

Public Safety Team | Minutes from the 6.10.23 Meeting,

Our Mission & Strategy

Our mission is to make our neighborhoods and streets safer. This will be accomplished by:

- 1) Identifying and surveying the problems;
- 2) Developing concrete solutions that help reduce death & injury;
- and 3) Presenting our recommendations to Thom Druffel, our D23Metro Council Representative.

“Another GREAT Meeting” at Neal’s home. Thank you, Cam and Jerry AGAIN!

Attended: Thom Druffel, Rachel Kaiser, Laurie Loughlin, Greg and Stephanie Sephel, Cam and Jerry Neal, & Lauren Balmer

Our next meeting – 10 am Saturday, July 15 at Jerry and Cam's home on 176 Carnavon Pkwy

The Minutes

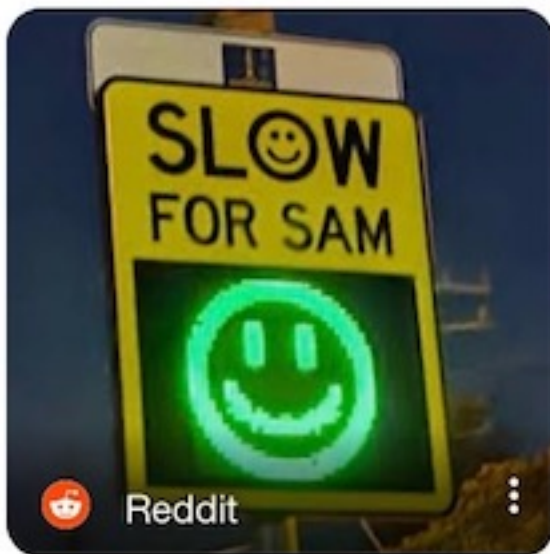
Greg and Stephanie Sephel gave an update on the Traffic Calming progress.

They pulled the online map and studied projects submitted & approved. Thom answered questions as he wasn't at the prior meeting. Overall things are on track. All were appreciative and pleased w the progress. The Sephels are becoming very familiar w process and tools. The next step is to connect w Gil Thomas.

Lori gave a detailed update from the last West Precinct Monthly Meeting as well as distributed a documented version. She will be helping to schedule an appreciation lunch but will need assistance from all (**Doc attached to this email**).

Cam shared all of our safety committee’s good work with neighborhood associations that she is part of. Their responses “were overwhelmingly positive that something was being done.”

- One neighbor had seen a Smiley Activated Message at Hilton Head that noted the speed and a green smiley face when within limits – and a red frowny face when over the limit. Jerry learned that they are manufactured in the U.K. Expensive, but a great idea. Jerry will do more research to try to find a supplier in our country.



- Cam reports that neighbors are open to wearing their Speed Limit T-shirts while walking or biking with a speed limit noted on the back (see "The NEED for NO SPEED." below). We had a lady suggest a slogan for the back of T-shirts saying "Don't Speed in West Meade".
- Another Idea: since there are schools in several hoods, each requiring a school resource officer in a marked car posted to prevent school shootings, why not have the car parked very visibly on edge of lots. Occasionally maybe put on the blue light. Might be worth talking to the police dept. People seem to automatically slow down when seeing blue lights.
- Another Idea: Try addressing a letter to firms that work frequently in the area asking them to ask drivers to respect speed limits: especially local grass cutters, cleaning firms, etc. Also remind our regular cleaning ladies; lawn guys to remember to not speed. Greg Ferguson lives at the end of our road and has tried for years to reduce speeding. He will

try to be at the next meeting to relate things he has tried.

- GREAT JOB Jerry and Cam!

All agreed that a contest to create a safety committee yard sign should happen.

Cam offered to begin work on the 25mph t-shirts. Knowing I would be out of town for a couple of weeks Cam connected w me directly and gathered information. The group all agreed strongly that this needs to move forward and as quickly as possible. (See below for more info on 25mph t-shirts.)

