

MEETING WITH ACHD

HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Date: April 6, 2018 **Time:** 1-2:30 PM

Location: 3775 Adams St. Garden City, Idaho 83714

Attendees:	<u>HNA Traffic Committee</u>	<u>ACHD</u>
	Tom Seacord – Chair	Bruce Wong - Director
	Dean Nygard – Area 1	Paul Woods – Commissioner
	Dave Churchill – Area 2 (Proxy)	
	Lauren Brassell – Area 3 (Proxy)	
	Chris Wuthrich – Area 4 (Not attending)	

Priority items for Highland View Drive

1. Highland View Drive Extruded Curb

- a. Extruded curb is intended to mitigate for pedestrian safety and not speed control (P.Woods)
- b. Committee provided P.Woods/B.Wong a copy of correspondence between Ms Ryalls (HV Drive resident) and J.Saak (ACHD) where J.Saak had indicated that the curb installation was on hold due to concerns about the “viability of a curb like this in the foothills environment with steep grades and limited area to shovel snow”.
 - i. P.Woods confirmed that the extruded curb is on hold.
- c. Committee asked what may be successful speed mitigation ideas:
 - i. Speed bumps (although ACHD said that their experience has been that residents have mixed feelings on if speed bumps work)
 1. This requires support from the street, emergency responder approval and consideration of the street environment and the appropriateness of speed bumps on that street. The cost is about \$10K per bump.
 - ii. Police monitoring speed.
 - iii. Narrowing the street (by using an extruded curb) is not a speed mitigation measure. The street needs to conform to design standards.
- d. ACHD cannot sweep/clean the area protected by an extruded curb (B.Wong & P.Woods).
 - i. **Research note (following meeting):**
 1. Boise Municipal Code 9-24 (Streets and Parkways) defines a sidewalk as “The portion of the parkway of a street set aside and intended for the use of pedestrians”. By this definition,

and ACHD's intended use of candles as a means for mitigating pedestrian safety - the area between the extruded curb and the adjacent property could qualify as a sidewalk.

2. If the area protected by the extruded curb qualifies as a sidewalk, by Boise Municipal Code 9-08 (Care and Use of Sidewalks), cleaning the area between the extruded curb and the adjacent property would be the responsibility of the property owner. This would apply to Highland View Drive and also to Curling Drive. **The Committee should seek further clarification from the City.**
 3. https://cityclerk.cityofboise.org/media/223829/13612_0924.pdf
 4. https://cityclerk.cityofboise.org/media/223769/13599_0908.pdf
- e. ACHD encourages residents to share their experiences with Highland View Drive Extruded Curb, pedestrian safety and speed control issues:
- i. "Tell Us": <http://www.achdidaho.org/AboutACHD/contactUs.aspx>
 1. Commissioners, the Director and ACHD staff review each submission
 - ii. Residents can come to ACHD Commission meetings and offer their experience during public comment:
 1. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesday of the month at noon
 2. 4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
 - iii. Traffic Committee can conduct a survey and submit the results to ACHD (and the City).
 1. ACHD will not assist in survey development, although P.Woods offered to review the survey questions after they have been developed.
 2. Survey should start with a general question like:
 - a. "Is there a need to mitigate speed on Highland View Drive?"
 - b. "Is there a need to mitigate pedestrian safe space on Highland View Drive?"And then the survey may end with more specific questions regarding the type of mitigation, or would their support for mitigation be contingent up the type of mitigation that was recommended and their ability to comment on that at a future date.
 3. Survey should include section for residents to share their experience with the candle extruded curb over the past year.

2. "Overlay Agreement"

- a. P.Woods explained the concept of an "overlay agreement" as being an agreement that the City of Boise would act on whereby there would be no further approval of development in the foothills (for example) without upgrading the infrastructure, including roads. This is solely in the City's court to act on.

