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CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE AGENDA
Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 2022**
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**
4. **CHAIR REPORT – LED Speed Sign, Speed Table, Stop Sign, Pedestrian Crossing (Lockhaven near McNary and Chemawa Road) Meeting with Public Works Director**
5. **BIKE SKILLS FAIR REPORT – Hersch Sangster**
6. **BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT – Hersch Sangster**
7. **REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE**
8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS**
9. **STAFF REPORT ~ *Mike Griffin***
10. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ *David LeDay***
11. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ *Elizabeth Smith***
12. **ADJOURN**

Next meeting: June 16, 2022

Reporting to Council and Attending/Monitoring Planning Commission:

David Dempster

June 6, 2022 – Council | June 8, 2022 – Planning Commission



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, April 21, 2022
Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present:

Jamie Davis, Chair
Michael DeBlasi, Vice Chair
Hersch Sangster
Steven Wolf
Rick Kuehn
Tammy Saldivar

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Mike Griffin, Public Works
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

David Dempster

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: Larry Jackson from the Volunteer Coordinating Committee thanked committee members for their continued commitment, dedication and volunteer efforts and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steven Wolf moved for approval of the March 2022 Minutes. Rick Kuehn seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Kuehn, Sangster, Davis, Saldivar and Wolf in favor with Dempster absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rhonda Rich, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA), questioned the status of the requested Speed Table on Cummings and Stop sign at Dearborn and Shoreline. She noted that she had been directed to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) but she felt that its purpose was to determine if there is a problem and the WKNA knows there is a problem and Chief Teague had agreed that these traffic-calming devices were recommended. Chair Davis indicated that she would work with WKNA to go through the NTMP steps.

Carolyn Holman, WKNA, echoed the testimony of Ms. Rich, noted that she had reviewed the NTMP and felt it needed to be updated since it was implemented in 1999. Chair Davis suggested that a written request be sent to Council, Bill Lawyer and the Committee so that Council is aware of the need and could direct that it be updated.

CHAIR REPORT - LED Speed Sign, Speed Table, Stop Sign, Pedestrian Crossing (Lockhaven near McNary and Chemawa Road) Meeting with Public Works Director:

Chair Davis noted that she felt these items should be addressed in writing and she had not gotten a memo put together yet. Hersch Sangster volunteered to work with her on this.

STREET PAINTING – Keizerfest: Mike DeBlasi reported that since the Keizer Rapids Park location has been settled upon, there is little area that would be appropriate for this event. He suggested that it be removed from the agenda and considered in the future for another venue.

BIKE SKILLS FAIR REPORT: Hersch Sangster reported that the fair is planned for May 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center south parking lot. He shared details about set up and planned events and urged everyone to take flyers to post around the area. He noted that Salem Transit has donated flashing lights to give away. David Dempster will help with the event but more volunteers are needed.

SALEM BIKE VISION: Steve Wolf shared details found on the website including an interactive map, efforts to improve cycling in the future through development of protected lanes, traffic integration and right-sizing of streets. He suggested that perhaps Keizer could partner with Salem on this.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE: Chair Davis explained that she wanted members to be aware of the purpose of the committee. Discussion followed regarding various items listed in the purpose including committee authority and resources and specifically the development of a Master Bikeway Plan. Chair Davis suggested that committee members review the purpose, prioritize the tasks, and develop action items for follow-up and be prepared for discussion at the next meeting. She pointed out that it is the duty of the committee to take testimony from neighborhood associations and address the concerns of all whether or not representatives of the associations attend the committee meetings. She urged committee members to attend the neighborhood association meetings to get input.

Committee members discussed the Master Bikeways Plan with Mr. Sangster explaining that it was a sort of ‘cook book’ on how to do things, but since the SKATS Bicycle Advisory Committee has been eliminated, the plan has disappeared. He noted that now it is rolled into the Transportation System Plan. Suggestions were made to get input from citizens and figure out how that would work into the process of developing a plan.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Chair Davis reported that at the April Council meeting Bill Lawyer had announced that a flashing crosswalk sign on Lockhaven by the library has been put in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mike DeBlasi announced that Columbia Crossing bridge is going to have light rail and perhaps it will continue south to Salem. He referred to a video he had sent to committee members and expressed the desire to design roads for safety first and speed second.

Hersch Sangster announced that Keizerfest will be the second weekend in August and shared information regarding the event and parking. He also shared information he has received about planned projects in Marion County.

