



**Public Works Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6:00 pm**  
**Whitefish Bay Library Program Room**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Present: Trustee Miller (Chairman), Trustee Serebin, Trustee Davis, Tom Kindschi, John Dargle

Also Present: Paul Boening – Village Manager, John Edlebeck – Public Works Director, Tim Blakeslee – Assistant Village Manager

**II. Review and Approve minutes of June 11, 2018, Public Works Committee Meeting:**

Tom Kindschi moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018, Public Works Committee Meeting. Trustee Serebin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. Review Whitefish Bay Garden Club request – Hampton Avenue median island flower beds**

Pat Santilli (710 E Carlisle Ave) with the Whitefish Bay Garden Club described their requested project about planting flowers within four flower beds on Hampton. Ms. Santilli has worked with Village Staff regarding the locations and planting varieties.

Tom Kindschi noted that black-eyed Susan's spread quickly and may not be the best choice. Ms. Santilli agreed and said they wouldn't plant those. John Dargle asked about planter size. Ms. Santilli said they would be similar to the ones already in the Village. Trustee Serebin asked about giving credit to the Garden Club and what the Village could do. John Edlebeck said they would look into signage.

Tom Kindschi moved to approve the Whitefish Bay Garden Club request. Trustee Serebin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**IV. Bay Ridge Traffic Volume, Speed and Roadway Safety Review**

Public Works Director John Edlebeck introduced the topic and described that the Village met with residents in May and decided to complete a study with TADI to review roadway safety. Edlebeck described the four attachments from TADI. John Dargle asked what AADT stands

for? Edlebeck said it stands for Average Annual Daily Traffic. Edlebeck described the industry standard for traffic speed is the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile. Trustee Miller and Edlebeck encouraged public comment on the study and issue.

Debbie Van Bell (6100 N Bay Ridge Ave) stated the study does not catch near misses and there are lots of kids in the area. She would like to see yield sign to stop sign at Monrovia. Would like to see a 4 way or 2 way stop. Trustee Serebin asked what corner Ms. Van Bell lived for reference. Edlebeck discussed stop signs and yield signs.

Dan Ketman (5923 N Bay Ridge Ave) believes there needs to be a 4 way stop at Monrovia. He mentioned that there was a crash that ended up on a driveway. He believes the speed gun was in the wrong place. He wanted to know additional details about the study and wanted to drill down, particularly the max speed on Bay Ridge. Thought the numbers on Bay Ridge means that there are four times as many issues than the other streets.

Catherine Ferguson (6075 N Bay Ridge Ave) she mentioned that this is the only block with yields and she has personally seen two accidents and that a car was in a front lawn.

Doug Johnson (5977 N Bay Ridge Ave) describe the route he thinks most traffic takes and that vehicles do not stop at eastbound Montclair to southbound Bay Ridge. He says that he has two videos of people running stop signs. He has personally asked drivers to slow down.

Catherine Amato (6009 N Bay Ridge Ave) believes that not enough people are fully stopping at stop signs and that there needs to be a comprehensive approach. She described the letter from residents to the Village.

Matt Jellencheck (6025 N Bay Ridge Ave) said there is a lot of data in this report that more analysis needs to be completed. He mentioned that traffic counts is a volume issue and the traffic is not from the residents, but people trying to cut south. He wanted to know what the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was on Kent and Shoreland. He doesn't believe the road can accommodate the volume. He mentioned this study done in the 1980's and the collector street is supposed to be Lydell. He mentioned that there are a lot of kids on this street. Wants to come up with outside the box solutions.

Nate Collins (6049 N Bay Ridge Ave) wanted to see more details of the traffic study. Would like to see stop signs, speed bumps, and other ways to divert traffic.

Andy Cops (6129 N Bay Ridge Ave) He mentioned that Dominican was not in session during the study and that two home remodel projects probably slowed down the speeds.

Trustee Miller thanked everyone for attending and providing comments. He opened the discussion to the Public Works Committee. Trustee Serebin asked if there are warrants for speed bumps. Edlebeck said that there are not any warrants, but that they have not been used in the past and that and sometimes make the area more dangerous if cars are speeding. Trustee Serebin asked if the street could be made one-way. Edlebeck said that there are no specific warrants for a one-way street, but they are not the normal traffic pattern for the village. Traffic would be pushed to another street if it was one-way. Trustee Davis does not believe that this route is just for people to get to Bay Shore and that people are

trying to get south to Silver Spring and beyond. A solution would need to make the route more inconvenient. However, Trustee Davis does not think that a one-way street is a good idea.

John Dargle asked if TADI had come up with any recommendations yet. Edlebeck said that they have not and that they were just completing the study at this time. Edlebeck mentioned that the study's results appear valid and that it matches a study done in the same area last year. He mentioned that the speed camera was located mid-block.

Tom Kindschi mentioned that if it was one-way cars would drive faster because they have more room to drive. The TADI representative confirms that and also said parked cars help to slow down traffic.

There was additional feedback from the audience. Trustee Miller mentioned that the Public Works committee believes this is an issue that needs to be taken seriously. There was a discussion about what had previously been done regarding the intersection, where the speed box was placed, and the speed going north vs. going south. TADI mentioned that traffic will follow the easiest path to get to a destination and will work with the Village come up with recommendations.

There was a discussion about traffic patterns including no right turns and a one-way street. There was further discussion about enforcement at stop signs. Edlebeck described that there are things that the residents can do as a group such as slowdown signs and reminding their neighbors to keep the speed down. There was a discussion amongst the board about a timeline for moving forward.

John Dargle asked if they should be making a recommendation tonight. Trustee Miller suggested waiting until we have seen the recommendations from staff. Edlebeck said that the group would work over the next month to come up with some recommendations and can present them at the next Public Works Committee Meeting.

**V. Project Updates:**

- PPII – Should be finished by the end of the week.
- Rain Events – Village systems were not the cause of any backups and the lift station worked well.
- Sidewalk Replacement Project – Project will be under construction in September and October.
- Village Hall – Village Hall is near completion.
- Flashing Light – The light at Palisades was installed as planned.

**VI. Next scheduled meeting – Monday, October 8, 2018, at 6 pm**

**VII. Trustee Serebin moved to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Trustee Miller seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**