

Streets Committee
Minutes
April 13, 2022
Reconvened on April 27
6:30 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 2) Roll Call
 - a) Present were members Sue Yenchko and chairperson Joe Gargiulo. (Noted that Kasha Griva arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
 - b) Also present were staff members Cindy Foster, Borough Manager, Cliff Karlsen, Maintenance Supervisor and remotely, Jenn Erickson, Executive Assistant

- 3) Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on Feb. 23, 2022
 - a) The minutes were accepted as presented

- 4) Public comment
 - a) Mr. Harry Noss, 65 N. Tenth Street - spoke regarding his concerns over the corner of N. 10th Street and Walnut Street where he has observed tractor trailers in that location and the problems it has caused.
 - b) Other members of the audience spoke at different times during the meeting as part of the committee discussion. These individuals included Mr. Robert Turner 941Walnut Street, Mr. Joe Miller, 307 Walnut Street, and Mr. Mike Twigg, 247 Walnut Street.

- 5) Old business
 - a) Discussion of concerns at the intersection of Sycamore St. and Walnut
 - i) Recommended Action to be brought to Council
 - (1) Installation of "90 degree Turn Ahead" signs on Sycamore and 3 Streets,
 - (a) Adding to the 2023 budget the installation of two speed humps on Sycamore Street.

- 6) Discussion of concerns at the corner of N. 10th Street and Walnut
 - a) Recommended Action to be brought to Council
 - i) Discussion ensued around the problem encountered at this location when tractor trailers get directed to this area by faulty verbal directions or faulty GPS directions
 - (1) Actions which the committee agreed to bring to council for approval included
 - (a) Changing N. 9th Street from one way northbound to one way south bound to permit "trapped" tractor trailers an easier outlet to Market Street.
 - (i) This will be discussed only after notifying residents along 9th Street that this is a consideration and permitting them time to address this concept in a public meeting to be held on April 27.

 - b) Installing weight restriction signs to existing truck restriction signs in order to redirect the larger trucks away from this area.

- c) Installing additional truck restriction signs at 12th and 5th and Indiana Streets after approved changes are made to the applicable ordinance.
- d) Making contact with the companies in the distribution center on 10th Street to apprise them of our concerns and to notify them as to what we are planning.
- e) Contacting Google Maps and Waze applications to apprise them of changes that need to be made.

(a) At this point the meeting was recessed with the plan to reconvene the meeting on April 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. where at that time the plan for the redirection of traffic on 9th Street between Walnut and Market would be discussed. Letters will be sent to residents along that portion of 9th Street to invite them to attend.

(b) The meeting was reconvened at 6:31 p.m. on April 27. Members in attendance were Kasha Griva, Sue Yenchko, and Joe Gargiulo (remotely through Zoom at first and then he arrived by 7:00 p.m.). Staff in attendance were Cindy Foster, Cliff Karlsen, and Jenn Erickson. There were a number of residents in attendance and their names and addresses appear at end of these minutes.

Mr. Gargiulo prefaced the meeting's business by explaining to the visitors of which there were approx. 17, what had transpired in the meeting held on April 13, after which they were sent letters inviting them to the meeting on April 27. Once the actions of last meeting were reviewed, Mr. Gargiulo opened the floor with a public comment period since this meeting was reconvened after letters had gone out to residents on North 9th Street and with the expressed intent to permit these individuals and anyone else to provide public comment.

A number of individuals spoke and of those who spoke to the Ninth Street change of direction discussion, 100% were against changing the direction of traffic flow on Ninth Street for reasons which were well articulated and focused. A number of suggestions were made by the members of the audience regarding how the original problem could be addressed.

As a result of this input and discussion among the committee members it was decided that the following recommendations would be brought to Council at the first meeting in May, at which time Council can decide how it wishes to proceed.

7) The recommendations are as follows:

- a) For the issue at Sycamore Street and Walnut Street
 - i) It is recommended we Install a single "90-degree tight turn Ahead" sign on Sycamore for southbound traffic in order to warn trucks.
 - ii) It is recommended that we add funds to the 2023 budget for the installation of two speed humps on Sycamore Street near the park in order to slow traffic in that area.
- b) For the issue regarding large truck turning at the corner of 10th Street and Walnut Street
 - i) It will be recommended we install turn prohibition signs in the areas of Ninth Street and Indiana Ave., 12th Street and Indiana Ave., and 5th Street and Indiana

Ave. as additions to existing truck restriction signs in order to redirect the larger trucks away from these areas.

ii) Such signs will be erected subject to any necessary changes in any applicable ordinances.

(1) Funds are available to do this this year.

iii) It will be recommended that we make contact with the companies in the distribution center on 10th Street to apprise them of our concerns and to notify them regarding what we are planning and to ask their help in making sure their drivers are aware of the problem.

iv) It will be recommended that we contact Google Maps and Waze applications to apprise them of any changes that need to be made.

8) New business

a) Concerns raised in recent weeks.

i) Mr. Gargiulo did mention that we had received concerns about speeding problems on Walnut Street near Fort Street and about a problem with delivery trucks travelling up Fort St in the wrong direction in relation to its designation as a “one-way” street.

(1) Mr. Gargiulo plans to bring this up at the work session in May as he feels these may be simple matters to address.

9) Adjournment

a) A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Yenchko and seconded by Mrs. Griva

i) The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

List of Resident Attendees

Carla Lenker	801 Walnut Street
Dale Wierman	801 Walnut Street
Ashley Perez	58 North 9th Street
Sam Kinback	905 Market Street
Richard Busler	61 North 9th Street
Chris Sodano	35 North 9th Street
Tyler Myers	875 Market Street
Colleen Watson	67 North 9th Street
Rosa King	49 North 9th Street
Justin Diffenbach	49 North 9th Street
Jane Fuller	55 North 9th Street
Michael Fuller	55 North 9th Street
Barb Busler	61 North 9th Street
Elyzabeth Angeloff	50 North 9th Street
Sam Leach	917 Walnut Street
Andrea Leach	917 Walnut Street

Michael Twigg

247 Walnut Street

Attending via Zoom

Andy Jiang

875 Market

Kelly Shaffer

875 Market

Kemal Ozkanca

875 Market

Appendix
Plan of action pending approval by Council

The following intersections will be getting "No Trucks/Except local Delivery" signs

1. 9th and Walnut Sts,(By-Pass)
2. 12th and Indiana Sts
3. 3rd and Walnut Sts (Walnut - 3rd through Cumberland to Indiana at 5th)
4. "Trucks must Turn Left" at 9th and Walnut Sts
5. "Trucks must Turn Right" at 5th and Indiana Sts
6. "Trucks must Turn Right" at Riverview and Indiana St.

Items 1 - 6 above require an ordinance change.

Place a 90 degree turn warning sign on Sycamore approaching Walnut (this can be done w/o an ordinance since it is a warning sign).

Place some sort of flashing yellow light on the "No Trucks" sign at Riverview and West Walnut Sts. (Possibly a budget consideration.)

Review truck portion of ordinance and update to reflect new signage.

Purchase two speed bumps for Sycamore Street.