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City Council Safety Committee
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

I. Call to order

II. Approval of Minutes

April 15, 2020

III. Old Business

1. COVID-19 Update - Community Events and Programs
2. COVID-19 Update - Nickel Plate Beach

IV. New Business

1. Huron Heights Neighborhood Request for Speed Bumps;
2. Elimination of No Left Turn at Commerce Plaza;
3. No Parking Sign in Chaska Beach at end of Kiwanis.

V. Other Matters

VI. Adjournment

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Huron Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2020 – via Webex Teleconference 5:00p.m.

A meeting of the Council Safety Committee was called to order by Christine Crawford on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. via Webex teleconference. Committee members in attendance: Sam Artino, Monty Tapp and Christine Crawford. The members agreed that Christine Crawford will continue to act as Committee Chair.

Staff in attendance: Interim City Manager Michael Spafford, Police Chief Robert Lippert, Fire Captain Doug Nash, City Engineer/Zoning Inspector Doug Green, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Doug Sweinhart, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney and Executive Administrative Assistant /Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Others in attendance: Mark Cencer of KS Associates Ltd.

New Business

Nickel Plate Beach – KS Associates Report

Mr. Spafford introduced Mr. Cencer of KS Associates. He has lived in Huron for the last 10 to 11 years and is familiar with the shoreline conditions. He is not sure how deep we want to go into the engineering side. A month or so ago he had a Powerpoint prepared, but doesn't want to drag the meeting on forever. Ms. Crawford said that she would like him to give 5 or 20 minutes of what he thinks is important to know.

Mr. Cencer said the first thing to point out is that beaches are always changing, and can never really be safe. The goal is not necessary to make the beach safe, but to reduce risks and provide information for guests to make an informed decision about swimming. You are never going to have a completely safe environment - the goal is to reduce risks by getting a good idea of what the actual conditions are. The next step was to research available standards for what lower risk swim conditions would be at recreational business. Next was an oceanographic analysis. Based on those comparisons, we could come up with recommendations.

Mr. Cencer discussed, in some detail, the Nickel Plate Beach Swim Study prepared by KS Associates Ltd., a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A and incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Spafford asked if anyone had any questions and wanted to go through the draft policies and procedures document provided to committee members. This document was drafted in conjunction with police, fire and parks and recreation. Mr. Spafford stated that we are trying to mitigate risk, but open water swim areas are never "safe". A lot of mitigation efforts are just risk reduction to improve the safety of the beach, but there is no 100% safe open swim area. The alert system contacts are Mr. Steinwart, Chief Lippert, the Fire Captains and the officer on duty. The designated swim area depth will not exceed 4 feet. Utilizing the map within the swim study, a swim area was established that follows the exhibit within the study and would eventually be attached to this document as well. The swim area is located 200' off the East pier. The outward limit would initially be set per the study, but it could change when the buoys are set. The buoys will be in the water from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Weather conditions of 15mph or greater winds

coming out of the north or northeast or a National Weather Service report or warning would set off an alert. Even if the alert system hasn't been tripped, the Action and Response Team would be able to make a determination independent of the automatic system.

The warning system at Nickel Plate Beach includes a red flag system in addition to an electronic weather monitoring system with wind meter able to detect speed and direction. That electronic system will distribute a local warning and notify the Action and Response Team. There would be a light fixture that would blink as well as a speaker notifying swimmers of dangerous conditions and asking them to exit the water. Public outreach will include live feed video to allow public and City emergency services to access live video at the beach. This live feed will be available on the City's website, along with a site dedicated to Nickel Plate Beach and beach safety with current conditions and the County Health Department's weekly microbial assessment. Procedures for issuing the red flag are spelled out for times 9am to 6pm when beach is manned by Parks and Recreation employees.

A secondary discussion is what the procedure would be when conditions are lifted - working through what the reopening of the swim area would look like. Mr. Spafford said that closing the swim area doesn't mean the park will close, unless necessary. The police are able to enforce the no swim alert.