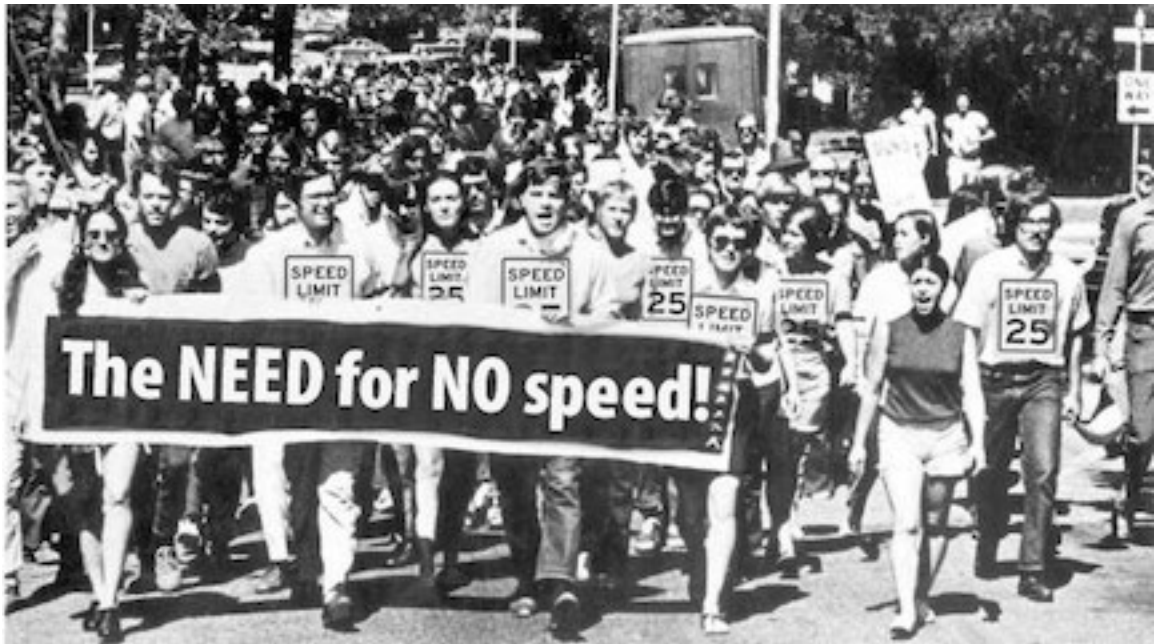
Thom gave update re: overall council news and answered ALL questions. Thom also shared the importance and opportunity available to submit ideas online for Participatory Budgeting (\$10 million available). The deadline has now ended but we are hoping many in the district took advantage of the opportunity. [Click here for more info.](#)

It was a great meeting w lots of progress.

The NEED for NO SPEED. (old notes)

We have our own Traffic Calming project in the works: Lauren Balmer and Tom Wright are seeking Public Safety *Teammates* to collaborate with in the planning and development of *Neighborhood Walks* that promote “the NEED for NO speed” and safe driving.

It’s time for some civil disobedience. Participants would be encouraged to wear specially designed t-shirts. **This idea has been inspired by Andy Martin.** We can promote through Thom Druffel’s Newsletter.



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West Precinct Monthly Meetings are the 2nd THURSDAY of each month.

Next Meeting is 7-8pm, July 13 at West Precinct: 5500, Charlotte Ave.

Important Links

- > Public Safety Team email PublicSafetyD23@gmail.com
- > Public Safety Forum / website. [Click here.](#) Password: publicSAFETY1125
- > [Click and Request](#) a new regulatory sign such as a speed limit sign, stop sign, Yield sign, etc.
- > **A Traffic Calming Toolkit**
- > Nashville Vision Zero Action Plan [Website](#)
- > Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure [NDOT Website](#)
- > West Police Precinct [Website](#)
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