Date: June 27, 2025

Time: 12pm

Present: Gail Burger, Kristin Smith, Brian Zimmerman

Guests: Chelsea Mugford, Toni Backen, Tabitha Viergutz, Mayor Williams, Justin Williams w/ Streets.

Call to Order: 12:06pm

Summary

- **Update on Stop Sign Area at Fourth and Mineral** [0:00](#)
 - Gail Burger calls the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.
 - Chelsea Mugford provides an update on the stop sign area at Fourth and Mineral, noting a significant improvement in compliance.
 - Chelsea Mugford mentions the issue of visibility due to trees and semi-trucks blocking the stop signs, especially on Sixth Street.
 - Chelsea Mugford suggests hanging stop signs off light poles to improve visibility, especially where trees obstruct the signs.
- **Discussion on Pedestrian Safety and Police Presence** [3:38](#)
 - Gail Burger inquires about pedestrian safety, and Chelsea Mugford confirms it has improved significantly.
 - Chelsea Mugford notes the busy nature of the area, especially during summer, and the need for better visibility of stop signs.
 - Gail Burger suggests asking Justin Williams about the feasibility of hanging signs off light poles without obstructing traffic.

Public Comment: Chelsea Mugford mentions the new lines on the road and the idea of painting stop lettering on the white lines, as discussed with Carol.

- **Proposal to Paint Stop Signs on Road Lines** [8:27](#)
 - Gail Burger and Kristin Smith discuss the idea of painting stop lettering on the road lines.
 - Gail Burger makes a motion to paint stop lettering on the road lines, which is seconded by Kristin Smith and approved by the committee.

Public Comment: Toni Backen shares a personal experience of nearly being hit by a car while crossing the street, emphasizing the need for better pedestrian safety.

- Gail Burger welcomes Brian Zimmerman, who catches up on the discussion about stop signs and crosswalk flags.
- The motion is rescinded on stop lettering.

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- **Crosswalk Flags and Funding Options [22:49](#)**
 - Brian Zimmerman discusses the requirements and placement of stop signs, and the possibility of painting stop signs on the road lines.
 - Gail Burger and Kristin Smith discuss the idea of using solar-powered crosswalk signs instead of flags.
 - Tabitha Viergutz introduces the idea of using CV flags, which are pre-fabricated kits that can be easily installed.
 - Kristin Smith suggests a holistic approach to improving pedestrian safety, including painting crosswalks and using flags as a short-term solution.
- **Concerns About Flag Durability and Theft [26:16](#)**
 - Toni Backen expresses concerns about the durability of flags and the potential for theft, but supports the idea as a short-term solution.
 - Gail Burger and Kristin Smith discuss the possibility of securing funding for flags and painting inside crosswalks.
 - Brian Zimmerman suggests involving business owners in monitoring and replacing stolen flags.
 - Toni Backen suggests using cameras to monitor the flags and ensure they are not stolen.
- **Decision on Crosswalk Flags and Painting [35:49](#)**
 - The committee decides to pursue funding for crosswalk flags and painting crosswalks along Mineral Street if the council decides to move forward with flags and paint inside crosswalks.
 - The committee decides to send the discussion to pursue crosswalk flags to the city council and recommendation for painting inside crosswalk lines.
 - Gail Burger and Kristin Smith discuss the logistics of painting inside crosswalks and the need for funding.
- **Discussion on Banners on Mineral and California Streets [46:15](#)**
 - Gail Burger brings up the topic of banners on Mineral and California Streets, which were previously installed by Janelle.
 - Kristin Smith suggests using more generic banners that promote Libby in general, rather than business-specific banners.
 - The committee discusses the logistics of putting the banners back up and the need for better communication with the entity responsible for taking them down.
 - Gail Burger suggests sending the recommendation to put the banners back up to the city council for approval.
- **Conclusion and Adjournment [53:42](#)**
 - The committee agrees to send the recommendation to put the banners back up to the city council for approval. Motion By Kristin Smith, Second by Brian Zimmerman, all in favor, none opposed.
 - Gail Burger makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, which is seconded and approved by the committee. All in favor, none opposed.

The meeting is adjourned at exactly 1:00 PM. Next Meeting TBA