With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we are not sure what the opening date for the beach will be. From a construction standpoint and cost standpoint, we expect to be ready to open on Memorial Day. Fire Department has ordered buoys and will use for training for dive team to set buoys.

COVID-19

Mr. Spafford said that he doesn't want to sound too optimistic, but the City seems to have weathered the storm so far. The Health Department is coordinating with all confirmed cases. We have our first case within Huron or Huron Township.

Mr. Nash says the Fire Department gets the name and address of the person, but they are restricted in releasing any additional information. We have a confirmed case, not a death, and he did not know if that person had been admitted to the hospital. Mr. Nash says that it is good to have an address in case the ambulance has to go to that address, so that they can take extra precautions. Overall, there has been a decline in calls because no one wants to go to the hospital. Ms. Crawford says that she is glad they have that information.

The secondary impact is in programming with Parks and Recreation, primarily with the schools closed. *Mr. Spafford left the meeting at 6:05pm.* Chief Nash said they are sitting okay on supplies, and are monitoring those constantly. They have received small amounts of PPE from Erie County, but have been advised that they would not be receiving any additional. Firelands has started doing cleaning of PPE, but we are only stockpiling if used or dirty at this time – they don't want to reuse that stuff if they don't have to. He was unsure how long it would be before more will have to be ordered.

Monty Tapp asked police how they are doing with PPE. Chief Lippert answered they are not going on rescue calls unless it's a life-threatening situation. They do wear face masks, which are N95 masks.

Christine Crawford asked Mr. Steinwart about the new signage at Nickel Plate. Mr. Steinwart said that the new gate is going to help this year. There were three red flag events last year, and there

was one event where police had to evacuate the beach. From the Parks and Recreation Department's perspective, we don't want to kick everyone out of the park when there is an alert. We have run through all of the different scenarios to work it out. New signage was in place when they reopened last year, and those will be supplemented with the new KS recommendations. They have applied for the life jacket grant, but have not heard back. They are on hold with Paddle Shack with everything that is going on. A pole has been installed for the audio component of the system. We are looking for a couple of options for announcements, along with tones. There is one box installed in the changing room, and they will have to run underground conduit to those. They will conduct test runs in mid-May.

Asked if he has spoken with anyone regarding the wind monitoring system, Mr. Steinwart said they have been working with Vasu, but were unable to find exactly what they were looking for. There is no one else out there with a system like this in place. Vasu is building a custom system for Nickel Plate Beach. People may be looking to the City of Huron for this type of thing. Most of the other beaches that have some sort of monitoring system are private beaches and monitoring is left to the lifeguard. This is new, certainly, to this area. They will practice with it once it is up and running.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Cencer for speaking to the committee.

Motion by Mr. Tapp to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Artino. Ms. Crawford asked for revision to minutes to correct spelling of Mr. Steinwart's name. Minutes were unanimously approved with corrections to spelling of Mr. Steinwart's name.

Mr. Green mentioned that he was very impressed by Mr. Cencer's report, to which Ms. Crawford agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Safety Committee, **Mr. Tapp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm.** All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Terri S. Welkener
Clerk of Council

7:31



Jennifer Tann Cammalleri ▶
**Huron Heights Neighborhood
Watch**



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We have a horrible problem with speeders around our neighborhood. We now have more kids and animals around the neighborhood then in the past. My husband, and I feel now is the time to take action before someone is seriously injured or worse killed. The reckless disregard for the safety of our friends, family, and neighbors has to stop. Anyways, I have been talking with attorney Jim Murray about placing speed bumps and how we go about legally doing so. He is willing to sit down and help us with whatever we need. He has also offered to pay for a speed bump! I would like to have a safety meeting for the Huron Heights neighborhood. I was thinking of possibly gathering at pier pub or harbor house so we can all discuss ideas. Please pass the word around, and invite all your neighbors to this. I was thinking some Sunday morning around 11am that way most could attend. We will need a few people on the committee such as a president, a Vice President, a secretary and a treasurer. So if you are interested, or would like to nominate

someone please let me know.

Jennifer Cammalleri
1119 Laguna Dr



 Lisa Campbell and 



Write a comment...



