Safety Council 11.18.2021
Minutes

In Attendance:
Chairperson Greg Bassman
Police Chief David Dosin
Fire Chief Ron Paquette
Superintendent of Public Works Michael Gunther
Trustee Morgen Fleisig
Robert Wilt
Stan Avedon
Alan Golds

Absent:

Minutes from 10.21.2021 were read and approved.

Public Comment
- David Skolnik of Hillside Avenue commented on the Farragut Avenue bike lanes and the project overall. Mr. Skolnik also noted the added traffic, conflict, and backup if a school drop-off zone were to be added on the east side of Farragut Avenue at the intersection of Farragut Avenue and Mount Hope Boulevard.
- Rhiannon Platt of Valley Place expressed support of the bike lanes on Farragut. She expresses concern in relation to the comments from Chief Paquette in regard to required width for apparatus. Ms. Platt also noted the need for involvement at the County level for ensuring traffic flow and safety.

Farragut Avenue Repaving Project Bike Lanes
- Fire Chief Paquette expressed concern over the narrowing lanes due to the bike lane for the movement of apparatus.
- Chairperson Bassman explained that the Safety Council’s role is to gather information and provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees as to the plans as they relate to safety operations.
- Council members Avedon and Golds expressed support for the bike lanes and the plan.
- Chairperson Bassman charged the Council members with reviewing the plans and to formulate their recommendation to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting.

School Drop-off Zones on Farragut Avenue
- The PTSA and the School District requested drop-off zones on the east and west sides of Farragut Avenue at Mount Hope Boulevard.
- Chief Dosin and Council member Golds noted that a drop-off zone on the west side of Farragut Avenue at the former bus stop would disrupt the traffic flow. Chief Dosin suggested that if a cutout were made, it would allow the drop-off zone to function better. The Chief committed to doing a site visit.
• The drop-off zone on the east side of Farragut Avenue would be at the last three parking spots at the “jug handle” going north. These parking spots would be time restricted from 7am – 9am. No Council members objected to this idea. Chief Dosin noted the need for either a yield or stop sign to re-enter Farragut Avenue northbound.
• The Safety Council noted the need for “don’t block the box” striping at the intersections of Farragut Avenue and Mount Hope Boulevard and at Farragut Avenue and Hillside Avenue.
• The Safety Council will confer again at the next meeting to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

**Bus Zone on School Street**

• The School District requested that 2-3 parking spots at either the north or south side of the Cochran Gym be designated as bus parking both before and after school hours.
• The Safety Council noted that an educational campaign be conducted prior to implementation to ensure understanding and compliance would be needed.
• The Safety Council will formulate their recommendation to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned**