



City of Ketchum

KETCHUM TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2022 9:00AM
Ketchum City Hall Council Chambers
191 5th Street W., Ketchum, Idaho

Present: Jade Riley, KTA Chairperson, City Administrator
Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building
Brian Christiansen, Director of Streets & Facilities
Jamie Shaw, Ketchum Chief of Police
Seth Martin, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshall Ketchum Fire Department
Wes Whitesell, Ketchum Community Service Officer
Sara Weaver, Ketchum Community Service Officer
Kelli Trapp, Recording Secretary

Not Present: Michael David, Ketchum City Council President

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by City Administrator Jade Riley

New Business

2. Adoption of Minutes (00:03:08 in video)

- (A) October 21, 2021
- (B) November 8, 2021

MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021 and November 8, 2021

MOVER: Brian Christiansen

SECONDER: Jamie Shaw

All in favor

3. Action on Adoption of Ketchum Traffic Authority proposed meeting dates for 2022

The proposed meeting dates for the Ketchum Traffic Authority for the year 2022 are as follows:

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 (cancelled)	Thursday, Feb 17, 2022 (cancelled)	Thursday, March 17, 2022	Thursday, April 21, 2022
Thursday, May 19, 2022	Thursday, June 16, 2022	Thursday, July 21, 2022	Thursday, August 18, 2022
Thursday, September 15, 2022	Thursday, October 20, 2022	Thursday, November 17, 2022	Thursday, December 15, 2022

MOTION:

Motion to adopt the Ketchum Traffic Authority meeting dates for 2022

MOVER: Suzanne Frick

SECONDER: Jamie Shaw

All in favor

The order of agenda items was rearranged to provide for public comment

4. Action on request for rumble strips in the area of Warm Springs Road adjacent to the bike path

Alison Burpee spoke before the Group about her safety concerns due to the increase in distracted driving on Warm Springs Road, particularly alongside the bike path. Vehicles are speeding, especially in the area where it goes from 30mph to 20mph and texting while driving. Burpee added that drivers are putting adult and children's safety at risk being posed as it stands currently. Riley commented that the engineering of Warm Springs Road is an issue. HDR Engineering has been retained by the City and we have asked them to look at traffic calming options and engineering enhancements from the YMCA to Saddle Rd. Brian Christiansen explained the pros and cons of the use of rumble strips. Jamie Shaw stated that Warm Springs is a specified emphasis patrol area for the Ketchum Police Dept.

MOTION:

Motion to ask HDR to look at Saddle Rd west up Warm Springs and some short term measures for distracted drivers and speed and recommendations for some long term solutions

MOVER: Suzanne Frick

SECONDER: Brian Christiansen

All in favor

5. Action on public comment from Phyllis Shafran on Ketchum Police cars blocking the sight of traffic for vehicles coming down 5th St wanting to turn left on 2nd Ave.

Phyllis Shafran spoke before the Group about driving west on 5th Street and if turning left onto 2nd Ave she cannot see the traffic coming down 2nd Ave without getting into the street. She said if the police cars have to park there, they should park parallel. Riley recommended that the Group combine this item with **Agenda Item Number 8. Action on citizen comments from CSO Wes Whitesell on the safety of parking in the 100 block of 5th Street W and the potential of turning diagonal parking into parallel.** Ketchum Community Service Officer Wes Whitesell spoke about the 5th Street West crosswalk that goes from alley to alley. He said if someone is walking across and a full sized pickup truck is parked there on the south eastbound lane, the truck will take up almost the whole eastbound travel lane. People coming westbound down the hill and someone coming from the alley at the same time, could be a bad situation. Whitesell thinks that parallel parking would be good for the whole block. Riley said short term they could do all of 5th Ave parallel. Suzanne Frick said that it is a dangerous situation for pedestrians as well as vehicles coming up and down the hill. Frick added that URA is funding a study for this entire area and we should be looking at short term and the longer term. Additionally, we want to do outreach to business tenants in the area. Riley stated that there are sight line issues because there is not a 4-way stop there. Maybe short term, a stop sign could be placed there and that would bring traffic in view of each other. Christiansen said that those two parking places are shoved out into the roadway a bit, any cars that park there have a shortened parking area.

MOTION:

Motion to convert the diagonal parking to parallel parking in between 1st Ave and the alley on 5th St, on the south side of the street. Ask our engineer to evaluate a stop control intersection at 5th St & 2nd Ave and also evaluate the appropriateness of a 4-way stop at 6th & 2nd Ave

MOVER: Suzanne Frick

SECONDER: Brian Christiansen

All in favor

6. Action on a request for covered bike parking in the City area

Item deferred - more information needed

7. Action on speed stats for 2nd Ave (request to install stop sign at 2nd Ave near Serenade)

The Group discussed the speed stats and the need for an engineering study in this area.

MOTION:

Motion to approve adding the intersection of 2nd Ave & River St to the engineering study

MOVER: Brian Christiansen

SECONDER: Suzanne Frick

All in favor

8. Action on a sign application from Carol Tysseling Pintler on behalf of the Bigwood POA for two freestanding speed signs on S. Bigwood Dr.

The Group addressed the need for a bigger discussion on this type of issue. *Christiansen to discuss specifics with the sign applicant then Riley and Christiansen will get together on working on a more global piece.*

9. Action on a request of a stop or yield sign at the intersection of Warm Springs Rd and Bald Mountain Rd.

This item was tabled until the next meeting. (56:45 video time)

Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn at 10:01AM

MOVER: Brian Christiansen

SECONDER: Suzanne Frick

All in favor

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Jade Riley
City of Ketchum Traffic Authority Chairperson
City Administrator

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Kelli Trapp
City of Ketchum Traffic Authority Recording Secretary