



**Meeting Minutes of the
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

December 2, 2021

5:30 pm

Via Zoom

16860 Main Street

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Committee Members in Attendance:

Marshal Scott Collier
Board Member Chris Preston
Board Member Vince Loyal
Council Member Liaison Dave Bertolino

Also Present:

Rick Brown, Director of Public Works
Police Liaison Captain James Mundel, St. Louis County Police
Steve Cross, City Administrator

Absent:

John Bradley, Assistant Chief of the Metro Fire District
Board Member Jeff Baker

I. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken at 5:30 pm, with the above noted as present and absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marshal Scott Collier requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14th meeting. Vince Loyal made a motion to approve the minutes with a technical amendment. He requested the Roll Call time be amended to 5:30 pm, rather than 6:30 pm. Board Member Chris Preston seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Jim Vanek thanked the residents of Vintage Grove for their interest in improving the safety of their crosswalk on Old State Rd, south of Ridge Rd. He stated that there are numerous safety issues with Old State Road and the community is counting on City engagement to move forward with improvements. He then explained that Fairhaven Subdivision pedestrians must travel to the Old State Road sidewalk without being able to see oncoming traffic, due to a curve in the road. They have to listen for oncoming traffic and then dart across the road, as oncoming traffic is not

visible.

- B. Tom Findley, Trustee for Winding Trails Subdivision, speaking on behalf of the subdivision, thanked Rick Brown and the Board of Public Safety for addressing the speeding problem at Thunderhead Canyon.
- C. Alex Corrigan, a navy veteran, lives West of 109 and expressed concern about a neighbor who was shooting a loud firearm continuously for 2 hours. Corrigan called the police who told him that firearms are legal on a minimum of 3-acre plots West of Hwy 109 in Wildwood. He stated that the City of Chesterfield requires a minimum of 10 acres for firearm use and is asking that Wildwood consider a similar law.
- D. Kristin UMBERHAUER uses the Old State crosswalk to walk her kids to school and back every day. They have purchased their own stop signs to use during crossing, and some drivers do not always stop. She seconds everything said by earlier public commenter, Jim Vanek, and would like to see the short-term solutions, such as light up pedestrian signs, implemented in less than 6 months. She emphasized that six months is too long of a time for some who uses the crosswalk two times per day with children.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. Old State Road Crosswalk (South of Ridge Road)

- 1. Rick Brown, Director of Public Works explained the traffic issues and details on Old State Rd.
- 2. Rapid flashing beacons for both directions of traffic are under consideration in the crosswalk south of Ridge Rd. The estimated cost is \$20,000 and St. Louis County may split the cost for the installation. He believes this will take less than six months.
- 3. City Administrator explained the City's long-term plans in addressing the safety issues on Old State, including a shared use path, a roundabout at Ridge Rd and Old State.
- 4. Vince Loyal made a motion to expedite the production of safety measures on Old State Road, and Chris Preston seconded the motion. The group voted in favor and the motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Follow up on Thunderhead Canyon Drive Traffic Concerns

- 1. Director of Public Works Rick Brown explained that feedback from residents and HOA's regarding recent traffic safety improvements on Thunderhead Canyon have been positive.
- 2. Board Member Chris Preston asked Captain Mundel if residents have provided feedback regarding increased police presence, and if there has been an increase in ticketing. Captain Mundel stated that residents have expressed appreciation regarding police presence and that ticketing has not increased.
- 3. The HOAs and residents that have been involved in the discussion have stated that they do not think any further traffic studies are necessary at this time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

IX. OTHER

- A. Marshal Scott Collier is resigning his post as Marshal by the end of 2021. The group expressed gratitude for his contributions.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Vince Loyal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Chris Preston seconded the motion. All members accepted, and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scherer
Administrative Assistant for Public Works