

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 30, 2023
04:00 p.m.

- Present:** Committee Members:
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| Police Chief | Ed Biehler |
| Chairwomen, City Council Rep | Cecilee Price Huish |
| City Council Woman | Millie Segura Bahr |
| City Engineer | Lloyd Cheney |
| Street Dept. Director | Charles Bensen |
| Assistant City Engineer | Todd Christensen |
| Madam Mayor | Kendalyn Harris |
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- Attendees:
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| Lee Caldwell | Villa Nova Citizen/HOA |
| Bill Essex | Villa Nova Citizen/HOA |
| Recording Assistant | Terrie Basinger |

Regular Meeting – 04:00 p.m.
Planning Conference Room

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councilwoman Price-Huish made introductions and began the meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 14 November 2022

Motion to approve by Councilwoman Price-Huish and was seconded. Mr. Cheney brought the committee’s attention a specific portion of the last minutes (correction of the spelling of Chief Biehler’s last name in two places).

DISCUSSION ITEM 1: Update--Driveway modifications at Villa Nova Condominiums, 1950 S 200 W by Lee Caldwell, Villa Nova HOA:

Mr. Caldwell said that the proposal to widen the driveway and convert the existing drive approach to a street type of entrance (similar to that of the Huntington apartments) was presented to the owners of Villa Nova, was approved and agreed on. Mr. Caldwell says the HOA agrees to incur the cost of this project. Mr. Cheney said the HOA will need to find a contractor to do the work. Mr. Cheney says that the city engineering dept can help with the plan and specifications of the

1 drive approach. Mr. Caldwell would like to know the process to get a blue street
2 sign for their driveway. Mr. Benson explained that the blue signs (for private
3 streets) are purchased by the property owner and they are approximately \$200.00
4 for the post and sign. He added that many of the companies that make the signs
5 would also install the sign. Bountiful City will provide contact information for
6 companies that can provide this service.

7 Mr. Caldwell would like to see the project done by end of summer 2023. Ms.
8 Basinger will give Mr. Caldwell a list of licensed and bonded contractors. Mr.
9 Cheney explained that any contractor that works on the public right-of-way must
10 meet the City's criteria to be issued an excavation permit. The sidewalk on the
11 Villa Nova project must meet ADA requirements. Mr. Cheney has created a
12 drawing of the type of drive and will provide that and the appropriate
13 specifications to the Villa Nova/HOA.

14 Council Woman Segura Bahr would like it noted that Villa Nova is not obligated
15 to proceed with this project but are approved to do so.
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17 **DISCUSSION ITEM 2-Crosswalk Item Update:**

18 Mr. Cheney presented a document from the Colorado Department of Transportation to
19 the committee. He was not able to find a similar document from UDOT and would
20 like to adopt "about 2/3" of it. Mr. Cheney would like to get a reading from the
21 committee to determine if the material from about chapter 4 to the end of the
22 document would be an acceptable process and methodology (substituting in Utah code
23 and policy) where appropriate.

24 The mayor expressed that she likes having code and rule and feels a good way to have
25 that come about is to collaborate, even with other states. Council Woman Segura
26 Bahr would like to have as much in writing as possible as we proceed in obtaining the
27 "collaborated" materials/information. Council Woman Price Huish says she likes
28 having something that the people can turn to for direction and would like to know if
29 we could put this on a fillable form? Mr. Cheney responded that the creation of a
30 fillable form would be easy. The final forms / applications could be placed on the
31 Engineering Department webpage.

32 Mr. Cheney presented a flow chart and feels good about it. Council Woman Segura
33 Bahr likes to have things more standardized. She would like to see things more
34 streamlined so that everyone in every department will be on the same page.

35 Council Woman Price Huish asked, when someone fills out a complaint, is there a
36 timeline for a response? Mr. Cheney says there could be. Mayor would like an
37 automated process regarding their request and when it can be replied to (a timeline).

38 The mayor asked what the process is when someone requests, say, a stop sign. Mr.
39 Cheney explained that there is a current process in place. Council Woman Price
40 Huish expressed that she appreciates the accessibility and that people can accept the
41 "bad news" if they feel responded to heard.

1 Council Woman Price Huish would like to know what is anticipated in the process
2 should Colorado agree to allow us to use their handbook. Mr. Cheney's vision is that
3 this will be an internal process to modify the documents for the Department's use, and
4 would include a process outline that would describe the process and timeline.
5 Council Woman Price Huish would like Mr. Cheney to keep the committee updated
6 on the process/procedure and progress.

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9 **DISCUSSION ITEM 3—Traffic Accident Review:**

10 Review for 2021/2022 (intersections with 3 or more accidents)

11 The data sheet that Mr. Cheney passed out indicated a 30% decrease in the amount of
12 traffic accidents in the last 10 years.

