

Attendees:

Traffic & Safety Committee:

Lenore Hoffman, City Council - present
Chad Dutz, Fire Chief - absent
Nate McGinley, Public Works Director - present
Dave Richardson, Patrol Captain - present
Maggie Clifton, Community Engagement Director - present
Adam McAlpine, Engineering Director – present



Item 0: Valparaiso Public Library Lane Change Proposal

- Library would like to install new drop-boxes for returns. The proposal would include lane direction change for drop-off traffic convenience and safety of library visitors.
- The committee is in favor of lane change and of drop-box installation.
- Response: Item will be presented at Board of Works meeting on November 22.

Item 1: Pepper Cove Street Lighting

- No street lighting at entrances of development on Froberg Rd and Vale Park Rd causes safety concern for residents.
- The committee is in favor of lighting the entrances to the neighborhood.
- Response: Item will be presented at Board of Works meeting on November 22.

Item 2: Roundabout Speed Concern

- Susan Martin discussed the speeding concerns in reference to her email.
- Rumble strips were discussed, pros and cons of implementation.
- The City of Valparaiso conducted a Road Safety Audit of certain city corridors. The roundabouts were also considered and are under review. The signage leading to the roundabouts and safety improvement overall will be reviewed as well.
- Accidents located at roundabout intersections in comparison with the previous signaled intersections have been less severe, with fewer injuries.
- Response: VPD will be placing radar speed reading signs and placing on medians at roundabout. These signs will notify drivers of their speed in real time.

Item 3: Union Street and Morgan Boulevard Safety Concern

- Project Neighbors representative Paul Schreiner presented his concern of no sidewalk for children walking north on Morgan Blvd to the bus stop on Union St.
- Response: Bus stops were changed to accommodate kids on S Morgan Blvd.
- Project Neighbors will investigate the idea of implementing stairs to access alley.

Item 4: Valparaiso High School Street Lighting

- Tabled until December Meeting

Item 5: Roosevelt Road and Laporte Avenue Sight Distance

- Sight distance for southbound Roosevelt Rd traffic onto Laporte Ave is poor, creating safety concern.
- Although traffic accidents at this intersection are minimal, Valparaiso University pedestrian traffic would benefit from protected crossing.
- Response: Stop signs recommended on Laporte Ave, creating a 3-way stop. This would reduce sight distance safety concern as well as begin process of

implementing a protected pedestrian crossing. Item will be presented at Board of Works meeting on November 22.

Item 6: Monroe Street and Greenwich Street Intersection Stop Signs

- Proposing all-way stop for intersection to increase safety. The intersection has experienced 11 accidents in less than 3 years.
- West and east bound traffic on Monroe St does not have stop and are traveling uphill to Greenwich St. Due to retaining wall, hill slope, and tree shading, sight distance is poor.
- Response: Item will be reviewed once again at December meeting. Reason for previous work on retaining wall and land acquisition rather than stop sign installation will be investigated.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Vandenoever with the Engineering Department. Please contact at avandenoever@valpo.us if there are any questions in the translation of these meeting notes.