



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SIGNAGE COMMITTEE

Monday, June 1, 2020 – 2:00pm
ZOOM MEETING
Bentonville, AR 72712

MINUTES

I. OLD BUSINESS/TABLED ITEMS:

- A. **Jan Carr, 1108 NE Thorn Hill Road – Phone: (918) 607-5106**
Email: Jan.Carr.13@gmail.com

Tabled from March 2020 meeting. Regarding concerns with roundabout on NE “J” Street in front of Legacy Village Independent Care and the Amazeum entrance to Crystal Bridges. The Committee tabled this matter for 60 days to look into this matter further.

06-01-2020 – David Wright reported that a plan is in motion including advance warning beacons, and more crosswalks, but need another month to get the plan together and find funding for what they would like to do. All committee members in agreement to table this matter until the July, 2020 meeting.

- B. **Andrew Heath, DBI Director, Bentonville, AR - Phone: (717)824-2281**
Email: andrew@downtownbentonville.org

a) DBI is requesting the attached street closures (See Map) for the following dates 06-05-2020, 07-03-2020, 08-07-2020, 09-04-2020, and 10-02-2020, for First Friday event dates. We are expanding the footprint to include NE “A” from NE 2nd Street to NE 3rd Street (Lawrence Plaza). The majority of streets will close at 6:00 am, with Legion Lane and a portion of NE 2nd Street to Legion in order to accommodate Arvest Bank and the County Judge’s Chamber (Old Post Office). Roads will reopen by 9:00 pm.

Tabled from the March 2020 meeting, until the City’s Contract for Services with DBI was worked out, and the Committee could talk to Andrew Heath. Requested an overall footprint of all events going on with DBI and Bentonville Film Festival.

06-01-2020 – Motion by David Wright and second by Tony Davis to approve the dates and routes listed, as long as Chief Simpson and Chief Boydston were okay with them. Also, Mr. Heath is to get a Traffic Control Plan to Tony Davis, Street Manager, for approval. Motion approved.

C. Visit Bentonville – 104 E. Central Avenue – Phone: (479) 271-9153

Email: aimee@bikebentonville.com

Previously presented by Anne Jackson, Bentonville Film Festival in March, 2020

On behalf of Bentonville Bike Festival (BBF) AND Bentonville Film Festival (BFF). Combined maps attached. We will work with DBI to include First Fridays. Visit Bentonville team is the point of contact for BBF and BFF.

06-01-2020 – Motion by David Wright and second by Tony Davis to approve closure on Ne 3rd between A and B Streets, as shown on the map presented. Motion approved.

D. Lauren Hildreth – 1000 SE 5TH Street – Phone: (262) 308-6542 – lauren@bikenwa.org
(Applicant says this item is no longer re: Open Streets). This item is now revisiting the Slow Streets Pilot Program – Applicant requesting to expand the footprint through Labor Day. Offered two (2) new routes.

06-01-2020 – Motion by Cindy Acree and second by Shelli Kerr to keep the pilot program of Slow Streets going through Labor Day with the same footprint. Also, the hours are extended from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. However, if the Committee sees that there are any problems with the program, they have the right to pull the plug on the program at any time. Motion approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Life Time (Nat Ross, Gabbi Adams, and Lelan Daines) – 2902 Corporate Place, Chanhausen, MN 55317 – Phone: (620) 208-2453 – natross@me.com

Event: Big Sugar (www.BigSugarGravel.com) – October 24, 2020 (Bike Race) - The event starts at 6 AM from the Momentary, travels through Benton County, McDonald County, and Berry County, and finishes up at the Blake Street House. See attached for maps, etc.

06-01-2020 – Discussions about street closures were not clear to the Committee. Committee tabled this item to discuss with the applicant at next month's meeting.

B. Scott Boyd, 800 SW "A" Street, Bentonville, AR – Phone: (479) 271-3151
Email: sboyd@bentonvillear.com

Bentonville Firefighter's Association is requesting to hold the 5th annual Hook and Ladder 5K/10K race. The race is set for Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 7 am. See attached.

5K Map: <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/163330>

10K Map: <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/180205>

06-01-2020- David Wright made a Motion to approve this request. Cindy Acree gave her second. Motion approved.

**C. Angela Folkman, 9970 Gaston Road, Bentonville, AR – Phone: (479) 418-9800 –
Email: angela.folkman@gmail.com**

See Sidewalk and Trail Request Form submitted, along with letter attached.

06-01-2020 – Committee discussed the Sidewalk and Trail Request of applicant. Committee said this is not a bad idea, but there is an equity issue in question. We have no funds available. David Mills made the Motion to decline this application. Cindy Acree seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**D. Laura Plaukovich – 4609 SW Skyline St. – Work Phone: (479) 866-7233
Email: laura.plaukovich@gmail.com**

Requesting speed bumps in Brighton Heights due to excessive speeding.

06-01-2020 – The Committee agreed to table this item until the July meeting. We will get speed and traffic counts in this area within the next month and discuss this item again in July.

**E. Christine Leicester – Bentonville 311 Request – Phone: (417) 850-6465
Email: chitacdk@gmail.com**

Requesting crosswalk at the intersection of Glenn Ridge Road and 28th Street.
See 311 submittal.

06-01-2020 – David Mills said that he has evaluated putting a crosswalk in near Glenn Road, and that it is not a good area to do that. The Street Department is, however, making improvements to the sidewalk and will be installing a cross walk North to South at Featherston Road and 28th Street. Cindy Acree made a motion to decline the crosswalk near Glenn Road, but approve the improvements and crosswalk at Featherston and 28th Street. Motion approved.

F. Michael Bell – 500 SE “D” Street – Phone: (479) 426-2109 – bells8250@cox.net

Requesting stop signs or speed bumps on SE “D” Street at bike path. *See pictures.*

06-01-2020 – David Mills, Sign Technician, inspected this area and stated that everything is where it needs to be, with the exception of speed limit signs. He also checked the area the applicant said a vehicle parks and makes it hard to see. Mr. Mills indicated that he could see the area with no problem. There is a ton of utilities in that area. Even if he moved the sign a little, it

would not make a difference. He could see the sign. Motion by David Mills to install 25 mph speed limit signs from SE 3rd to SE 8th Street. Second by Cindy Acree. Motion approved.

III. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

A. **Dawn Kerperien – Dogwood Place Subdivision off Linwood Circle**
Email: dmkerpe@gmail.com

Beverly Shepherd, Administrative Assistant, received an email (attached) from Ms. Kerperien regarding putting a crosswalk near NE 11th Street (Rice Road) to cross Central Avenue/Hwy 72, and brought it to the Committee's attention. Ms. Kerperien and her son would like to be able to access the sidewalk on the south side to ride to the west and more easily and safely access Tiger Blvd and the trail systems Bentonville has to offer. She indicates that there is no good way to do that from the north side of the highway.

06-01-2020 - The Committee discussed and felt that this would be too dangerous a place to install a cross walk, since it is not a controlled intersection. They could not safely do that. In addition, this area is under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department.

The Committee did say that the area is changing all the time, and that it might be a possibility in the future, but at this time they would not approve a crosswalk at this location, if application was made.

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Next Meeting: July 6, 2020, at 2:00 pm