

Community Meeting

Subject: Traffic concerns on Elizabeth Lane

Date: Wednesday October 24, 2018

Times: 1800 – 1849 hours

Meeting Location: Elizabeth Lane Elementary School Gymnasium

Attendees: Chief Pennington, Captain Dufresne, Captain Tyrrell, Officer Aycock, Susan Habina-Woolard (TOM –Town Engineer), Hazen Blodgett (TOM – Town Manager), John Higdon (TOM – Mayor Pro-Tem), Dr. Kondra Ratley (CMS-Learning Community Superintendent), Crystal Lail (CMS – ELE Principal).

Community Members in attendance: 26

Issues / Concerns brought forth by community members:

1. **Crossing Guards** - Could there be officers permanently posted in the mornings at the crosswalk(s)?
2. **Cithara Dr. Crosswalk**
 - a. Kids are having to wait for extended periods of time to utilize the crosswalk.
 - b. There is currently no signage at this crosswalk to make drivers aware.
 - c. Could there be at least a crossing guard assigned to this crosswalk?
 - d. This crosswalk is also an issue for middle schoolers during their commute times.
 - e. How do we fix the choke point issue?
 - f. U-Turns are being executed at this intersection, and although legal, is a concern due to the frequency.
 - g. Illegal U-turns are being executed prior to and past this intersection to get into the school pickup/drop-off stack line on the shoulder of Elizabeth Ln.
3. **Hwy. 51 / Elizabeth Ln. Crosswalk** – Could this crosswalk have a dedicated time allotted for pedestrians to cross while all traffic is on red? Currently, pedestrians are walking with one side on green.
4. **Speeding**
 - a. Could there be a permanent digital speed sign installed?
 - b. Could the current speed signs be moved to the rear of the neighborhood?
 - c. Speed Humps

- (1) They were originally applied for approximately ten years ago by residents, but the required petition was never followed through with due to a lack of interest at that time.
- (2) How do we start the petition process now?
- (3) What residents exactly are required to be included in this petition process? Would it be all of Elizabeth Ln. and connecting neighborhood's residents or just certain streets?
- (4) What would dictate how many speed humps would be added if approved?
- (5) What type of speed hump(s) would be installed?

5. **Traveling Elizabeth Ln. during school drop-off/pickup times** – Drivers are forced to cross double yellow line to go around parents vehicles while they are stacked on Elizabeth Ln. shoulder waiting to enter drop-off/pickup lot.

6. **Sidewalks** – Why are there no sidewalks towards the rear of the neighborhood all the way to Mallory Manor?

7. **Lighting**

- a. Could lighting be added to the crosswalk areas and intersections?
- b. Could lighting be added on the Elizabeth Ln. side of the Hwy. 51 intersection?
- c. Could lighting be added for the entire length of Elizabeth Ln.?

8. **Trees** – Could the trees be trimmed in all needed areas in regards to Elizabeth Ln. but especially coming off of the Hwy. 51 intersection?

9. **Traffic Signals** – Could the timing of the green arrow be adjusted in regards to the left turn lane while coming from Hwy. 51 southbound onto Elizabeth Ln.?

10. **Future Widening Projects** – If there is a widening project for Hwy. 51 in the future, could this be an opportunity to have planning in place for additional lanes or some other traffic control measures for the Elizabeth Ln. intersection?

11. **Elizabeth Lane Elementary** – What if any, is the school's responsibility regarding these traffic issues.