Rick Kuehn questioned if the Committee should advocate for extension of the light rail into the Salem-Keizer area, asked about property ownership on River Road/Manzanita and questioned if the Committee would be interested in learning more about the Historic Columbia River Highway. Committee members indicated in interest in this.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that

- ADA ramp upgrades have been completed and summer paving will be done by Knife River on 13 residential streets and Windsor Island Road and a small piece of Shoreline.
- The pump head at the Keizer Rapids Park bike repair station has been repaired.
- The Safe Routes to School grant application was scored and Keizer was not considered for funding; it was rated 76 out of 83 requests.
- The Wheatland Road program application has been reviewed and scored and will be sent to ODOT for scoping so that project is still in the running for 2024-25 funding.

POLICE REPORT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Jamie Davis will report to Council in May. The May Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ May 19, 2022, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

Purpose: To act in an advisory capacity to the Keizer City Council and City Manager in the creation, development and implementation of official traffic safety activities, including bikeways and pedestrian routes, and to make recommendations on projects and practices that improve safety, efficiencies and choices for transportation mode options. The powers and duties of the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:

1. To develop, prioritize, and recommend coordinated traffic safety programs.
2. To develop and maintain a Master Bikeway Plan to include an assessment of the need for bikeways, recommended routes with costs and priorities, proposed funding sources, and implementation program.
3. To recommend traffic safety priorities for the City.
4. To review and recommend project applications for funding.
5. To serve in a liaison capacity between the City and the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission in developing the statewide highway safety program and in meeting National Highway Safety Program Standards.
6. To provide traffic and transportation-related research and information to official agencies of the City.
7. To coordinate and disseminate information to the public on routes and rules for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit.
8. To promote public knowledge and compliance with traffic safety programs and laws.
9. To promote expanding transportation options that increase safety, efficiency, health, and independence.
10. To provide an annual written or oral report of its activities to the Council and other reports which the Council may request from time to time.

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Subject: RE: WKNA meeting invite & traffic & park projects
Date: Friday, May 6, 2022 9:07:59 AM

Rhonda,

I have initiated a speed and volume study for Shoreline Drive at Dearborn to provide some data to determine if there is truly a speeding issue in this area. Once that is completed we will then acquire the same type of data for Cummings Lane. We will then analyze the data and formulate a recommendation for City Council consideration.

Bill Lanyer

Public Works Director

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Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 8:33 AM

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Subject: Re: WKNA meeting invite & traffic & park projects

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Hello Bill,

We held a WKNA board meeting last night at which we discussed our involvement in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. We wish to pursue our requests which have been presented at several TSBP Committee meetings for traffic calming measures on Cummings Lane and Shoreline Drive. Therefore, please accept the attached memo as our application to the NTM Program.

We are anxious to have measures put in place to keep our residents, especially the children, safe while walking or biking on these streets. Please let me know how we can help to move this process along quickly!

Thank you for your efforts to make our streets safer,

Rhonda Rich
President of WKNA

April 28, 2022

To: Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Cc: TSBP Committee, Keizer City Council and Chief Teague, Keizer Police
From: Rhonda Rich, President of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association
Re: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Application to address
Traffic Safety Concerns on Cummings Lane and Shoreline Drive

The West Keizer Neighborhood has identified several problem streets in our neighborhood through an extensive outreach program that we have called a “Traffic Blitz”. At this time, we would like to initiate the process for addressing these issues through the **Neighborhood Traffic Management Program**.

The street with a high priority is **Cummings Lane** that can be identified as a neighborhood cut-through street between River Road and Shoreline Drive. Members identified the main problem to be “**speeding**”. This problem poses a threat to pedestrians and bicyclists who have to travel close to the traffic lane. There are no sidewalks on either side of the street. Additionally, school children cannot safely walk or bike to attend Cummings Elementary School or go to the playground.

The second street of concern is **Shoreline Drive** which connects Cummings Lane and Chemawa Road. Again, the identified problem is “**speeding**”. Shoreline Drive is a lengthy street which has no stop signs or calming devices to slow traffic.

Background:

WKNA devoted January and February general meetings to discussion of traffic-related issues in Keizer, and on West Keizer streets in particular. The January meeting drew about 20 people to voice concerns about speeding, red-light runners, noisy vehicles, pedestrian safety and other issues. Potential measures to address the problems included an informational campaign about safe walking and biking, need for more signage, addition of more stop signs on some streets to slow traffic, installation of speed bumps or tables, etc. In February, Keizer Police Chief John Teague attended to respond to the concerns and offer his assessment of the problems and potential solutions. He answered many questions from the 22 attendees at the meeting. To help slow traffic in West Keizer, he endorsed a four-way stop at Dearborn and Shoreline and addition of a speed table at the school crosswalk on Cummings at Delight.

