



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 – 7:30 PM

AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to 50 individuals, with Committee members, staff and consultants having priority over members of the public. Public comments will be shared with the Committee. You may submit written public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: ppuljic@vrf.us. You may listen to the meeting by participating in a Zoom conference call as follows: dial-in number: 312-626-6799 with meeting ID: 811 3778 4776 or by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137784776>. If you would like to speak during public comment or if you wish to participate in-person at Village Hall, please email ppuljic@vrf.us by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Adoption of minutes from the Traffic and Safety Commission held on March 16, 2022.
3. Public Comment
4. Request by Anna Marie Romeo Gebert of 1035 Thatcher to re-install pole mounted radar sign in-front of 935 Thatcher and discuss traffic and safety issues on Thatcher between Chicago Avenue and North Avenue.
5. “Police Department Presentation” – Village of River Forest Police Department will share a presentation on accidents, traffic missions, tickets, enforcement strategies and more.
6. Adjournment



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Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 7:30 PM

A regular meeting of the River Forest Traffic and Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was conducted online due to complications related to COVID-19.

Roll Call and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Present at this meeting were Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Gillis, Commissioner Hoyt, Commissioner Jayaraman, Commissioner Karrow, Commissioner Osga.

Chairman Rees adopted a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, Commissioner Chase seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted to approve the minutes from the January 19, Traffic and Safety Meeting.

Public Comment

Vito Ippolito, 236 Keystone, avenue thanked the board for the attention to the matter. He'd like the results of the analysis. He reported that his consensus resulted in the neighbors wanting an officer present and more often, also a speed radar. He's not advocating for a stop sign at this time.

Chairman Rees thanked Mr. Ippolito for his participation in the study.

Mr. Ippolito stated that the speeding happens during morning and evening rush hours.

Commissioner Gillis stated that he feels the flashing speed signs are very effective.

Commissioner Gillis stated a hardcore focus day by the Police Department would be recommended.

Chairman Rees doesn't want 4-way stops throughout the Village. He agrees that a designated day of enforcement would be effective.

Chairman Rees stated this a village wide issue with speeding.

Loster stated that anything portable is the Police trailer. He stated that a new radar is \$15,000.

Commissioner Karrow discussed the effectiveness of speedbumps and he thinks that should be open for discussion.

Jeff Loster stated that the Board was talking about a broader traffic study throughout the Village to evaluate different controls for speed.

Chairman Rees thanked Mr. Ippolito and stated no motion was needed

Resident Ryan 147 Keystone, is looking for movement to back up bump outs. He is opposed to having blinking lights at his corner.

Commissioner Osga asked if the vehicles are not stopping at the stop sign.

Resident Ryan stated that most vehicles, 90% of them blow the stop sign.

Chairman Rees acknowledged Mr Ryan not being in favor of the flashing lights.

Resident Ryan would like to see bump outs throughout Washington.

Resident from 146 Keystone, Andy Whiting, 80-90% vehicles do rolling stops, his concerns are the passing lanes, and vehicles that are blowing the stop sign entirely. He supports the bump outs verses flashing lights.

Commissioner Jayaraman stated that the plastic bump outs could be a start as they are a physical block.

Commissioner Karrow theory is if the plastic bump outs are effective that could indicate the need for permanent bump outs.

Jeff Loster stated they would prevent anyone from passing in the parking lanes.

Chairman Rees stated that Washington is due for some attention and some temporary barriers to effectively stop cars from driving through the parking lanes.

Commissioner Gillis agreed that making these changes to Washington are necessary.

Jeff Loster said this intersection being discussed, he is hesitant to put them up everywhere until we have a consultant do a study first.

Jeff Loster stated that Forest and Washington was approved after last Board Meeting.

Commissioner Chase asked what the cost difference between plastic bollards and bump outs.

Chairman Rees made a motion to recommend the installation of bollards at the intersection of Washington and Keystone.

Commissioner Jayaraman second the motion.

Motion was passed.

Chairman Rees reminded everyone that these recommendations are not binding rather they are put before the Village Board.

Anne Marie from 1035 Thatcher stated that several calls were made about the issues on Thatcher regarding the parking lanes being used as passing lanes.

Resident Donald Glazier stated that he liked the idea of a bike lane being developed for Thatcher avenue. He feels this will help with speeding.

Anne Marie asked if they could start to monitor the speed on Thatcher after a monitor came down. She asked if they could hard wire a monitor. She also would like to see a cross walk be installed to cross into the forest preserve.

Resident Donald Glazier said the more physical barriers on Thatcher will slow down drivers.

Jeff Loster said there is a study that was approved by the Board.

Commissioner Karrow stated that there is an issue with IDOT owning a portion of Thatcher.

Jeff Loster stated that Thatcher North of Chicago is IDOT and Chicago west of Thatcher is also IDOT.

Jeff Loster stated that IDOT has their standards we do have communication with IDOT.

Chairman Rees asked if the suggested bike trail would run North and South.

Jeff Loster stated there would be one north bound lane, one south bound lane, parking lane, and bike lane with a barrier curb between.

Jeff Loster noted that this funding for the potential project came from the state.

Resident Donald Glazier asked where they should direct their efforts.

Jeff Loster suggested that residents should wait until a technical design is in place.

Commissioner Karrow is in favor of more pole mounted radar signs.

Jeff Loster will follow up with Chief O'Shea for more enforcement on Thatcher.

Julie Patterson, 7575 Lake Street #2D, stated she had a pedestrian/car incident. She supports the comprehensive traffic study and the flashing crosswalks. She is concerned about the construction to begin at Lake and Lathrop in regards to pedestrian's, especially senior citizens.

Chairman Rees suggested that the next meeting would be all in person.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Signature Line

Jeff Loster, Secretary

Signature Line

Doug Rees, Chairman
Traffic & Safety Commission

Date: -----

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Peter Puljic

From: Anna Marie Romeo [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:43 PM
To: Peter Puljic
Cc: Donald Glazier; Kathy Kline
Subject: Getting on the Traffic and Safety Committee March Meeting--March 16

Good afternoon. I live at 1035 Thatcher. On behalf of myself and my Thatcher neighbors Donald Glazier and Kathy Kline, we request to be included on the March agenda-- I think the meeting is March 16--of the Traffic and Safety Committee to identify and discuss some traffic and safety issues on Thatcher between Chicago Avenue and North Avenue. On January 28, we met with Chief O'Shea and several other members of the police department to discuss these same issues. Chief O'Shea suggested that we reach out to this committee with our concerns.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Anna Marie Romeo (Gebert)
1035 Thatcher
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