

WINSTON DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board and Neighborhood Meeting Minutes/Notes
March 19, 2019 (BMH)

Present:

Board - Tim Rooney (President), Jane Lorimer (Secretary), Joanna Milewski (Treasurer), Wendy Glazer, Jeff Herman (teleconferenced), Amy Girsch, Jerry Shustrin
Neighbors: Anne Callison, Nate Pearlman

Guests: Dana Hoffman (Denver Public Works), Genny Kline (Aide to Susman), Chris Lowell (Aide to Kniech)

In lieu of a normal agenda, Dana Hoffman, Denver Transportation Project Engineer, led a presentation and discussion regarding traffic issues in/around Winston Downs.

Slides will be available on the general presentation that included:

- How Public Works/Transportation goes about the process
- Design operation regulate all areas of right away
- Components of operation –
 - Sidewalks may or may not be responsible for snow
 - Regulate where street lights go but Excel owns
 - Parkways may be PARCs
 - Talked about Vision Zero, Denveright, Denver moves
 - 40% is responsive to inbound population
- Transportation funding sources
 - Annual budget pot
 - GO Bond
 - Grants

Does PW pick up waste water – yes, but she’s speaking only to streets

- MUTCD Traffic Control Devices have basic federal requirements mandated which can be supplemented but not contradicted.
- They work on warrant (does it warrant) and why changes need to be done. Engineers judgment plays a big part in the outcome.
- Problems best approach is 311 (email, phone, online report) and Engineering, education and enforcement. If we see people speeding and running stop signs – report to 311 and get traffic enforcement.
- Tool: Traffic Control
 - Traffic calming does not equal traffic controls
 - Cost to change an intersection averages \$450K per intersection with traffic control
 - Traffic cars volume or 200 people warrant controls
 - Normally there is no warrant for cut-through traffic unless it is a safety concern

Issues Discussed Specifically:

- Potential traffic circles at Olive/Pontiac/S. Oneida Way
- Monaco/E. Exposition
GWHS intersection is problem at E. Exposition and Monaco for these reasons: Kids cross against the lights; E. Exposition west to Monaco intersection is often blocked by Monaco traffic which means exit from WD is difficult; light sync is “off” at E. Expo and Leetsdale;

Auto Body Shop parks cars past "no park" sign and the form two lanes are now three with very tight maneuvering (requested street painting to better mark lanes)

Retaining wall across from the GWHS – addressed with light timing to walk

- Please give WDCA the Status of design effort on specific Leetsdale/Quebec – Alameda/Quebec & Monaco/Leetsdale
- Quebec St.
Quebec at E Exposition and E Virginia requested to extend hours for no left turns from northbound traffic from 7am to 8am to 7a-9a or even 9:30am. This will remove some cut through traffic and dangers of left turns for those bringing children to DGS. Please add No block signage at Monaco/E. Exposition and along Alameda where needed.

Egress off Olive at Alameda

New builds will add traffic to Alameda/Quebec.... Please look at the light left turn and add at least two seconds during day. Big backup begins at 3:30pm

Alameda west just before Quebec---partition in easement as a third turning lane

- What kinds of designs to ease and mitigate as traffic will continue to grow
- Idealist transit v real implementation and pushing RTD for sensible use of articulated buses that take up unneeded space
- Dana to answer – what time of day is highest for crashes on Alameda
- Newport ped crossing will happen on demand to correlate with religious services. WD has 3 school zones which increases traffic
- Green School – traffic
 - Bad driving with drop off and pick up
 - Safe route to school – look up this program
 - Meet with school – parking for neighborhood. Amy G. will become the DGS liaison from WD.
- Paving = weather issues in Colorado. Reported Alameda has huge issues in pavement from Quebec to Denver Borderline
- Highline Canal will underground bike and foot traffic at Mississippi and Parker Road
- Suggestion to look at pushing concrete curbing to further into roadway to limit damage and swerving due to potholes and asphalt separation. See Monaco near Hampden for example.
- Sidewalk clearing, trash pickup along Quebec St. Westside impacts our neighborhood
- It is not our job to do this work and City set a precedent with snow removal and weed clearing in the beginning until Parks ran out of money. Now it is our responsibility and yet it is a public right of way for peds and bikes. Cannot expect seniors and wheelchair bound people to take this on.