President Rhonda Rich and Secretary Carolyn Homan have testified before the Keizer Traffic Safety, Bikeways & Pedestrian Committee at the January 20th, February 17th, March 17th and April 21st meetings to address traffic safety concerns with emphasis on mitigation to slow speeding vehicles on Cummings Lane and Shoreline Drive.

An attachment is provided with minutes from WKNA meetings and TSBP meetings at which members testified. The highlighted sections direct focus to Cummings Lane and Shoreline Drive. These streets were identified as a priority for traffic calming solutions.

KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, January 20, 2022

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rhonda Rich, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, distributed a handout listing concerns expressed at the last WKNA meeting regarding speeding traffic, rolling stops and failure to stop for pedestrians in the neighborhood. She noted that Chief Teague will be addressing the Association in February and asked the Committee to focus on particular areas to remedy problems.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Jamie Davis reported that she had been monitoring the Next Door app and gone to the WKNA meeting and testimony in both places focused on making Keizer streets safer. She would like the committee to focus on this as well as the area around Cummings Lane and sidewalk connectivity particularly on Windsor Island Road.

KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, February 17, 2022

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rhonda Rich, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, reported that Chief Teague had come to their last meeting and endorsed the installation of a stop sign at the Dearborn/Shoreline intersection for north/south bound traffic and installation of a speed table on Cummings and Delight. She noted that Chief Teague had indicated that Cummings is a known ‘cut-through’ street. Discussion followed regarding the price of speed tables, asphalt vs. rubber ones, working with the School District since they are planning on putting sidewalks around the school and solutions other than stop signs.

Ms. Rich also noted that the neighborhood association is requesting no parking signs on 5th Avenue by the pool and temporary speed bumps during ‘pool season’.

Carolyn Holman, also representing West Keizer Neighborhood Association, requested that the committee focus on safety of pedestrians and cyclists and advocate for sidewalks on Willamette Drive around Wallace House Park, Rivercrest and Sunset to Keizer Rapids Park and requested that more bike/pedestrian safety information postings be put on the City website. Discussion followed regarding testing the option of marking pavement to indicate parking spaces distanced from the edge of the street to allow for pedestrians and cyclists to walk on the edge of the street.

KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, March 17, 2022

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rhonda Rich, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, requested that the following traffic calming devices be put in place:

- 1. Speed Table on Cummings**
- 2. Stop sign at Dearborn and Shoreline**

Chair Davis noted that she knew Chief Teague was in favor of these projects and she was planning to contact Public Works Director Bill Lawyer to relay this request and find out if they could be done. She noted that she was hoping the 2009 Transportation System Plan could be updated soon and urged Ms. Rich to review the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan to learn how projects are funded.

Ms. Rich added that the flashing LED lit speed signs were discussed at the last board meeting and board members were in favor of giving these a try but it had not yet been discussed at a regular meeting.

KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, April 21, 2022 - notes taken at the meeting

Rhonda Rich and Carolyn Homan, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, attended. Rhonda asked what the WKNA needs to do to move forward with the traffic calming devices presented at the March TSBP meeting.

-Chair Davis suggested sending a memo to Bill Lawyer.

-Mike Griffin stated that the problem needs to be started through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, NTMP, which will initiate the process.

-Rhonda and Carolyn expressed concern that the NTMP was created in 1999 and has not been used by any neighborhood association. It was suggested to update the program and make it more user-friendly, so that NA's are not discouraged to present traffic issues to the TSBP, Public Works and City Council. Chair Davis and Vice Chair DeBlasi agreed that updating and a "how to" may need to be worked on.

-Chair Davis stated that the TSBP would work together with the WKNA.

WKNA Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2021

Traffic Blitz- Carol Phipps shared the **informational notice she wrote alerting neighbors to the January WKNA meeting and its focus on traffic, speeding and related issues. It urges neighbors to attend and share their concerns.**

The group discussed which streets to blanket with the informational notices - Sunset, **Cummings, Shoreline**, Delight, Manbrin, Rafael. Carolyn mentioned Dearborn, 15th and 5th as well. It was agreed to add Dearborn and 5th. **The group divided up responsibilities for distributing the informational notices.** It was agreed not to include a WKNA brochure because it will be 300-400 houses. It was suggested to add the WKNA logo and the WKNA website address to the notices in lieu of a brochure.