13 Mr. Cheney presented and explained a map that the Engineering department put
14 together which identifies the locations of traffic accidents. Mr. Cheney explained that
15 accident rates and traffic volumes drop in neighborhoods above Orchard Dr. The first
16 intersection that was discussed was the intersection of Davis Blvd and North Canyon
17 Rd. Mr. Cheney feels there are things that can be done to improve Davis Blvd and
18 North Canyon Road. He feels the stop sign and stop bar on the north wst corner of the
19 intersection is too far from the corner. He would like to make the turning radius on
20 that curb smaller which would move the position of the stop sign closer to the
21 intersection and provide better visibility. Mr. Cheney would like to see a roundabout
22 in that intersection. Mayor Harris questions the cost. Mr. Cheney feels it can be done
23 reasonably. Mr. Cheney has laid it out and it will require a little property on the
24 southwest corner but feels it will (barely) fit that intersection. Council Woman Price
25 Huish expressed concern (saying the 5points roundabout works well) but Davis Blvd
26 has a ton of pedestrian traffic and cyclists and would like to see that taken into serious
27 consideration. Mr. Cheney says Roundabouts are really good for pedestrians.

28 Council Woman Segura Bahr questioned whether we could do diagonal crossing in
29 this round-about. Mr. Cheney responded that pedestrian crossing are better around the
30 perimeter where pedestrians only have to cross one lane of traffic at a time and are
31 protected by median islands. This location isn't the top location for accident
32 problems, but the city does get an inordinate number of complaints. Mayor Harris
33 would like to see the top accident areas get more attention. Mr. Cheney says most of
34 those locations are signalized and have all improvements that can be made.

35 Council Woman Segura Bahr expressed concern that people would not be able to gain
36 their momentum to get up the North side of Davis Blvd during inclement weather
37 days. Mr. Benson agreed. Mr. Cheney says we really want to keep the momentum to
38 a minimum on a roundabout to prevent loss of control accidents.

39 The consensus is that the Northeast corner will be adjusted as a first step (to create a
40 more ideal turning radius), as well as moving the old stop bar and put the stop sign in
41 a better position.

1 The Mayor would like to know what we can do with Orchard and 1500 S. Mr.
2 Cheney said that the accident reports at that location are almost all from a failure to
3 yield. Mr. Benson says they have had stop signs for a long time and they are
4 reflective. Mr. Cheney says there is really nothing left, short of a traffic signal, on this
5 intersection that can be done. We are close to meeting the threshold for action with 4
6 accidents in '21 and 4 accidents in '22. Something will need to be done eventually.
7 Mr. Cheney went on to express that this location is really too close to the traffic signal
8 at 1800 S and Orchard to do another.

9 Mr. Cheney says it is our practice to keep a close eye on areas that have 3 or more
10 accidents a year.

11 Cecilee asked about a traffic light study (feasibility) Mr. Cheney says \$300,000 is the
12 cost of a new traffic signal.

13 500 S and Davis Blvd is addressed. The committee discussed the installation of a stop
14 sign for eastbound traffic on the west side of Davis Blvd. Mr. Benson replied that
15 putting a stop sign in for east bound traffic on 5th S would be problematic.

16 The committee identified 800 E and Center St, and 400 N at 1300 E as similar
17 locations with stop signs which seem to work well.

18 Mr. Cheney feels that an inexpensive option would be to replace the existing stop
19 signs for Davis Blvd traffic areas with larger, reflective or LED stop signs. Mr.
20 Benson was asked about the maintenance of the LED signs and replied that the battery
21 needs to be replaced about once a year in the solar signs.

22 Council Woman Price Huish would like to see a traffic “radar” Dynamic Speed Sign
23 installed. Mr. Benson says they are around but typically are not put in place without a
24 specific request for them. Current City policy requires an application from the
25 residents for a dynamic speed sign, a \$1,000 deposit and requires a study to be
26 conducted by the Engineering Dept.. Mayor Harris would like to discuss a plan for
27 this and feels that there should be a way to make these available without extra cost to
28 the Citizens of Bountiful.

29 Council Woman Price Huish would like to know the best practices. What is the
30 standard. The Mayor received a petition for 400 North. There were about 25 citizens
31 that sent one. Mr. Cheney met with Mayor to discuss appropriate actions that could
32 be taken and to consider suggestions from the residents (such as closing the road).

33 **Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items:**

34 Next meeting will be scheduled in May on the 24th at 2 p.m.

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36 **Adjourn Meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

37 Council Woman Price Huish motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Woman
38 Segura Bahr.