

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Monday, November 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Present: Committee Members:

Police Chief	Ed Biehler
Chairwomen, City Council Rep	Cecilee Price Huish
City Council	Millie Segura Bahr
City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
Street Dept. Director	Charles Bensen
Assistant City Engineer	Todd Christensen
Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
<u>Attendees:</u>	
Mr. Caldwell	Villa Nova Citizen/HOA
Bill Essex	Villa Nova Citizen/HOA
Recording Assistant	Terrie Basinger

Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
Planning Conference Room

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councilwoman Price-Huish made introductions and began the meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 25 AUGUST, 2022

Motion to approve by Councilwoman Price-Huish and was seconded. The meeting continued.

DISCUSSION ITEM 1: Request for Installation of Convex Mirror at Villa Nova Condominiums, 1950 S 200 W (Continued from 25 August, 2022) (20 Minutes) Requested by Villa Nova HOA:

Mr. Cheney explained that the Engineering Department committed to do some research on this matter from the previous meeting in August. He explained that currently the entry is more of a sidewalk type of approach. By constructing a curb return on either side of the driveway it would make it wider, thus creating less of a space for parking on the street. However, Mr. Cheney is hesitant to move forward with this. By changing the drive approach as it could lower the driver’s visibility making it more of a challenge to see oncoming traffic. Mr. Caldwell states that,

1 from a visibility standpoint, it would be better due to the fact that parking would be
2 substantially pulled back.

3 Mr. Cheney explained that another significant factor to be considered is the cost. It
4 will cost right around \$18,000.00. The HOA would carry the burden of the full
5 cost. Mr. Cheney feels that the net effect would be the same to create a no parking
6 zone within the same area. Chief Biehler feels that this can be challenging for
7 BCPD. They are not in favor of red curbing. He would not like to set a standard
8 here. Those cars are just going to park somewhere else and create a parking
9 problem elsewhere. Councilwoman Segura-Bhar questioned whether this would
10 create a problem for the home across the street. Mayer Harris asked whether Mr.
11 Caldwell has ever observed anyone parking there. He answered in the negative.
12 Mr. Cheney doesn't feel that there is an easy answer. He states that there is always
13 an obligation for the driver to proceed only when it is safe. He goes on to say that
14 the minimal amount is what he would support, 10 to 15 feet. Mr. Caldwell says he
15 feels good with that.

16 Councilwoman Segura-Bhar feels that this doesn't fit the scenario the Chief
17 described and that the new drive approach would be appropriate. Mr. Cheney
18 showed her, on screen, that Bristol Village and Villa Nova essentially have the
19 same.

20 Concerns were raised that if Villa Nova created a drive approach that appeared like
21 a road, they would likely receive unwanted traffic. Charles also explained that
22 storm water may also be an issue. Mr. Caldwell does not feel that it looks like a
23 road. He will take the point to the Villa Nova HOA to have a vote made regarding
24 a new approach.

25 Mr. Cheney tabled the item pending the outcome of the discussion with the HOA.
26 Councilwoman Segura-Bhar added with the caveat if the HOA comes back with an
27 affirmative vote to improve and widen the approach in such a manner that the city
28 will approve at such time. The motion for the caveat by Councilwoman Segura-
29 Bhar was seconded.

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31 **Review of Speed Study: Indian Springs Rd, 400 E to Bountiful Blvd (5**
32 **Minutes)**

33 About a year ago city council approved the installation of speed limit signs on
34 Indian springs between 400 East and 3100 South intersection and Bountiful
35 Boulevard. We did a follow up study to see what effect sign installation could
36 have and Mr. Cheney reports that it had no effect. The 85th percentile speed in July
37 of 2021 was 34.4 miles per hour (MPH), that is roughly 10 MPH over the speed
38 limit of 25 MPH with a volume of 885 cars.

39 The August 2022 study results showed an 85th percentile speed of 34 MPH with a
40 slightly higher volume of cars at a little over 1,000. The speed limit sign literally

1 had no effect. The speed limit signs were placed at the bottom of the road and at the
2 top in both directions, they were permanent and there were no speed trailers used. Mr.
3 Cheney feels this is just reaffirming that speed limit signs do not work. Chief Biehler
4 says that they may make people feel good, but they really make no difference.
5 Councilwoman Price-Huish asked if there was any difference on “cut through” type of
6 roads that folks use from the main roads? To this Mr. Cheney says no.
7 The reason speed limit sign was installed were at the request of a specific citizen. The
8 resident was told that the sign would not change the speed limit. Since the resident
9 was given the result of the study, there has been no response.

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12 **Discussion Item: Crosswalk Treatment Review.**

13 Mr. Cheney sent Pedestrian crossing documents to the committee members, most
14 being from Colorado. He felt they were very informative. There were several types
15 of crosswalks described. He took the screen to a graph to best illustrate. Mr. Cheney,
16 per the study he currently showed, said that 20 pedestrians per hour is the minimum
17 requirement for a crosswalk. Young, Elderly, and disabled count twice in this
18 decision making.

19 Mr. Cheney then took the Committee to the CDOT (Colorado Department of
20 Transportation) Criteria. Their crosswalk decision making is much the same, however
21 they factored in the number of lanes in a road and speed limit.

22 Chief Biehler described a recent trip he took to San Diego and says that Centerville Jr.
23 High has similar crossings. They are the overhead poles with flashing lights that the
24 kids/people can push a button red overhead lights flash for the pedestrian crossing,
25 which is very effective. Syracuse Jr. High has something similar.

26 Mr. Cheney is attempting to collect data which is consistent across the United States.
27 Councilwoman Segura-Bhar would like to adopt what ever Mr. Cheney recommends.
28 Councilwoman Price-Huish agrees that Mr. Cheney is correct when saying that there
29 are industry standards that we would be best to adopt.

30 The committee thanked Mr. Cheney for taking the initiative and for all his work on
31 this.

32 Councilwoman Price-Huish would like to adopt a policy regarding when and where to
33 put a crosswalk. It will be put on the February agenda.

34 The Next TSCM will be held Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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36 **Adjourn Meeting at 11:10 a.m.**