Doug Green

From: Jon Grimm <Jon.Grimm@ohm-advisors.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Doug Green
Cc: Russ Critelli
Subject: RE: Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Printer

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In order to get a better understanding of this, I read through the State Highway Access Management Manual and offer the following thoughts:

1. I believe this particular facility would fall under Category 3. Its not specifically shown on ODOTs GIS website though and would need to be verified prior to any formal requests are made.
2. In accordance with Section 4.1.D.b only one direct access point will be permitted per parcel. Additional access points may be permitted without a variance if it is determined that this additional access doesn't adversely affect the safety and operation of the highway, is necessary for the safe and efficient use of the property, and would not adversely affect adjacent properties.
 - a. The plaza itself is all part of the same parcel and currently has 3 access points. All full with the exception to the one in question that allows RT exit only.

With all that being said, I do understand that the volumes along US 6 (approx. 10,000 ADT in 2019) and minimal amount of crashes might make this a candidate for full access. However, I believe that doing so would create a potential for additional crashes due to the proximity of the drive to the intersection and the number of lanes that need to be crossed for these LT vehicles. Because of this, I would be hesitant to recommend removing the turn restrictions from this drive unless there is a pretty significant issue with congestion, or safety implications, on how the site currently operates.

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From: Doug Green <doug.green@huronohio.us>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Jon Grimm <Jon.Grimm@ohm-advisors.com>
Cc: Russ Critelli <Russ.Critelli@ohm-advisors.com>
Subject: FW: Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Printer

Jon,
Attached is a map of 'Commerce Plaza' in Huron. It is a large shopping center along US6 near Berlin Rd. This is what Russ called you about this afternoon.

Currently the only entrance you can legally take a Left (to head West) is the Western entrance. The Central main entrance is currently signed as a 'no left turn' as shown on the attached map.

A resident recently asked if this was a city regulated sign, and it is. I found it listed in our traffic manual and it was put in place in the early 80's prior to the construction of the SR2 bypass around Huron. At this time all Westbound traffic from

Cleveland through Huron heading to Cedar Point used US6. Today, US6 has a small fraction of the traffic it used to see. There is no major accident history in the area. (according to our chief, only a few 'fender benders' from people coming out of the Western entrance.

The removal of the 'no left turn' sign will be up for discussion at our next safety committee meeting, where a recommendation to City Council will be made. Before we have this meeting I would like to get an opinion from you on the removal of this sign.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Thanks Again,

Doug Green

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Terri Welkener

From: City of Huron Zoning Department
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Mary Hetteberg
Cc: Doug Green; Robert Lippert (robert_lippert@huronoh.org); Terri Welkener
Subject: RE: Fire lane

Mary,

Confirming receipt. I will get this into the Street Department Foreman, Steve Didelot relative to the re-painting of the curb.

I have also copied the Police Chief and Clerk of Council in the event that discussion of a No Parking Sign being warranted as this matter would need to go before the Safety Committee and then City Council

Thanks,

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Zoning Permit Technician/Administrative Assistant City of Huron- Zoning Department
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Hetteberg <mlbhetteberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:30 AM
To: City of Huron Zoning Department <zoning@huronohio.us>
Subject: Fire lane

Good morning,

I have tried to contact Doug Green, by phone and email, but am getting no response? I am hoping you can help in some way.

I am the Block Watch coordinator for Chaska. In talking with Sean Ryan, he suggested I contact Doug. The end of Kiwanis, the ramp area to the beach, on the west side is a fire lane. The curb is covered with vegetation and the yellow marking is not visible. Golf carts now fill the area on a regular basis. I have asked the homeowner on the west to clean the vegetation. She will be doing that soon. I am asking the city to paint the curb. In an emergency, there is limited space for safety personnel to park and quickly access the beach.

With lake conditions what they are these days, we need this area opened up.

A no parking sign would also help. There are so many Golf carts these days, they are now parking down the street on the west side, also a no parking zone.

Hoping you can help.

Mary Hetteberg

Sent from my iPad