

RAFTER J IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING

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Minutes of Meeting:

Attending for the District:

Directors:

President, Brian Schilling

Treasurer, John Lotshaw

Secretary, Wayne Flittner

Attending for Rafter J Board:

Directors:

President, Kip MacMillan

Secretary, Joe Greene

Staff:

Nancy Henderson

Engineer:

Kurt Stout, for Morrison Maierle

Rafter J Homeowners:

Jessica Brown, Lee Burbank, Steve Foster, Jim Huspek, Paul Kadue, Larry Kummer

Call to Order:

President Schilling called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and get homeowner feedback regarding Rafter J street safety concerns. The primary concern is Big Trail Drive from the north entrance to Arabian Drive.

1) **Speed Enforcement Evaluator Report**

The Jackson Hole Police Department, directed by Kip MacMillan, installed a speed monitor on Big Trail Drive near Larsen Family Dentistry which collected data from January 3, 2018 to January 5, 2018. The report documented that 62.6% of recorded vehicles exceeded the study enforcement limit of 29 mph which is 4 mph over the posted 25 mph limit.

2) **Rafter J Streets - Goals**

Rafter J streets should be inviting, allow low speeds and, provide safe comfortable access for a variety of users.

3) **Issues and Challenges**

Vehicle speeds along Big Trail Drive, stop sign compliance, vehicles cutting corners, safety for non-motorized users and pedestrian crossings-- all need to be evaluated.

4) **Road Safety**

It is recognized that safety risks are increased as speed levels increase and separation between motorized vehicles and non-motorized users must be increased if speeds are increased. Risk can be reduced through design, education and enforcement. Mitigation should be financially reasonable, ongoing maintenance should be manageable and aesthetics should be considered.

5) **Traffic Calming**

Traffic calming involves making physical changes to slow speed, such as altering the street surface, signage and barriers. It also involves education and enforcement, although legal

enforcement is not as effective in changing driving behaviors. Traffic calming measures must address the long term effectiveness of slowing speed for extended distances, emergency access, snow removal, pedestrian safety and mobility, motorist safety and mobility and, environmental impacts such as vehicle noise and vehicle light refraction.

6) Responsibility of Rafter J ISD and HOA

Physical changes of the streets are the responsibility of the ISD, signage and education are the responsibility of the HOA. John Lotshaw stated that the ISD and HOA have a common interest in this issue and it is in the best interest of the homeowners that both entities work together and share costs. This street safety issue will be approached by the ISD in phases.

7) Education and Awareness

Owners will be notified of this meeting's content and future progress by email, on the Rafter J website www.rafter.org, at the HOA Board of Directors monthly meeting and, at the HOA annual meeting.

8) Comments

Wayne Flittner would like the ISD to re-pursue traffic flow improvements at the north entrance.

Lee Burbank does not want speed bumps, he stated that the previous speed bumps caused damage to his vehicle. Lee noted that compliance at squared off intersections is an issue.

Steve Foster suggested that center lines should be painted at intersections to eliminate corner cutting, paint stop bars at stop signs and highway accesses, paint crosswalks, paint lines at north entrance to identify 3 lanes for left turn and right turn exiting from Rafter J, paint a line to delineate between street and path instead of a physical barrier and, trim vegetation at corners to improve visibility. He commented that 30mph could be appropriate for Big Trail Drive but the increase in risk needs to be considered, the area by the 2 ponds is a concern. He stated that in some areas yield signs might be more appropriate in place of stop signs. Steve stressed the importance of keeping the streets kid and bike friendly.

Jessica Brown has identified the need for a separation between Big Trail Drive and the pathway from Tensleep Drive to Arabian Drive. She commented that 25 mph is appropriate for Big Trail Drive, aesthetics are important when making physical changes, keep communications to owners simple, use signage that encourages behavior changes, have a method to record effectiveness of signage and, education is important. Jessica has experience with speed signs and stated that flashing signs are effective; the ISD should consider expense, she reported maintenance issues with solar powered units not working on winter low light days, and aesthetics. She said speed humps are effective but should not be the first option.

Larry Kummer thanked the Board for listening to the owners.

9) Adjournment

John Lotshaw moved to adjourn. Wayne Flittner seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Minutes Drafted by:

A. Wayne Flittner