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**To:** Street's, Sidewalks and Light's Committee Meeting

11/14/2024

**From:** Brian Zimmerman/Chair

**Subject:** DISCUSS 4TH STREET AND MINERAL AVENUE INTERSECTION AND REDUCED SPEED ON MINERAL AVENUE.

Below is a summary of the discussion from our November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at noon.

Present were committee members Brian Zimmerman, Kristin Smith, and Gail Burger. From the public were Sam Sikes, Xanie Riddle, Teri Noble, Toni Backen, Chelsea Mugford, Tabitha Viergutz with LOR, and Justin Williams from the street department was present as well.

## Summary

- **Fourth Street and Mineral Avenue Intersection Discussion [0:10](#)**
  - Brian Zimmerman calls the meeting to order and introduces the agenda, focusing on the Fourth Street and Mineral Avenue intersection.
  - Kristin Smith recalls that they had previously discussed sending recommendations to the council, but Brian Zimmerman notes that only the flags were voted on.
  - Brian Zimmerman suggests looking at stop signs on the two poles on Mineral Avenue to avoid snow plowing issues.
  - Brian Zimmerman mentions observing similar setups in other towns and considers a flashing red light to create a four-way stop.
- **Reduced Speed Limit Proposal [2:49](#)**
  - Brian Zimmerman brings up the idea of reducing the speed limit and installing a solar-powered sign to show speed.
  - Gail Burger questions the support for stop signs or flashing stops, recalling that the committee had previously discussed this.
  - Kristin Smith recalls discussions about repainting crosswalks, posting reduced speed signs, and pursuing crossing flags and temporary bump-outs.
  - Brian Zimmerman acknowledges the lack of written minutes on these actions and seeks clarification on the current status.
- **Public Comment and Community Support for Stop Signs [5:03](#)**
  - Xannie Riddle from Fusions Salon expresses confusion about the lack of support for stop signs and presents a petition with 23 signatures per page.
  - Xannie Riddle emphasizes the need for stop signs to help people back out of parking spots, especially for elderly residents and those with backup cameras.

- Gail Burger suggests that more patrols might address the issue, but Xannie Riddle argues that stop signs are necessary for safety.
- Xannie Riddle provides examples of accidents and near-misses involving ambulances and highlights the importance of stop signs for safety and community support.
- **Additional Community Concerns and Suggestions [13:05](#)**
  - Toni Backen from Dakota Avenue shares a personal experience of being hit in a crosswalk and supports the idea of stop signs for better safety.
  - Teri Noble suggests that the annex building's employees should park on California Avenue to free up spaces for customers.
  - Brian Zimmerman explains the reasoning behind the "no parking" signs and the challenges of enforcing them.
  - Chelsea Mugford mentions ongoing issues with people parking in yellow zones and the lack of police response to complaints.
- **Addressing Parking and Enforcement Issues [16:19](#)**
  - Sam Sikes confirms that the annex parking issue is being addressed through enforcement measures and potential MOUs with the county.
  - Kristin Smith clarifies that the parking ordinance changes are still in the committee stage and will be presented to the council soon.
  - Chelsea Mugford expresses frustration with the lack of police presence and the ongoing problem of people parking in yellow zones.
  - Brian Zimmerman summarizes the discussion points and suggests bringing the four-way stop proposal to the council for further discussion.
- **Final Recommendations and Meeting Adjournment [23:01](#)**
  - Brian Zimmerman proposes sending the recommendations to the council, including flags, more police presence, and the four-way stop discussion.
  - Kristin Smith makes a motion to send all recommendations to the council for consideration, which is seconded and approved.
  - Tabitha Viergutz offers assistance with transportation funding if needed, and Justin Williams suggests a straightforward approach with stop signs.
  - Brian Zimmerman thanks everyone for their participation and adjourns the meeting, emphasizing the community's desire for the four-way stop.

*Meeting adjourned.*