Dana will report back on grant sources for sidewalk help

Dana to find out: Where are the studies for Leetsdale Corridor and other traffic studies in our area?

Anne Callison – Overlay

Anne presented new information related to zoning proposed for 400 S Monaco and Wendy advised split lots at 430 S. Newport are proposed.

Pushed for WD/Board to begin the overlay exploration before April 16, or at least pass out education piece on what will be presented/discussed at Annual Meeting about this

Process:

Present pro/con of overlay at Annual meeting

Take a show of hands of those who might want this explored further. The overlay process demands that neighbors be permitted to weigh in whether or not they want this pursued. If warranted, produce a survey to every neighbor (Paper) to get deeper feedback about overlay desire.

Find funding from District 5 and 6

Anne passed out the following suggested elements of an overlay:

- Front lot width restrictions for newly split lots not less than 75 feet, unless cottage product is to be built.
- No flat roofs on front or side facades.
- Continue to follow the original Blueprint Denver rules for adding second stories to ranch homes.
- Storm water runoff studies if home footprint increased by more than 30 percent.
- Maximum square footage of glass in windows on front and side facades.
- Façade treatments – no glossy or reflective materials Facades are currently predominantly brick, stone, or a wood or wood-type product. Preserve gross architectural details of late 1950s and 1960s.
- Cottages – develop new zoning code for cottages 1000-1200 square feet in clusters on a lot of three quarter acre or more
- No Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Minutes of January/February Meetings

Board present in room (quorum met) approved both January & February 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Report –

Checking \$1384.48, Savings \$8006.05 as of 2/28/2019. Dues received \$870 (10 of the 58 who have paid did so by PayPal), Gifts (donations above \$15) = \$290

It was suggested that Board meeting prior to Annual Meeting to agree on how/who will present overlay information.

Meeting adjourned 9PM

ADDENDUM –List of traffic issues received comments/questions on - some of these may be passed along to other departments as they may not be in the purview of Denver Public Works.

- Status of any design effort to improve intersections at Leetsdale & Monaco, Leetsdale & Quebec, Alameda & Monaco and Alameda and Quebec, two of which are consistently among top most dangerous intersections in Denver. All of these are dangerous to drivers and pedestrians alike. What is broad vision for Quebec corridor south of 6th Ave? Monaco?
- Dangerous and delayed egress from neighborhood at multiple points in neighborhood
 - Virginia at S. Monaco Pkwy & S. Quebec
 - E. Exposition at S. Monaco Pkwy & S. Quebec
 - S. Olive Way at Alameda (I regularly see evidence of accidents here)
 - S. Newport Way at Alameda
 - S. Magnolia St. at Alameda
- Traffic congestion and dangerous driving around Green School and other areas (e.g., Virginia/S. Oneida Way; E. Exposition/S. Oneida)
 - What additional traffic calming measures may work?
 - Note that DPD has made significant efforts in the neighborhood already and continues to patrol. We will engage with Green School as well, so we don't want to have DPD bombarded with requests to study things that they are aware of already.
- Cut-through traffic to avoid major intersections (Mar Vista Pl, and pretty much any north/south or east/west thoroughfare)
- Ongoing issues with car transport trucks that park behind Hobby Lobby and in our neighborhood as well, particularly along E. Exposition near S. Monaco Pkwy.
- Schedule for installation of new pedestrian and traffic lighting on S. Newport Way
- Schedule for moving Highline Canal underground at S. Parker at junction with E. Mississippi
- Retaining wall along E. Exposition & S. Monaco Parkway (northeast corner) is too high, obscuring view of high school students and other pedestrians crossing Monaco from the bus stop to get to GW. Sidewalk is too narrow at corner, placing students at risk.
- What are ongoing utility projects (orange fencing, marking paint) along retaining wall on S. Monaco Parkway -mostly south of Virginia? When are they likely to be done?
- Designation of Quebec St. sidewalk as a parkway - since sidewalk adjoins to parkway on Monaco and provides south-bound access to neighborhoods parks and trails. *Background: Quebec St., is listed as a bike route, which is clearly unsafe. At the same time residents have limited access to maintain vegetation or remove snow from sidewalk because of continuous fence line, similar to that along parkway along Alameda which is maintained by the City. This is a multi-departmental issue.*