

Stagecoach Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Charles Shirley at 7:00 PM

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum: (Mandy) *Amanda Brinnand*, *Charles Shirley*, *Cassandra Aviero*, and *Angela DeFord* present. *Annette Carpenter* excused absence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chip Bird.

4. Public Participation: None at this time.

5. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda: Mandy made motion to approve the agenda as presented, Cassandra seconded, motion passed 4/0.

6. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes from the August 2, 2023, meeting: Cassandra made a motion to approve the minutes, Mandy seconded, motion passed 4/0.

7. Chair & Board Member Comments:

Cassandra thanked everyone for coming out, including *Dustin Homan*. *Charlie* said he valued input, but we need to ensure we follow the rules and also appreciates everyone coming.

8. For Possible Action: To Forward a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on a draft resolution requesting to reduce the speed limit from 60 to 45 miles per hour on Highway 50 in Dayton from Fortune Drive to La Fond Avenue and to report what business, economic, or traveling impacts would be experienced by the community.

Board Comments

Charlie said he appreciated being able to speak on this and the drive time of 20 minutes is now 35 minutes. The accidents are head on collisions and a stop light will not stop it.

Mandy said at the BOCC meeting *Sheriff Pope* said that reducing speed will not reduce accidents but could reduce the severity of an accident. He said most accidents in that area are from inattentiveness and failing to yield. Also stated that the advisory board will be voting a recommendation that will be sent to the BOCC; they will vote on a resolution that will be sent to NDOT. Also said a BOCC board member requested business impacts and some people buy their home thinking about how long of a commute they wanted and reducing the speed may impact where they buy.

Public Comments

Jessica Ponte said she agrees reducing the speed won't reduce accidents.

Vanessa Steward said she agrees with *Sheriff Pope* and most accidents are from crossing the median, so a speed reduction won't work.

John Hill said the issue is now is more traffic and number 1 cause is failure to merge.

Joshua Jones said if we lower the speed limit, it will allow businesses to incur more business.

Mandy Brinnand made a motion for a recommendation of denial to reduce the speed limit from 60 to 45 from LaFond to Fortune in Dayton. *Cassandra* seconded, motion passed 4/0.

9. For Possible Action: To forward recommendation(s) on park improvements for Spud Field in Stagecoach; resident suggestions include:

- Covered Horse Arena

- Multi-Use Area: perimeter walking trail with workout stations, xeriscaping, covered BBQ area with picnic tables, horseshoe pits.
- Skate Park
- Dog Park

Public Comment

Boosie Stinson stated he was 16 and has lived here for several years. He thinks a skate park would be great, it would bring new spirit into the culture and a place to have an outlet.

Marsh Litzinger said she's lived here long time and the park was closed due to vandalism, then reopened it after put grass in, but water is a problem.

Rebecca Martinez said she thought the idea of the skatepark or a multi- use park would be fabulous.

Joshua Jones said there is an ordinance and a sign with a fine, why do we have a park that isn't being used, if the gate would just be opened, the kids could play there.

Mandy Brinnand said she has a picture of a sign that says \$100 fine for vandalism.

Lisa Billman said she applauds the kids for asking for a skate park. She also said a multiuse park and that somehow need to get water going to the park so that everyone can use it.

John Hill said the park was a dirt lot when this community was smaller, now it's locked. Asked if there was money and to make it accessible, let the community use it and grow from there.

Michael Cline said there is 1 drinking fountain and it is possible to have water in

Jose Jones said they would love the opportunity to work on building the park and would volunteer, they are enthusiastic to improve our community.

Veck Shepard said he's lived here for 35 years and his Dad worked for the parks and there is not one place out her for people to have things to do, it makes the community better all around.

Board Comments

Angela DeFord said there is a board at the front and you can find the schedule on the county website.

Mandy Brinnand said this advisory board would be making a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department on potential improvements. The Parks & Recreation will make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, they will make the decision and vote on it. There were a lot of good recommendations from the community this evening and a lot at the previous meeting in August.

Based on community input, *Mandy* made a motion to recommend a multi-use area, a skate park and a covered horse arena. Cassandra seconded; recommendation and motion passed 4/0.

10. For Presentation/Discussion Only: Lyon County Roads Director Dustin Homan will be discussing Lyon County roads, including:

- How to determine if a road is maintained or non-maintained and implications. *Dustin* said on the County website there is a list of roads and if they are maintained or not.
- How to determine if a road is County or private and implications. *Dustin* said they are trying to clean this up, they look for maps when the area was subdivided to see specifically what it says. It has to say it's a private road on the map for it to be a private road.
- When do parcel or subdivision maps require upgrading of non-maintained roads (partially or wholly) to bring them up to County standards. *Dustin* said this is more determined through the planning department and the application process. For the county to accept a road to be maintained it has to be paved.
- Process and who to contact if a County road needs maintenance.

Possible sources of County and non-County funding for upgrading non-maintained roads (not originally built to County standards) to a County standard road and maintained. *Dustin* said road work is funded from gas taxes, but the State gets the majority of this, the County gets more from diesel tax, but the gas tax has not changed since the early nineties. There needs to be a better split with the state. It is cheaper to blade a road, if they blade every 4 months it's cheaper than chip sealing. For contracts, they have to pay prevailing wage, as they have no extra employees. They require developers build roads to County standard (paved), there's no guarantee the county will accept the road. He said he receives a lot of complaints about non-maintained roads. If an ambulance can't get there, then there is an issue, but they can't drop everything but they do prioritize and do the best we can. When he started there was 23 people, now there are 12. They put out traffic counters, counting cars coming on and off of the state highways. A concern is that with electric cars, revenue is reduced from gas taxes and they'll get less funds for maintaining roads.

Public Comments

Richard Thompson asked if they maintain culverts specifically in Churchill Ranches. *Dustin* said typically the homeowners are responsible to keep driveway culverts cleared, but sometimes that isn't possible. Said they were on the list and hoping to be there October/November. Some may be replaced, some just cleared.

Jessica Ponte said their neighborhood flooding and as they have county roads and shoulders, what is the maintenance schedule on the shoulders and culverts. Also said they lost about ten thousand dollars in DG.

John Hill Bridging said they live where there is flash flooding and asked if they were liable for fixing the easement. *Dustin* said if you're out keeping debris out of your culvert it's ok, as long as you aren't diverting water. In a perfect world every Spring we would clean it up. They will try in the spring to get areas cleaned.

Ben Shepard said he owns 2 excavators and is willing to donate the use of them for the community.

Boosie Stinson said there are teenagers who are willing to volunteer that will go help on weekends. *Dustin* said he would like to commend these young men, he's never seen teenagers offer help and show interest in their community, thinks it's great.

Grace Frank said they installed a fire hydrant behind his house on Apache, but it's inundated with weeds.

Joshua Jones said his son and these kids will be by to take care of it. *Dustin* said the county has fire reduction teams, and also have a mower, and that if you can't see the hydrant, the line of sight with weeds are priority.

Josely Jones said it would be useful to have donated tools or equipment here in town to clean out the ditches/mow for the community.

Mandy Brinnand said all of the non-maintained dirt roads in Stagecoach are becoming a big issue. With all the development with less than 5 lots, people are just building more and more homes and no improvements to the roads are occurring. The rodeo is a concern, there are about 200 vehicles in one day speeding up and down the road and damaging it. There are no speed limit signs and many think that means there isn't a limit and they can drive any speed. Knows that isn't accurate, it's 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Flooding on Silver Lane and Blackhawk, NDOT diverts water towards Blackhawk, with no drainage structures along the road. The County compounded the problem by building a drainage ditch across Blackhawk, diverting water down Silver, with no drainage structures and without even providing an outlet for the water at the end of Silver. Also asked if a road wasn't on the County road list, did that indicate it was a private road. Also asked about special Federal funding to improve non-maintained roads, such the recent money from Biden. *Dustin* said a road isn't private just because it isn't on the County road list. Also said they will drive areas to help get some signage posted for the community. He wasn't aware of the rodeo and traffic issues, there must be a good reason to lower the speed limit. They use traffic counters to count speed as well; if all are speeding and it's an 80th percentile we should raise the speed limit, not lower it. There are rules and regulations that can bite us in the backside. They've talked with NDOT and the State about the Blackhawk issue and a way to keep the water out of the of the neighborhood.

Charles Shirley said on Navajo, there were ditches that worked great, but the neighbor filled it in for driveway and now water floods on my road. Is there any way we can get a county grant for ditches and drainage? Is there any way to get a culvert installed. *Dustin* said they continue to look but, the rural areas are suffering right now compared to the populated areas. With the events this year we hope for funding.

Steven Ponte said the NDOT culvert situation in Churchill Rancho area, it's right in between the fiber optic cable and the bank. Getting us on the list to be dug out would not fix it but it would help, what about FEMA emergency money to repair roads? They lost a lot of DG with the recent flooding. *Dustin* said they are hoping to get money from FEMA for certain roads. *Dustin* also said they will dump soil at their property, will need to complete a right to enter form.

Dustin said they are trying to address the roads that are being pumped with water during our rain and flash flood events from the NDOT culverts. The County can't flood out others, NDOT did what they had to do.

11. Community Reports

- A. **Lyon County Commissioner/Manager Office;** Not Present
- B. **Silver Springs/Stagecoach Hospital Board of Trustees:** Not Present
- C. **Public Safety: Sheriff Department/NHP:**

Deputy Ziegenfuss: There is now an SRO in Silver Springs Schools and they are very proactive the Silver Springs and Stagecoach areas. Said rodeos are not illegal; but loud music is, as it is disturbing the normal practices of the neighborhood.

Cassandra Aviero asked if that that include gunshots. Deputy said no, hunting is allowed.

Joshua Jones asked about the noise ordinance because they have neighbors that have a band and rodeos and they like that. Deputy said if it disrupts the peace and quiet of the neighborhood; if it affects 1 person they can make everyone disburse.

Mandy Brinnand said she didn't have an issue with the rodeo itself, it's the large number of speeding vehicles on a dirt residential road and the damage occurring to the road. Deputy said to call them, they we will come out and wait and watch. If they speed they will get a ticket, he's seen a lot of accidents and people need to slow down.

John Hill said he disagrees with disturbing the peace in the neighborhood, isn't after 10PM typically disturbing the peace. Daylight hours seem unreasonable for loud music. Deputy said it's anytime during the day or night.

D. **Animal Services:** Not Present

E. **Central Lyon County Fire District;** Not Present

F. **Central Lyon County Parks and Recreation:** *Richard Moritz* said they take the input from the community, and we act on it for the parks. They will be discussing Spud at their meeting next Wednesday in Dayton at 5:00 pm and they do have a budget for improvements. They can grow a little at Spud Field, around the playground and to water the trees, but can't irrigate a ball field. He agrees we should open parks and would like to see community parks versus regional parks. He likes the idea of the skate park, but what could we do differently than what's in Silver Springs? If anyone has a specific idea, please come to the meeting and speak about it. I think it is possible for it to be a skate park and multi-use. If we pigeonhole our idea then it's pointless.

Joshua Jones said Pioneer Park is only partially being used, maybe Pioneer could have a small skatepark in it.

G. Silver Springs Area Chamber of Commerce: *Richard Moritz* said Stagecoach is part of this, it's all of 89429. The parade on October 14th is during the solar eclipse and said they are looking for volunteers to help out. They will have a corn hole tournament, a family game set by 4 H Club. They will also be producing a little piece with a calendar, events, and fun facts, based on comments at this board's last meeting, it's about keeping people informed and coming together. They lowered the fees to \$25\$ and now have 30 members. Please help spread the word about the chamber.

12. Correspondence: None

13. Future Agenda Items: None

14. Public Participation:

Timothy Frank said he was from AMVETS and they are reaching out to try to help both communities. They will also be at the parade and the Airport event October the 7th. Other events are the Police and Fireman battle of the badges, barrels for school supplies, vendors reaching out for veterans that need help, Christmas Program and shop with a cop.

Joshua Jones said he's said a lot of things, and we have parks not being used. Said he was upset when the FD decided to take this back as a fire station and how is a haunted house in a FD not up to code. He's been doing nonprofit and artists that are willing to come out and teach classes. No one focuses on the kids that give positive outlets. I've been trying to get the guy at the gas station to open an arcade. I am willing to donate my time it does not matter.

15. Adjourn: 9:46PM