



**Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission (CATC)
November 8, 2017
Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325
MINUTES**

**APPEAL OF NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS - ALBERT DRIVE SE**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
John Ledger Denise Van Dyke Eileen Virden Lowell Wetzel Reuben Worster	Alan Scott Zeke Liming Stephan Price Keith Quick	Kevin Hottmann Anthony Gamallo Toni Whitler

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Zeke Liming, Stephan Price, Keith Quick, and Alan Scott were marked absent.

ISSUE

Should the City waive the minimum traffic requirements for a street to qualify for the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)?

STAFF PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION

Kevin Hottmann, City Traffic Engineer, gave an overview of the issue and the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Based on the traffic counts and the low vehicle speeds on Albert Drive SE, staff does not recommend approval.

Questions by Commissioners

Commissioner Ledger asked whether speed is the only issue. Mr. Hottmann replied yes, Salem Revised Code states 25 mph for a local neighborhood to qualify for NTMP and the median speed was 24.7 mph. Ledger asked how bikes are considered in traffic counts. Mr. Hottman said when the traffic count hoses are used to collect data, they can also determine whether the vehicle is a car or a bike. Bikes are included in the data table, but are not included in the actual count, only auto vehicles are counted. **Correction**, staff received verification that the hoses are unable to count bicycles for speed and volume.

TESTIMONY

Jim Cartwright – 1010 Albert Drive SE

Mr. Cartwright purchased his home in 1970. There has been an increase in traffic especially due to the grocery store. Requests a radar trailer that shows how fast people are going. He would like to see the neighborhood meet the requirements, but doesn't want speed bumps.

Kent Windover – 1135 Albert Drive SE

Mr. Windover said he didn't see traffic count hoses. Mr. Hottmann replied that they were at the bottom of the hill. The whole road is being considered. Windover said he didn't receive a letter that the count was taking place. Mr. Hottmann responded that generally, notification goes through the neighborhood association.

Steve Morton – 1260 Albert Drive SE

Grade at the top of the hill is an issue and 25 mph is too fast for that part of the hill. Not sure if speed bumps are the answer, but something needs to be done.

Annie Morton – 1260 Albert Drive SE

The hill has a sight clearance issue.

Nancy Thompson – 955 Albert Drive SE – Supports waiving requirement

Her postal carrier requested that the mail box be moved because it is so dangerous to access. It was approved and they moved the mailbox to their side of the street.

David Painter – 4237 12th Street SE

When Trader Joes and the health food store came in, the volume of traffic increased significantly. Mr. Painter believes that the 25 mph is for a level road. This is not a level road. Hazardous.

Steve Sansone – 1280 Albert Drive SE

Asked the Commission to take into account the steep hill and vision clearance issues for children's safety.

Kathy Sansone – 1280 Albert Drive SE

Lives near corner where Albert Drive SE turns into Mandy SE and it is a blind corner. Cannot see who is coming and the speeds take the opposite traffic to the other side of the street. In addition, two hundred more homes will be built soon.

Benny and Jenny Yows – 1265 Albert Drive SE

People do not slow down even if you are backing out of the driveway. Concerned someone will be killed.

Kevin Battaile – 4055 Mandy Avenue SE

Mr. Battaile believes it is a mistake to recommend a study for 250 feet of Albert Dr. It will get worse until Hilfiker Drive is connected to Pringle Road. Mr. Hottman said there is funding to improve Hilfiker Road from Commercial St. Battaile says that will cause additional traffic through Albert St. Suggests a stop sign at Mandy and Albert, nothing will slow you down coming down the hill.

Amy Dixon – 4175 Sunbeam

There is a huge increase in traffic, but not sure speed bumps are the answer, but stop signs might be. People may at least slow down for a stop sign.

Questions by Commissioners

Commissioner Virden – Are there plans for any street improvements in this area? Mr. Hottmann replied no, but there is a plan for street lighting. He added that street improvements are so expensive that they are typically done through a bond measure.

Commissioner Worster - Where is the logical place for the speed bump. Mr. Hottmann said placement would not be determined at this time. Speed bumps have worked in various parts of town and result in a drop of speed.

Commissioner Ledger believes the study looks fine, and mean and median are close. The fact that median was used was good because it was higher than the mean. Essentially, they are stuck because the number is not 25. If the Commission voted to support the appeal, what would be the next step? Mr. Hottman responded that the neighbors would then work with the neighborhood association and staff to develop a plan, and the City would look for funding for an option.

Motion

Commissioner Ledger moved to support the appeal of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program minimum requirements for Albert Drive SE. Commissioner Virden seconded.

Vote

All members in favor, motion passed.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.