

**Traffic Safety
Minutes**
May 1 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm.

Present: Gary Paulson, Kathy Bourassa, Mike Malan, Steve Minor, Jo Nelson, Fred Nelson, Bob Helbock, Jim McClellan, Patricia Pinkham, Steve Bauer, Barbara Porter, Dody Solaas, Dan Smith, Neil Kellner, Chris McClellan

Patricia brought the committee up to date with member dissension and apologized for her error in handling it.

Motion: Steve Minor moved to approve the agenda, Dody Solaas seconded and it **Passed**.

Motion: Gary Paulson moved to approve minutes from April 6, Kathy Bourassa seconded and it **Passed**.

Old Business:

Barbara Porter asked for a motion to approve the "Speed Mitigation Pilot Project Proposal" as presented to the Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council.

Motion: Mike Malan proposed that 3 speed tables (one including a crosswalk) and 1 traffic circle in Hansville, 4 speed tables on Hood Canal drive and 1 speedtable in Bridgeview Drive be approved by the committee. Steve Minor seconded but suggested the wording to include "the Speed Mitigation Pilot Project Proposal" as presented to the Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council and the following paragraph from the presentation: Downtown Hansville: One speed table at each of the following locations:

Between 7040-7049 Twin Spits Road

Approximately 7372 Twin Spits Road with (existing crosswalk)

Approximately 7532 Twin Spits Road (with crosswalk)

One traffic Circle:

Located at or near the intersection of Buck Lake/Point No Point Road and Hansville Road.

Approximately 34789 South Hood Canal Drive NE

Approximately 34493 Hood Canal Drive NE

Just North of 34205 Hood Canal Drive NE (with crosswalk)

Bridgeview Drive (small road parallel to Hood Canal Drive to the east:

Approximately 34168 Bridgeview Drive.

Discussion: Gary asked to discuss any differences of opinion on what the committee wants. He explained how the decision was made in the Hansville area and that county requirements caused a moving of the original speed tables the committee had planned. The circle may need further clarification by the county and they will make the final decision of placement and size.

Neil advised that there is some concern about a circle at the bottom of the hill being a hazard in icy or snow weather conditions.

Further discussion ensued about asking for more devices, slowing traffic with landscaping, and different placements of the proposed speedtables.

Mike suggested changing the motion and Gary suggested withdrawing it.

Patricia explained the current proposed locations of speedtables in Cliffside on Hood Canal, and on Bridgeview. Originally Bridgeview was to have speedhumps. Bob Helbock explained the change from speedhumps to a table at the midway point, stating that the road itself helps to control speed. He did measurements on Hood Canal Drive for the proposed sites, and stated that due to the long distance involved, he recommends two tables 750 feet apart, rather than one.

Barbara asked how we were going to proceed, and Patricia responded that after the May 15 public meeting, the committee will do any necessary revisions. Gary reminded everyone that the timeline needs to be shortened. Kathy said that once the project has been approved by the Advisory Council, it will be referred to Public Works, and Chris Endresen for drawing up. Kathy said that as the GHAAC has not been officially recognized by the commissioners, we may be able to go directly to Public Works. Neil suggested reaching out to all three commissioners as Chris Endresen will soon be gone and it would be helpful for them all to be familiar with our mission. The committee agreed to ask Chris Endresen's advice.

Neil suggested that double lines should prevent passing, and he feels that it is too many tables and the public will reject the proposal. Gary replied that cutting the number in one location or the other will send traffic to the location with the fewest devices.

The committee discussed what they are willing to recommend and whether they feel they can defend their recommendation. A final decision on the number of devices will need to be determined after public input.

Barbara restated our objective, citing that we are trying to make our communities safer.

Kathy Bourassa restated Mike's motion, Gary Paulson seconded and the motion **Passed**, with one dissension.

Chris Endresen has stated that she will attend the May 15th informational community meeting. Patricia asked everyone to attend who can. Barbara Porter, and Jim and Chris McClellan cannot.

The county will send postcards to the public to inform them of the meeting.

Discussion on the format of the meeting ensued. Gary suggested talking about support of the fire and EMS departments and explaining various violations in our areas, with actual numbers,

as well as informing about impact of the noise and EMS delays due to speedtables. Then, the public could be given 3 minute response times per person. Kathy suggested that several discussion tables could be set up, with a committee member at each one, and handouts available, allowing everyone a chance to have their questions answered. Fred Nelson said space is too limited for this format to work.

General comments followed, with agreement on giving the history and goal of the committee, having 3 notetakers, comment cards, passing out a copy of Patricia's handout as they arrive, a PowerPoint presentation, and a sign-up sheet for those who wish to speak. Patricia asked for a volunteer to moderate a possible question and answer period, and Fred volunteered. He said he would defer questions to whoever he feels is appropriate, and he requested a 2 minute time limit for each person to comment.

Public Works will present facts when needed, and clarify the actual speed table design and height. Dody and Kathy will go to Port Townsend to see how their speedtables are designed. After traveling over those in Tracyton, they expressed concern about not being able to travel 35 mph over those. It was noted that those in Jefferson County seem to be more conducive to that speed.

Steve Bauer expressed concerns about the proposed formats, and suggested remaining informal, not having a moderator, using charts to register comments, having discussion around tables, keeping conversations focused, and having no time limits.

There was also concern over possible building capacity violations.

It was finally decided to have theater style seating, and to ask Judy Foritano to write public comments on a chart pack.

Committee Reports:

Barbara informed the group that the Sheriff will try to be at the May 15 meeting. He has expressed appreciation over the work the committee has done. If he can't attend we can ask for written support of the project.

Jo Nelson reported that there is a liability concern over using the radar board and the sheriff's department is still waiting for a legal document.

Patricia commended Kathy Bourassa for her well done presentation to the GHAAC.

Thanks were extended to Dody Solaas for her work. Fred asked her to contact the Herald to publicize the public meeting, date and time. She will also contact Derrick Sheppard at the Kitsap Sun. Gary suggested using Dody's Hansville Log article.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8.