

Health, Education & Welfare Committee October 13, 2014.

In attendance: Natalie Wolf, Tom Muething, Kathie Kraemer, Bill Doering, Albert Lane, Scot Lahrmer, Wes Brown, Tony Chesney, Chief Rich Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM. Minutes from the previous meeting of September 23rd were accepted without changes.

The purpose of this meeting was to review certain engineering options suggested by Chief Wallace that would go toward making Amberley safer for pedestrians. Chief Wallace outlined the steps he had taken and steps he would like to take with council's approval.

- With assistance from SAFE Cincinnati – a program to improve the Cincinnati Jewish community's readiness to deal with security, safety and natural disasters – Chief Wallace was able to purchase eighty reflective safety belts that will be promoted for use by walkers, particularly those who walk on the street after dark.
- 1. Section Rd. crosswalk signage & location: the Village Engineer, has approved the specific location of the crosswalk. Signage has been purchased and locations have been approved by the Village police and Village engineers. Reflective "spinners" have been added to the signs. Chief Wallace stated that in order to make the crosswalk fully visible and compliant, road markings must be added in both directions, east and west, of the crosswalk. Thermoseal markings were preferred due to increased reflectiveness and longevity at a cost of \$1900.
- 2. Losantiville School at Meadowridge: Chief Wallace requested new, reflective crosswalk signage at Meadowridge on one side of the street. The motion-activated sign is \$3500 plus installation.
- 3. Additional speed limit signs that say "Radar Patrolled" were requested.
- 4. Residential areas: Digital speed indicator signs were deemed effective in slowing down traffic in residential areas and can be mounted on existing poles with removable sleeves.
- 5. Signs were presented that say "Pedestrians Walk Facing Traffic" and the committee and staff felt that they would serve as reminders to people who walk on the main roads that they should always walk facing traffic.

Tom Muething moved that the committee recommend that Council authorize the Chief and the manager take the initial step to spend up to \$12,000 to address pedestrian safety in the identified areas; focusing on the southern end of the Village at Losantiville School and Section Rd., purchasing signage, speed indicators, and thermoseal markings as needed. Seconded by Natalie Wolf. Passed unanimously.

New Business: Chief Wallace received a call from Mrs. Epstein in Rollman Estates inquiring about the feasibility of moving the traffic light from Lynnaven and Galbraith Rd. to Rollman Estates Dr. and Galbraith Rd. Everyone in attendance thought this was a good idea and the chief and the manager will look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully Submitted, Natalie Wolf, chair