The Des Moines Transportation Safety Committee met at 7:30 a.m. November 12, 2019, in the MacCrae Conference Room (Room 129) at the Municipal Service Center, 1551 E Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Those members in attendance were:

Scott Bents
Tom DeSio
Blake Hanson
Luis Montoya

Anne Pham
Meg Schneider
Carl Voss

Members Absent: Jim Windsor, Robin Will, and Chad Zimmerman


Guests Present: Mark Johnson, 1089 44th Street, Observer
Rob Haaland, 304 E 5th Street, #202, Observer

Approval of Agenda

MOTION was made by Scott Bents to approve the agenda; seconded by Blake Hanson. Motion passed 7:0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of October Minutes

MOTION was made by Blake Hanson to approve the October minutes; seconded by Scott Bents. Motion passed 7:0.

2. Other Old Business

Jennifer Dakovich said that at their October 14, 2019 meeting, the City Council voted to install a four-way stop at 7th Street and Jefferson Avenue. The new traffic control signage has been installed. Staff will continue to monitor the intersection.

Scott Bents asked if there has been a speed study on E Grand Avenue. Jennifer Dakovich said that the City has not conducted a speed study. However, once the concrete bump-outs are installed along E Grand Avenue, staff will begin data collection and provide an update.

Scott Bents asked if the recent pedestrian fatality had occurred within the limits of the road improvements on University Avenue from 25th Street to 31st Street. Jennifer Dakovich responded that the pedestrian fatality had occurred in the 2300 block of University Avenue, which is 2 blocks east of the recent improvement project.
NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Road Speed Limits

Richard Brown, Assistant Park and Recreation Department Director, presented a Park Board Communication as a handout for discussion regarding a proposal to reduce speed limits on park roads to 20 mph. The handout is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Fort Des Moines and Easter Lake Parks are under the control of the Polk County Conservation Commission and Water Works Park is under the control of Des Moines Water Works. Roadways within those three parks are not being included as part of the 20 mph speed limit proposal.

Sgt. Beardsley asked that the new 20 mph signage be installed with temporary red flags. Once the Municipal Code is revised and the signage is in place, the new speed limit can be enforced by police officers and mobile units. Sgt. Beardsley suggested that a press release be written as public notification prior to the go-live enforcement date.

Richard Brown said that City Council approval of the reduced speed limit on park roads is expected in February or March of next year.

Carl Voss said that parked vehicles on Birdland Drive at 6th Avenue on the crown of the hill cause a vision obstruction to motorists. It was agreed that there is a blind spot at the levee. Roger Brown said he will have someone investigate the possibility of restricting parking there.

Although this item was presented for information only, the Committee asked to move to endorse the proposed reduction of speed limits on park roads.

MOTION was made by Scott Bents to endorse the proposed speed limit reduction or park roads to 20 mph; seconded by Blake Hanson. Motion passed 7:0.

2. Other New Business

A guest at the meeting, Mark Johnson of 1089 44th Street, asked that staff research possible modification of all current speed limits and also research the number of speed limit signs currently in place citywide.

Jennifer Dakovich informed the Committee that speed limits are determined by the Typologies referenced in MoveDSM.

John Davis said that speed limit modifications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The City of Des Moines has limited staff resources to collect new citywide data on speed limits without cause or collect signage installation numbers on such a grand scale.

Adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Schomer
Recording Secretary

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TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

GUEST ATTENDANCE
MacRae Conference Room
1551 E Martin Luther King Jr Parkway, Room 129
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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AGENDA HEADING:

Receive and file proposed changes to Section 114-1103, Speed Limits and Section 114-1105, Parking restrictions of the City of Des Moines Municipal Code.

SYNOPSIS:

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Board receive and file proposed changes to Section 114-1103, Speed Limits and Section 114-1105, Parking restrictions of the City of Des Moines Municipal Code. These changes would standardize the speed limits on park roads at 20 miles per hour and clarify parking restrictions throughout the park system.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Chapter 114 of the City of Des Moines Municipal Code governs Traffic and Vehicles in the City of Des Moines. Article XV of Chapter 114 governs Municipally Owned Parks.

Staff is recommending the following changes in Article XV, Municipally Owned Parks:

Sec. 114-1103. Speed limits.

No person shall ride or drive in any public park except upon the established roads and ways, and no person shall exceed a speed limit of 15-20 miles per hour at any time unless otherwise posted; provided, however, the speed limit on Birdland Drive extending from Sixth Avenue to Saylor Road shall be 30 miles per hour at all times.

Sec. 114-1105. Parking restrictions.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle in any public park, cemetery, community center or city recreational facility in such a manner as to block access to any road, driveway or building.

(b) No person shall park a vehicle in any public park, cemetery, community center or city recreational facility except in the places designated by the parks and recreation director.

(e) No person shall park a vehicle in Grandview Park except:

(1) In the lot at the west end of the park from sunrise to sunset.
(2) In the lot near the tennis courts.

(d) Parking spaces shall be provided in the interior of Grandview Park for the handicapped.
A violation of this section shall place such vehicle in the status of an illegally parked vehicle, and the vehicle may be dealt with pursuant to section 114-485.11 of this chapter.

A person who violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of $15.00 $50.00.

Park roads covered under this Sec. 114-113 include:
- Union Park roads
- Birdland Drive
- Prospect Road
- Glendale Cemetery roads
- Woodland/St. Ambrose Cemetery roads
- Laurel Hill Cemetery roads
- Gray's Lake Park roads
- Elm Grove Cemetery roads
- MacRae Park roads
- Greater Des Moines Softball Park roads
- James W. Cowie Soccer Park roads
- Ewing Park roads
- Grandview Park roads
- Pioneer Park roads
- West Riverside Drive
- Greenwood and Ashworth Park roads
- James W. Cowie Baseball Park roads

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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