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Roberts hwy 212 Improvement & Safety Committee

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Minutes for meeting #7

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 4:30 PM
School Library

- There were 7 people (total) in attendance= 6 of 9 committee members: Michael Gebhardt (Chair), Frank Jarvenpaa, Dale Marie Muller, Sanford Langager, Chris White, Jon Milligan and Roxie Melton

1. Final revision was concluded on the new version of the committee's mission statement.

"Committed to advocating for the Roberts community's needs and requests for a safe, functional and aesthetic result from MDT's Hwy 212 re-construction improvements"

2. Jon expressed his continued concerns about the lack of safe crosswalks. He suggested additional crosswalks should be installed, if not on every block, at least more centralized placements would make the most sense and get used more effectively. For example, installing one at the block of the post office which is a heavy used turn vs other blocks that are not adequately utilized.

3. Speed reduction and strategies were explored again. Roxie had a good suggestion that we may look into the recent numbers of speeding tickets that have been issued by local and state police. Acquiring this information may be to our advantage and help in our cause. Waiting for the completion of speed study or expediting the issue by pursuing higher state officials was debated.

4. Center lane validity was addressed. We discovered valuable safety information accessible online that strongly backs our concerns. Several of the variables for the necessity to have a turning lane installed, like population numbers, speed, volume of turns per hour and so on, mentioned in this are not applicable to our current situation. We are going to dig deeper into these findings and educate ourselves as much as we can about it.

5. Final edits were dialed in on the flyer design. Chris is going to share one last version for our approval within the next few days. The plan is to print about 200 of them for distribution with the survey.

6. Mike is going to compile an email for Glenn Opal to keep him informed of our ongoing efforts and meetings while we await their proposal for the memorial crosses. He will share the links about center turning lanes. He will remind him that we want a thorough walk through with MDT and Commissioner Bullock prior to the spring return of construction and that we have been documenting growing issues as they arise in the meantime. He will remind him that the community has to be addressed in person at some point.

- Target the next community meeting for the end of February.
- Next committee meeting is planned for January 27th, 4:30 pm at the Roberts fire hall, for followup discussion and action plans.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm