

MEMO

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Jord L. Wilson; City Administrator/Public Works Supervisor

DATE: April 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Riverside Drive Listening Session

Residents of Riverside Drive contacted Mayor Hook and asked for a meeting regarding the proposed changes to the Warren/Riverside intersection. The meeting was held April 23 at 10AM with Mayor Hook, myself, and five residents from Riverside Drive in attendance. Primary concerns (1) Lack of communication with the neighborhood about the project; (2) Truck and trailer traffic making the new turns; and (3) additional traffic being pushed down Riverside drive toward Peninsula Park.

Mayor Hook explained the design process and that the primary intent is to get vehicles to slow down at this intersection. This section of Warren receives the most resident complaints of speeding within the city. The mayor also described previous safety meetings and work done with City Council and the Sheriff's office. He agreed that communication with the public is difficult and that it is an issue he is still working on. In response to the first concern, the following outreach methods were discussed:

- The new website with a project page specific to the project
- City Administrator reports to Council with project updates posted monthly online
- Projects are discussed at public council meetings; the mayor encourages engagement.
- January 16 the mayor held a community engagement session and presented the project
- City Administrator reports are picked up by the Quad City Harold and city projects, including this one are reported in the Quad City Harold.

In response to the second concern of truck and trailers negotiating the new intersection. Jord is to take the preliminary layout back to the engineer and verify that a truck and trailer will be able to negotiate the turn off Riverside onto Warren, and when turning right at the stop sign at Warren and Riverside and make changes accordingly.

In response to the third concern, increased traffic and speeding on Riverside drive. If traffic increases, the city will consider putting in speed bumps to deter people from sailing along Riverside Drive and not turning on Warren. The mayor and Jord thought speed bumps would be a good idea if after completion of the project, there is an increase of traffic, but do have concerns about snow plowing.

The mayor expressed his thanks and encouraged an open dialogue and engagement on all city projects.

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