

**CITY OF GENEVA
SPEED CONTROL POLICY TASK FORCE
APRIL 3, 2019 MINUTES**

PRESENT: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Comm. Maduzia, Asst. Dir. of Public Works Brian Schiber, Lorraine Ochsner, Samantha Malusky, Timothy Moran, Randal Newkirk, Aimee Spring, Betty Collins, Timothy Keske, Rory McCann, Paula Krapf, Mary Beth Guzzo

ABSENT: Joseph Heger

1. Call to Order

Chair Krapf called the meeting to order at 7pm. Roll call was taken.

2. Approve Minutes from March 27 , 2019 as Amended

Moved by Moran, seconded by Newkirk

Tim Moran made one correction regarding his comments on the need for lights on Logan. He clarified to reference lighted stop signs, not traffic lights. Dawkins would make that correction.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Discussion on Findings from Ward Tours and 1996 Speed Control Policy Task Force Recommendations

Each of the ward representatives reviewed their major points of concern for their wards.

Ward 1:

Moran noted the uniqueness of this ward with the state highways, busy downtown streets, and the high school area. Moran's major issues of concern were Anderson Blvd. (suggested a longer timing of the traffic lights at Anderson & State knowing the Cetron development will add to the existing heavy traffic), as well as the new library location. Ochsner noted with the new library, pedestrian traffic will increase. Commuter traffic is a concern along 7th Street in the mornings. She has observed many speeding cars during the morning and evening commute times. Lastly, Ochsner noted that there are many cars parked on James between 7th and Kaneville that cause traffic concerns. Enforcement could be increased on South Street and 7th Street. Commander Maduzia stated until the library is opened, they won't know what if any additional concerns or enforcement issues will need to be addressed. Maduzia noted that crosswalk painting will occur prior to opening, after major construction is complete.

Ward 2:

Spring presented her areas of concern which were the speed limits on Fargo, Bent Tree, and Kaneville by Persinger Rec Center. Newkirk noted four areas of concern regarding current speed limits: Fargo and Kaneville current speed limit of 40mph, Lewis/Viking Drive area, the pedestrian crossing on Western Avenue and its location in relation to the hill. Newkirk also noted the areas with bike path crossings: Lewis, Kaneville, and locations by the middle schools.

Ward 3:

Collins noted Elm Street by the park and the sharp curves in the street and asked if a park zone sign for Elm Park could be added in this vicinity due to children playing. She noted a neighbor's question on a possible stop sign at East Side Drive and Division. Comm. Maduzia stated a past study at this location hadn't met the required warrants for a sign. The dept. is aware of the concerns. She also noted neighbor concerns regarding speeding on Division, East Side Drive, and lack of visibility when turning left onto Rte. 25 from Division. Drivers are not stopping for pedestrians at marked crossings, and lastly the dangerous intersection at Fabyan and Rte.31. Dawkins noted the Fabyan/31 location is under Kane County jurisdiction and they are looking at ways for improvement on the west side of that intersection. The bridge on the east side prevents them from realigning turn lanes, and doing arrow turn-only.

Keske's concerns included Geneva Drive westbound from Kirk, the dangerous curves along Westfield Course, and Chesapeake Way, Chandler from Division to Geneva Drive in the mornings, and also echoed the concerns of Collins regarding East Side Drive traffic.

Ward 4:

Guzzo had concerns on consistency of where there are stop signs and some where there are none, or no yield signs. Her speed limit observations included complaints about Fisher Farms Drive, and Williamsburg between Randall and Fisher Farms Drive with the added mall and hospital traffic.

Ward 5:

McCann reviewed his concerns on the number of vehicles that cut through by Harrison Street School to avoid Rte 38. He also mentioned the south gate at Good Templar Park and increased use. Maduzia stated that the City has had several discussions regarding that location and while it didn't meet the criteria for a stop sign, they would continue to monitor and control through speed enforcement. The City cannot prohibit the groups from using that entrance/exit.

Malusky noted the many intersections in her ward where there are no stop signs. Neighbors are concerned not with the residents of these neighborhoods who are familiar with the signage, but

more so with delivery trucks that are speeding through these intersections. She has also observed vehicle cut-throughs on the new Riverbank condo street to get to the Meadows neighborhood. There are no speed limit signs on this new street. She noted the busy Burgess Norton traffic on Western Avenue. She expressed the potential need for additional crosswalks by the parks in Allendale subdivision. She also was concerned with the amount of new families with young children that have moved in to Allendale and the aging existing signs that have lost their reflectivity. The majority of comments received by Malusky was that limits do not need to change, but better signage and education would help. She also discussed how the City could better educate pedestrians and drivers in the downtown shopping district. Additional discussion on how best to approach educating citizenry on pedestrian safety was heard.

Dawkins noted the amount of discussion on speed limits and asked the group to look at our current policy to see what is viable. She urged the task force to bring forth recommendations based on actual data and standards.

A general discussion on the main points to cover included definitions of streets (collector, residential, etc.), if using IDOT policy was prudent, reviewing current signage.

4. Discussion of Next Steps

Krapf suggested the task force develop these bullet points for prioritization, cost estimates, etc. Dawkins stated the survey will be included in Geneva Mail the week of April 8th with the link also available on the City's website. Guzzo reviewed the questions she developed for the survey. Malusky suggested that the task force look at other community's pedestrian information. Dawkins and Krapf urged the members to share what they find with the task force. Dawkins also stated she will have some budgetary information to share to help the task force formulate reasonable recommendations.

Krapf stated the next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17th at Fire Headquarters.

5. New Business

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Moran, seconded by Ochsner, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:28pm.