

PKTs. 10-23-2020

Diane Voss

From: David Martin
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Diane Voss
Subject: FW: safety

Hi Diane,

Can you please include this as a disposition topic for next week's meeting as well?

Thanks,
David

From: Jean Prestemon <jeanames115@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:33 PM
To: City Council and Mayor <mayorcouncil@amescitycouncil.org>; Damion Pregitzer <Damion.Pregitzer@cityofames.org>
Subject: safety

[External Email]

Dear City Council and Mayor,

Earlier, we wrote to David Martin about the use of speed bumps, and suggested the city could put them in place on Delaware Street as it approaches North Dakota because of an incident in which a car abruptly removed a tree from our property and ended in our trees. Mr. Pregitzer from Public Works suggested we could have a dynamic feedback sign radar collector on Delaware Street for "a week or two," as has been effective in Somerset, Ontario Street, and Duff Avenue south of the hospital.

Earlier I have noted signs to reduce speed on Ross Road to 25 miles per hour for the safety of pedestrians (or children) as in many places there are no sidewalks.

Since that time, I have noticed a sign asking drivers to slow in order to maneuver a corner from Phoenix Street unto Garfield Street. That sign says Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25. It appears that the Drive 25 sign is added to suggest the corner is sharp, much like the curve approaching North Dakota.

Our neighbors up Delaware Street have signs to signal to drivers to slow because children are nearby.

We know at least three children live on Chelsea Court.

Let's be sure those children, and all children, are kept safe.

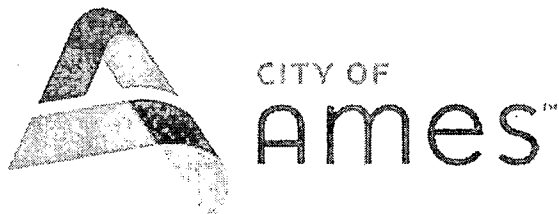
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From: Damion Pregitzer
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Diane Voss
Subject: Fw: Installation of speed bumps

Here was my response on the Delaware Speed issue. Thanks!

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From: Damion Pregitzer <Damion.Pregitzer@cityofames.org>
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 12:55 PM
To: drpames@aol.com <drpames@aol.com>
Cc: Steve Schainker <steve.schainker@cityofames.org>; John Joiner <john.joiner@cityofames.org>; Geoff Huff <Geoff.Huff@cityofames.org>
Subject: Re: Installation of speed bumps

Good Afternoon Mr. Prestemon!

I received an email chain regarding a recent accident that resulted in a car ending up in your front yard. We have reached out to the Police department. However, the crash report is pending, so we do not yet know if the driver was speeding, or impaired in some way, or both. It will be good to know the contributing factors in that crash.

For the overall issue of speeding, we [Public Works] can place a radar data collector out along Delaware Avenue near its intersection with North Dakota for a week or two. Typically, if the data shows that there is significant excessive speeding, which is defined as the amount of traffic exceeding the posted speed limit by 10+ MPH, we can respond in several ways.

Most of the time the excessive speeding is thankfully low enough that it can be dealt with increased enforcement but can at times warrant the installation of dynamic feedback signs. These dynamic feedback

signs have seen very promising results in locations such as Stange Road (in Somerset), Ontario Street, and Duff Avenue (through old town, south of the Hospital). Most speeders seem to be distracted drivers that respond well to the flashing reminder of the signs.

We have yet installed speed humps for several reasons. The first and best reason is that our speed studies have never shown severe speeding enough to warrant the cost and maintenance associated with speed humps. Also, speed humps can reduce response times of emergency services - so their installation takes careful consideration of the tradeoffs being made. Other more permanent changes to the road such as narrowing pedestrian crossing at intersections can also help the road feel more constrained and slow drivers down naturally. These more costly improvements, once justified, are planned for in our Capital Improvement Plan.

The best place to start is with a study - by getting current data, we better know how to proceed with improving safety in the neighborhood.

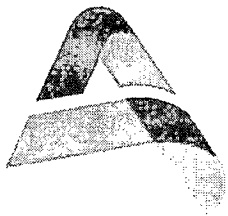
Thanks!

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From: Steve Schainker <steve.schainker@cityofames.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 11:51 AM

To: Damion Pregitzer <Damion.Pregitzer@cityofames.org>

Subject: FW: Installation of speed bumps

Damion:

Please respond to Mr. Prestemon regarding our position on speed bumps. Are there any other techniques you could support for dealing with his issue?

Please copy me on your response.

Thanks,

Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: David Martin <david.martin@amescitycouncil.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Steve Schainker <steve.schainker@cityofames.org>
Subject: FW: Installation of speed bumps

Hi Steve,

Could you please have some speak to the possibility of traffic speed mitigations at the location below? It sounds scary to have vehicles end up in the yard.

Thanks,
David

David Martin
Ames City Council, Ward 3
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-----Original Message-----

From: DEAN PRESTEMON <drpames@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 10:12 AM
To: David Martin <david.martin@amescitycouncil.org>
Subject: Installation of speed bumps

[External Email]

Dear David:

We live at the corner of Delaware and Dover. We recently experienced a car invasion of our property resulting in tree and lawn damage. We have noted numerous instances of speeding on Delaware but never have suffered damage to our property. Other cities have ameliorated speeding by installing speed bumps; Ames has not typically availed itself of this remedy. We would like it considered for the uphill portion of Delaware beginning at North Dakota and progressing North.

Sincerely, Dean & Jean Prestemon, 4606 Dover Drive, Ames, IA 50014 ; 515-292-1652

Sent from my iPad