Carol Doerfler will post the **information on Next-door and Facebook** as well. She also. will order more door hangers. **Group agreed to deliver the flyers the weekend of Jan. 8-9 in advance of the Jan.13th meeting. It was decided to invite Traffic Safety Committee chair Mike De Blasi to the meeting. Others to invite: Patti Tischer, president of Gubser Neighborhood group and check with Cummings PTA to see if they could send a Letter to the Editor about the meeting and traffic issues in the Keizer Times.**

Also, notes from the January meeting should be sent to Chief Teague so he has background to consider before coming to the February meeting.

WKNA General Meeting Minutes Jan 13, 2022

Traffic Safety Discussion

Carol Phipps, Vice President, explained that **WKNA Board members had distributed over 400 meeting notices to residents of West Keizer who live on some of the main streets and where complaints about speeding and other traffic issues have been noted (Shoreline, Sunset, Dearborn, 15th, 5th, Rivercrest, etc.) This meeting is intended to gather comments from residents to pass along to Keizer Police Chief Teague, who will be at the February WKNA meeting to discuss the issues and possible solutions.**

Carol Phipps started the discussion by relating incidents she and her husband have encountered as they routinely walk their dog throughout West Keizer. Poor street lighting can be an issue, but speeding drivers are as well. There are still issues on 5th Street by Holiday Pool. Rivercrest is dark and no sidewalks in many places.

Among other comments:

Drivers ignore the stop at Cummings and Shoreline many times. Question was whether an education campaign on the need to follow traffic laws would help.

Several calls were made for traffic cameras – red light cameras, etc. to show infractions when police are not present.

Rafael between Shoreline and 15th sees a lot of speeders. Resident recounted recent accident where a speeder knocked a boy off a skateboard. The boy suffered a severely bruised arm. Apparently, police not called? But the area has a lot of kids getting off the school bus and it's a poorly lit area. Residents are concerned about the potential for more accidents given the level of speeding traffic and the complicating factors.

Sunset Ave. can be a “drag strip” at times. Drivers coming from River Road or turning off Rivercrest heading toward River floor it – it's a long straight stretch. Many cars are also very loud as they accelerate – can hear them even when they are blocks away from Sunset. Red light runners are also frequent at the Sunset/River intersection. A traffic accident was recounted and pedestrians and drivers are extra cautious entering River Road if they are familiar with that intersection.

Speeding –not much can be done unless police actually observe it but ticketing and consequences were seen as ways to cut down on infractions.

Google Maps is another element in the problems – it sends drivers to areas with higher speed limits and routes that are more direct, increasing traffic on “cut-through” streets like Manbriin or Appleblossom, etc.

Apparently, police recorded speeds on Shoreline for a week recently and found that 50% of drivers were speeding. That was deemed good or acceptable. The highest speed recorded was 65 mph (limit is 25). Possibility of a stop sign on Shoreline at the intersection with Dearborn (to make it a 4-way stop) to slow traffic on that long, unbroken stretch.

Residents asked about the possibility of lowering speed limits; of installing speed bumps or speed tables.

Visibility of walkers and bikers was seen as critical. Drivers need to be able to see pedestrians and bikers. Maybe a campaign to educate kids and other pedestrians is in order.

What about more bike lanes? Apparently, the Transportation System Plan does call for more bike lanes eventually.

Cummings would be an important spot to aid safety for kids who want to bike to school. There are no sidewalks on Cummings. The school has so much traffic because many parents drive their kids to school, in part because of safety concerns about walking and biking. The crosswalk there seems to be ignored too frequently by drivers on Cummings.

Issues have been taken to Traffic Safety Bikeways Committee and WKNA will continue to attend those meetings and monitor issues.

Councilor Smith (who is Council liaison to TSBP Committee) suggested more stop signs to slow traffic – such as was suggested for Shoreline. Maybe a stop at 10th and Rafael and/or 5th and Sunset? She also encouraged an education campaign for bikers and walkers – the city Facebook page could be used to help spread the word.

Carol thanked everyone for their attendance and comments and asked everyone to return for the February meeting to hear Chief Teague's responses to traffic issues raised.

WKNA General Meeting Minutes Feb. 10, 2021

Guest speaker, Keizer Police Chief John Teague – Rhonda introduced **Chief Teague, who was invited to respond to comments gathered from residents at the January General meeting on traffic safety issues in Keizer and to discuss possible solutions.** He threw the discussion open for questions. Issues raised included:

Placement of traffic monitor devices (the lighted signs that display “your speed”): Often, it's driven by request from residents. But the Police Department has some obvious spots – Dearborn, Verda, **Cummings, Shoreline**, Windsor Island, Sunset, Wheatland Road for example – to locate these monitors, he said.

Does KPD recognize speeding as a problem?