3. Issues near 15th and Hill

- a. Committee can visit the ACHD development services desk and submit a request to review the plans for the intersection of Camels Back Ln and the assisted living center. This plan was approved as part of the assisted living center's development plan approval. The plan will be available for review at the ACHD development services desk.
- b. B.Wong/P.Woods noted the issues associated with the crosswalk and lighting at Camelsback Ln and recommended that this issue also be submitted through "Tell Us":
<http://www.achdidaho.org/AboutACHD/contactUs.aspx>.
- c. Speed signs/changes between Hill Road/15th to Park Hill/Highland View after Park Hill – B.Wong/P.Woods also noted this issue and recommended submitting this feedback on Tell Us (and with the survey results).

4. Status on developer mitigation funds

- a. B.Wong requested that the Committee send a letter requesting status on the \$20K in developer mitigation funds. It is possible/likely that the money has been spent on mitigation plan measures that have already been implemented.

5. How to move forward?

- a. Committee requested that because ACHD has decided not to move forward with the concrete extruded curb, but has previously approved mitigation that they work with us to determine what/if anything is appropriate.
- b. B.Wong noted that the City currently has not listed Highlands as a priority so we would need to seek the City's support for ACHD to dedicate staff time to this (and other) Highlands Neighborhood issues.
 - i. **Action:** Seek City of Boise support for Highlands Traffic issue priorities.
- c. Traffic Committee should develop and execute survey focused on Highland View Drive pedestrian and speed mitigation need.
 - i. **Action:** develop survey (see above)
 - ii. **Action:** execute survey based upon ACHD guidelines for participation
- d. Residents should submit "Tell Us" comments, provide testimony at ACHD commissioner meetings regarding issues.

Priority items for School Remodel & Other Area Priorities

1. School zone

- a. Remodel
 - i. ACHD will review plans submitted for the school remodel.
 - 1. ACHD does have influence over construction work restrictions regarding use of the road during construction and any street work required.

2. ACHD may not impose work restrictions beyond those applicable by code. The School District may apply more work restrictions on the contractor's activities than ACHD required.
 3. If the Neighborhood Association has requests regarding work restrictions, those should be sent to the Boise School District direction. A copy of this transmittal to ACHD and the City would be appropriate.
- b. Committee discussed interim (and long-term) No-Parking Zone at Bogus/Curling as a way to improve safety during peak hour – e.g., no parking from entry to intersection during peak hours.
 - i. ACHD indicated that the School has been resistant to establishing no parking areas adjacent to the school in the past.
 - c. Upgrade of intersection @ Bogus/Curling
 - i. Committee stated concerns regard volume problems and provided B.Wong/P.Woods recent newsletter from Mrs Duskey indicating safety concerns for pedestrian traffic along BB Road.
 - ii. Roundabout would need to be studied to determine if it could be a means for volume mitigation.

2. Upper Curling N/O Braemere

- a. No discussion due to time

3. E.Braemere/HV Drive Diverter

- a. ACHD indicated that they sent staff to monitor this intersection for a few days and did not observe any problems.
- b. Residents should continue to submit "Tell Us" posts when they observe problems.
- c. ACHD is not planning to adjust the candle position at this time.
- d. D.Churchill (Area 2 Proxy & Nines HOA president) requested that ACHD communicate with Nines HOA when the final installation was in the design process since the Nines HOA owns the curbing and landscaping that exists.
 - i. **Action:** D.Churchill (as Nines HOA president) will submit a written request through Tell Us.

4. Torridon Way

- a. Committee discussed need to mitigate speed on Bogus Basin Road to permit safe left turns from Torridon Way.
- b. B.Wong & P.Woods noted the concern but recommended that residents post to Tell Us.

5. How to move forward?

- a. **Action:** Traffic Committee should develop concerns relative to construction work and suggested work restrictions and submit these concerns to the School District, with CC to the City and ACHD.
- b. B.Wong noted that the City currently has not listed Highlands as a priority so we would need to seek the City's support for ACHD to dedicated staff time to this (and other) Highlands Neighborhood issues.
 - i. **Action:** Seek City of Boise support for Highlands Traffic issue priorities.
- c. Traffic Committee should develop and execute survey focused on School Zone issues:
 - i. **Action:** develop survey (see above)
 - ii. **Action:** execute survey based upon ACHD guidelines for participation
- e. Residents should submit "Tell Us" comments, provide testimony at ACHD commissioner meetings regarding issues.

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