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**SAFETY, UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 27, 2023**

Present: Committee members Nick Nunnari, chair; Dennis Sullivan and Dave Greenspan.

Also present: Councilmembers Duane Van Dyke, Mike O'Donnell, Amy Havelka and Mark Getsay; Law Director Mike Maloney; Engineering Director Jim Smolik; Planning Director Jim Bedell; and Police Chief Kevin Bielozer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. Discuss lowering the speed limit on Rose Road from Dover Center to Columbia Road from the existing 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h.**

Engineer Smolik briefly reviewed what has been done to date, restating that the intersection of Rose and Canterbury roads does not warrant a traffic signal and that the recommendation from the TMS study last year was to lower the speed limit to 25 m.p.h. He gave a summary of a subsequent traffic analysis report done in May of this year by the police department monitoring the speed on Rose Road. Councilmembers asked about other options to control the speed such as roadway markings, speed monitoring devices and flashing stop signs.

Residents in the audience expressed concerns about speeding, cars rolling through the intersection, cut-through traffic and whether drivers would actually obey the speed limit if it were lowered to 25 m.p.h. Some were in favor of lowering it while others favored exploring further options to control the speed on Rose Road.

The committee tabled this matter to do more research and study on the various traffic calming measures to control speeding on Rose Road.

**II. Discuss revising the pavement marking plan for Water's Edge Drive and Detroit Road to improve line of sight.**

Engineer Smolik described the current conditions at the intersection noting a retaining wall, high vegetation and a hill and bend in the road that limit the sight distance when exiting onto Detroit Road from Water's Edge Drive. Also contributing to the issue is the 2-lane roadway in Avon transitioning into 3 lanes in Westlake on Detroit Road. A 2019 TMS traffic study determined that a traffic signal is not justified at this intersection. The existing signage warns drivers of the hidden roadway, and a mirror aids in exiting onto Detroit Road. The engineer's recommendation is to move the Water's Edge stop bar forward to allow looking beyond the retaining wall on the

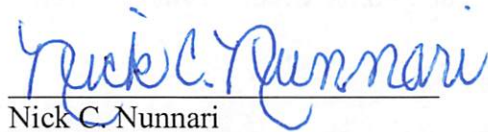
west side; move the transition to 3 lanes further east, striping the orphaned section of Detroit; and remove the crosswalk.

Residents from Water's Edge expressed concerns about speed limits and increased traffic affecting their safety when exiting onto Detroit, especially coming from the west. They were favorable to the proposed plan but would like to see the cities of Avon and Westlake work with the Water's Edge residents for an even better resolution.

Councilmember Sullivan moved, seconded by Councilmember Greenspan, to recommend to Council to approve the Water's Edge Drive and Detroit Road pavement marking plan to improve line of sight as presented. Motion carried, 3 yeas, 0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nick C. Nunnari  
Chair



Denise L. Rosenbaum, MMC  
Clerk of Council