

**WINDSOR SQUARE
HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD AND SPECIAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 12, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Committee members present were Ryan Ewing, Rocky Gonzales, Emily Groh, Beth Postma, Belinda Penrose, Kathy Ketcham, Zack Romero, and Tom Hilditch. Michael Brown, Peggy Saul, Anna Lee Speer, Maureen Petkiewicz, and Carol Cristofolo were absent.

Medlock Place Activity

Kathy highlighted that Medlock Place Neighborhood has also been studying traffic and recently proposed several ideas to the City of Phoenix. Some highlights¹ from the Medlock plans:

- Traffic counts (from 2017) range from 140 vehicles per day (VPD) to 1,290 VPD.
- One proposed solution includes creating parking immediately adjacent to sidewalks, with trees to break up spaces and add appeal. Traffic would be reduced to two lanes with no dedicated bike lane. See Appendix A, Figure 1.
- Another proposed solution includes creating “channels” or diverters/medians in the middle of the roadway to calm traffic. See Appendix A, Figure 2.
- The final proposal includes dividing the street into: 8’ of parking, a 10’ car/bike lane, a 10’ car lane, a physical divider, and a 10’ pedestrian/bike lane. See Appendix A, Figure 3.

The Medlock Place Neighborhood had just met with the Traffic Services Division in October 2019, prior to Windsor Square meeting with the department. At that time, the plans had not been finalized. Kathy intended to stay in touch with Medlock Place and provide further updates.

Review of Traffic Services Meeting in October 2019

Ryan and Emily reviewed the outcomes of the 2019 meeting with City of Phoenix Traffic Services Division. The meeting was a success with City agreeing to 5 of the 8 proposals presented by the Traffic Committee and adopted by the Board. The agreed-upon mitigation strategies include: updated traffic study; speed trailer placement; additional PD patrols; speed humps; and improvements to do not enter signage.

The City indicated that diverters are no longer preferred traffic mitigation measures due to the

¹ <http://www.medlockplaceneighborhood.com/traffic-mitigation-ideas-1.html>

significant cost and severe impacts to traffic flow. Gates, as seen in Willo Historic District, were installed as part of the light rail program and not an ongoing or available mechanism for traffic mitigation. Radar signs were discouraged due to highly negative feedback from residents where these have been installed.

While the City has agreed to explore the presented solutions, further studies/work needs to be done before any can be implemented. This work will include partnership between the City and the neighborhood. Specifically:

1. Speed Hump Proposals: the neighborhood will need to work with City traffic engineers to determine the most ideal locations for speed humps, given our current traffic patterns. The City will prepare petitions and the neighborhood will need to get resident signatures/approval. Cost is to be determined.
2. Updated Speed Study: the neighborhood is to prepare a list of locations where data is to be captured in this study. The City recommended doing the study during the school year to capture highest traffic volumes. As many as 12 locations may be studied and it is recommended to capture several previous locations for comparison.
3. Signage Updates: the City will coordinate communication between the neighborhood and the Streets Department for discussion about issues/concerns with current signage and to discuss options.
4. Speed Trailer Placement: the neighborhood can request a speed trailer at any time. Placement is limited to 2-4 weeks and approx. 4 times per year.
5. Additional PD Patrols: this is already in place and PD is observing for traffic violations and issues throughout the neighborhood.

Next Steps

The committee nominated owners to champion several next steps.

Actions:

1. Speed Hump Proposals (Zach/Ryan, ECD: 6/1)
2. Updated Speed Study (Kathy/Beth, ECD: 6/1)
3. Signage Updates (Belinda/Emily/Tom, ECD: 6/1)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for 4/9 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ryan Ewing, Traffic Committee Chair and Board President

Appendix A: Medlock Place Proposals

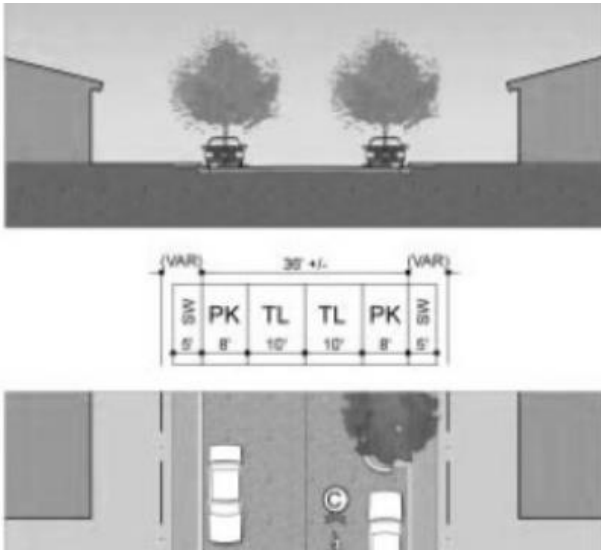


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Figure 3