

Manchester Community Advisory Committee
Tuesday November 1, 2022
6:30-8:00

WE ARE MEETING IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

County representatives: Jennifer Haro has resigned. They county will need to hire her replacement before we will have county representation, again

Members in attendance: Amber Brown (At-Large), Carol Malmquist (Northern Neighborhood), Janelle Overton (California Neighborhood), Robin Williams (Alaska Neighborhood), Carrilu Thompson (Manchester Community Association), Vanessa Davis (At-large) Ray Pardo (Friends of Manchester Library)

Excused Absences: Ana Langone (Business), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester),

Missing: Kari Corey (At-Large)

Resignations:

Vacant: Colchester neighborhood

Guests in Attendance: Gentri Brierly, Wendell Finley, Christy Finley, Walter Harvey

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

A. Commissioner Garrido will make her opening statements- Not in attendance

B. Christy DeGues, Traffic Manager at Kitsap County Public Works will discuss peoples traffic complaints.

Christy came prepared to answer 4 questions that were asked of her department by the group.

1. California and Chester Intersection- <https://wsdot.wa.gov/engineering-standards/all-manuals-and-standards/manuals/traffic-manual> This link will take you to the Manual for Traffic Control that was referenced during our meeting

There is a request that the intersection at California and Chester is changed to a 4 way stop. The county has done a study of this intersection using the counts done for volume and crash history. According to this study the intersection does not meet the requirements for the change. According to the study there have been 4 accidents at this intersection in the past 5 years. The requirement is 5 accidents in a year. It also does not meet the volume requirement.

It was brought up that we had heard that if we worked with Safe Routes to schools there is money in grants that could support this change (as well as item 2). We would need to contact David Forte who is the planner for SK. The request would be for improvement, and we would need to work with the school

2. Manchester School drop off and pick up off California-

Schools were not built for the amount of traffic at pick up and drop off. They were built for bus riders and walkers. A change would need to come through the school.

3. Trucks from the Navy Project at the Manchester Fuel Depot – speed on Colchester

The question was can we ask the Trucks to go slower?

It seems that they have slowed down after conversations happened.

The answer to the question was no, we can not have variable speeds on the road.

4. Virginia Street Speed bumps - <https://wsdot.wa.gov/engineering-standards/all-manuals-and-standards/manuals/traffic-manual>

Cristy shared that we could look at Chapter 9 to find out the requirements for speed bumps. There was lots of conversation on the topic.

After the questions were answered, it was opened up to the group.

Gentri Brierly asked, “Can Dakota be widened”? It is not safe. If there was an emergency 2 cars can not go passed each other. If there was an emergency how would people evacuate?

Christy answered that currently does not meet the requirements to be widened. Suggestions were given to:

A. Contact Fire Marshal

B. Check out the County Road Map to identify the designation of road

This also led to a conversation about how our group continues to worry about how “Heritage” Lots (also called non-conforming) and how the county address them in regard to their use.

Christy suggested talking to DCD.

Carrilu asked, “What does it take to lower the speed limit on a road?” Regarding Colchester.

Christy shared that the county follows the National Standards, which is between the 85 percentiles. For Colchester that would be 45 mph and the county set the speed at 40. It takes in to account the number of driveways and how many pedestrians and bicycles. A study was done in 2019 and the results would not allow for a reduction.

She went on to share that the speed across the county is really bad. They have found that lowering the speed to below the 85th percentile increases road rage and illegal passing.

Amber suggested the green paint on the side of the road could alert drivers to pedestrians. Also, a sign about Pedestrian Traffic.

Christy also shared that the TIPP project to improve the shoulder for walking between Main and Little Clam Bay is scheduled for completion by Spring 2025.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and approval of October minutes- Approved

Carol will find out how to get minutes to county now that Jennifer has resigned

B. Discussion of goals and policies of Comprehensive Plan from the meeting with Eric Baker in mid-October – The November meeting has been canceled.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Any other business brought by members

- Octoberfest- Carrilu shared it was a great success. Very well attended. Great family event with music and fun for the kids. Lots of new faces. The only complaint was not enough brats.

Next meeting of the MCA (last Tuesdays of the month, in the library) is the planning for the Tree Lighting which will be on Sunday December 4th at 5:00

Ray shared the Friends is having a Book Sale Saturday the 5th of November 9-3.
If you would like to help set up come Friday the 4th at 2:00

- November 18th Meeting to discuss Comprehensive Plan is canceled

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Open comment period

B. Community Calendar

Tree Lighting Sunday December 4th 5:00
Friends Book Sale Saturday November 5th 9-3.

C. Next meeting Tuesday December 6, 2022