He said you first have to define speeding. The “average” concept is anything 7 mph over the posted speed. While a speeder may get pulled over, ticketing basically doesn't occur until speed is recorded at 8+ mph over the posted limit. That is not a rule or a department policy, however; it's a reflection of human nature. But police pay special attention to where crashes occur. They divide Keizer into 5 sections. West Keizer has fewer crashes than any other section – 10 crashes in the past 3 years. The most problems in West Keizer occur on River Road and Chemawa Road N. If there's a crash at River Road and Sunset, for example, or on River Road in the southbound lane, that's counted as West Keizer.

He singled out Cummings Lane where adding curbs and sidewalks has been suggested. It's a double-edged sword because it would be safe for pedestrians but drivers would turn it into a drag strip. He said nationally, during the pandemic, speeding has skyrocketed. With cuts to policing in many areas and fewer commuters, drivers are "flying." His suggestion: create a speed "table" at the crosswalk at Delight and Cummings. The drawback for neighbors is the extra noise from braking before the speed table and then acceleration after that a speed table would create, but he noted that vehicles are already stopping at and starting again at the stop signs on Delight.

What about creating a 4-way stop at Dearborn and Shoreline to slow traffic on that stretch of Shoreline from Cummings up to Chemawa?

He said he would endorse that. The decision would be up to Public Works but "they probably wouldn't object." He said KPD has little input on "engineering" issues related to traffic, such as installation of stop signs and creation of speed tables. Enforcement is KPD's area.

What about red-light cameras?

The cost is high to install but the main issue is that, by statute, a law officer is required to review every violation before a ticket can be issued. It takes hours to review the recordings. The cameras are "guaranteed effective" in reducing speeds and dummy cameras work, too.

Isn't speeding getting worse in Keizer?

His gut feeling is that it's not worse. He said there are not enough crashes in W. Keizer to warrant "draconian" measures to limit speeding or other infractions. He said there's an "acceptable" level of crime vs. police staffing – that is, people will only pay for or tolerate a certain level of policing. It's the difference between having a cop on every corner and something less than that. But to noticeably increase traffic monitoring in Keizer, he would have to have a lot more police officers.

Are GPS apps like Google Maps a factor?

Yes definitely. They will direct drivers through neighborhoods any time there's a slowing on the "main" arterials. Drivers choose the fastest route.

How often do police patrol W. Keizer?

Despite the low level of crashes, police like to have a presence in W. Keizer. Taxpayers expect it and he believes police touch every street in Keizer at least every other day.

Is speed or red-light running a major crash factor?

Most Keizer crashes are what they call "in-line" crashes, like rear-enders or between a moving vehicle and a parked one.

Are rolling stops ticketed?

The threshold is “walk speed.” Most drivers who roll through at walk speed did use their brakes and will argue that they stopped completely, even believing that they stopped completely. If the car rolls through faster than walk speed (thus potentially endangering pedestrians) it could net a ticket.

What about pedestrian safety in W. Keizer, where there are a lot of dog-walkers and others and many places lack sidewalks so people are forced to walk in the street. Speeding drivers are especially dangerous in these situations.

The Chief acknowledged W. Keizer is a very walkable neighborhood but said more people walk in southeast Keizer because many people there don't have cars. In his memory of the last 10 years, every pedestrian fatality in Keizer except one was the fault of a pedestrian not appropriately moving into a crosswalk into the path of a moving vehicle. Pedestrians will lose every time they demand their right of way in a crosswalk and step in front of a moving vehicle; by law, pedestrians are still required to walk safely.

Are vehicle break-ins a major issue? He said the frequency is high and the locations are unpredictable. They tend to go in spurts. And many times, there's no “break in” because a door was unlocked. His advice: LOCK YOUR CAR and don't leave items such as laptops, purses and other valuables visible in your vehicle.

Are there streets in West Keizer where more tickets are given? Chemawa and Cummings are both sites for ticketing, Sunset too, and most are given to drivers headed toward River Road.

Asked to comment, Mike De Blasi, with the Traffic Safety, Bikeways, Pedestrian Committee, said street design is the key to slowing traffic but it's expensive and involves a lot of infrastructure changes. Speed tables are more expensive and take longer to achieve. Painting narrow traffic lanes is cheaper. Cameras and radar are expensive -- \$3,000 for the monitor signs, for instance, and two are needed on a street. A suggestion from the audience on residential streets is to park a car or two, which narrows the travel area and slows traffic.

Rhonda thanked the Chief for attending and sharing his thoughts on this important neighborhood issue. She also thanked Mike DeBlasi and TSBP Committee chairperson Jamie Davis for attending.