

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**Traffic Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Monday, April 13, 2014**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**A. Call Meeting to Order:** Keith Collins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**B. Members Present:** Gloria Allen, Julie Christner, Keith Collins, Vicki Germann, and MPO Troy Davis

**C. Members Absent:** Gary Bennett

**D. Others Present:** Rodney Dozier (GCCC)

**E. Approval of Minutes:**

- Vicki motioned to approve the March 2, 2015 Minutes
- Gloria 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Motion passed

**F. Summary of Current Projects:**

- None

**G. Old Business:**

1. **Request for Pedestrian Crosswalk at 800 N Campus Drive for GCCC Students and Employees. This request also includes a push button activated warning sign system.**

**Background:**

- GCCC is requesting the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk with signage on Campus Drive to help identify the crossing point for the students and employees in this area.
- GCCC has a number of activities in this area which increases pedestrian traffic needing to cross Campus Drive while creating visual for the motorist.

- The cost for the activated warning system is \$6,000. In the past, the City has required the entity making the request to half the cost. After the installation has been completed, the City assumes the responsibility of maintaining the system.
- This installation would also require two ADA Ramps and sidewalks be constructed by someone. Staff would recommend the City do the work using City workforces and GCCC reimburse the City for the cost of the concrete.
- Attached email from Dee Wigner<sup>1</sup>, Executive Vice President from Garden City Community College confirming the agreement to split the cost of the project with the City.
- Attached drawing shows the proposed location of the crosswalk, ramps and sidewalks<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Discussion:**

- Joel Erskin (Dean for NAU – National American University) has moved into the old Kennedy & Coe Building who crosses the street quite frequently along with several students. Mr. Erskin submitted a letter to the City<sup>3</sup>.
- Access & Opportunity Center (old Outwest Building) – several students cross.
- Students have to cross Campus Drive to get to the Safe Haven located in the basement of the Administration Building during inclement weather.
- Spring Football has started so several players are starting to cross Campus Drive.
- Staff wants more information for future plans on the east side of Campus Drive – originally asked for in the August 7, 2014 Meeting and again in the March 2, 2015 Meeting.
  - Officer Dozier mentioned the questions the Board has asked he does not have answers for as far as the sidewalks go.
  - College is seeking donations to build the Sports Complex (north side of the stadium) and would pave the parking lot for the Stadium.
  - Officer Dozier stated they do not have any long term plans and that Dr. Swindler advised Dozier to go as is. So sidewalks could be added in the future but for right now would not make that part of the proposal. Dozier stated he is basing his request on the students and Mr. Erskin practice.

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<sup>1</sup> Dee Wigner's e-mail

<sup>2</sup> Map of proposed signal and crosswalk

<sup>3</sup> Joel Erskin's letter

- Staff mentioned MUTCD has warrants and this location would not meet the warrants; however, the High School would not meet the pedestrian warrants for a signal. This is a community issue with some support.
- Board wanted clarification on Mr. Erskin's letter – is he willing to share a third, a third, and a third or what is he talking? Mr. Dozier did not know the answer.

**Recommendation:**

- Keith motioned to install a crosswalk with the lighted pedestrian signal on Campus as suggested in the material we have.
- Vicki 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Motion did not pass. Two ayes and two noes.
- Board recommends the Governing Body deny the request at this time; however, to continue gathering traffic information for a future meeting.
- Dozier thanked the Board and then he left.

**H. New Business:**

**1. Introducing Proposal for Transportation Study**

- Road Diet (lane reduction or road rechannelization)
- Roundabouts
- Pedestrian Refuge Islands for Crosswalks
- Bike Lanes
- Intersection Traffic Control Analysis

**Discussion:**

- Staff explained the different attachments.
- After hearing the different types of traffic control, the Board recommends the City not rush into the decision for the College until all traffic information has been gathered.

**Recommendation:**

- Julie motioned to have City Staff proceed with the study.

- Vicki 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Motion passed.

**I. Other Business:**

1. Board needs to select officers for 2014
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Gloria motioned to have Julie Christener as Chairperson and Vickie Germann as Vice Chair.
  - Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Motion passed.

**J. Committee Member Observations:**

1. Keith Collins - Chairperson:
2. Julie Christner – Vice-Chairperson: Mary Street and Fleming Street – maybe do a double timing for there are times when it is hard to turn.
3. Gloria Allen: Plaza Medical – can the City paint one car length yellow on the curb to make easier to turn north.
4. Garry Bennett
5. Vicki Germann:
6. MPO Troy Davis:

**K. Adjourn Meeting**

- Julie motioned to adjourn meeting
- Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Motion passed
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.