

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,  
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT  
NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Dr. Knable and Mr. Applegate, President.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**President Applegate** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2022, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Blair and Mr. Caesar who were not present at that meeting.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Dr. Knable** stated that he has a copy of an email that he believes several of the members received and that he would like to get put into the record. Said email is on file in the city clerk's office. He stated that the email is from Mr. Ralph Smith and he was kind enough to itemize several problems throughout his part of town. He said that those problem areas are Silver Street, Silver Street & Ekin Avenue and Charlestown Road. He stated that Mr. Smith had heard that we were having the traffic calming resolution tonight and took the time to put pen to paper. He asked that the clerk send this email to everyone and then pass it on to the traffic committee or wherever else the council may decide the resolution is going to go after tonight's discussion. He stated that he received a letter from the NOMAD Church Collective requesting to be considered for some of the ARP funds. Said letter is on file in the city clerk's office. He explained that they do a great deal of work with outreach to the homeless throughout the community as well as quite a bit of counseling. He stated that it is not only shelter which is obviously very important during some of these harsh weather conditions, but also trying to extend services so that they can break the cycle of poverty that so many people find themselves in. He added that the letter is from Mr. Preston Searcy and Mr. Matthew Fleenor and he is going to ask the clerk to also pass it along via email to all of the members as well as provide hard copies to Mrs. Collier and Mr. Applegate who are representatives on the redevelopment commission.

**Mr. Turner** stated that we just had a snow storm and before the storm hit, he reached out to Mr. Joe Ham and suggested that with our prioritization of snow removal, we get our emergency roads and main roads cleared and then we work with Ecotech to clear those streets where trash will be picked up. He said that if the snow comes on Thursday like it did this time, we can look at Ecotech's route and clear that if there is time. He also said that he reached out to Mr. Bryan Slade and asked him if they have routes available online and they do not, but he did forward those routes over to Mr. Ham. He stated that is something that could be done if possible and he thinks it would help a lot of people

because even with the Saturday route, some people still didn't get their trash collected because their roads weren't cleared which is a safety issue and that is fine.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that he wanted to remind everyone that it is Black History Month so it is a time to celebrate and also a time to reflect on the accomplishments of our African American cities in building our great nation. He then stated that his second comment is in opposition to HB 1143 which passed the Indiana House recently. He explained that it is basically a bill trying to legislate what can be taught in our public schools. He stated that as someone who has worked in the field of education for 35 years, there is a phrase that they often use which says "Those who can, teach-Those who can't, make policies about teaching". He said that is exactly what is happening in the State of Indiana today. He stated that this largely stems from the "dog whistle" issue that has been generated in our culture called Critical Race Theory and it is really the teaching of American History. He said that systemic racism has been part of our history since our founding and continues to be part of our history today. He stated that it all starts with how much control parents should have over education. He said it started with sex education and the parents thought kids shouldn't have sex education so let's excuse them from that. He stated that it later progressed to evolution, which offends my values so my kid shouldn't learn about evolution. He said that it has now drifted into US History and it is a very dangerous trend along with book banning that we see occurring across our country. He stated that he opposes this bill for that reason and wants education to be free from the dictates of government.

**Mr. Caesar** said that he agrees with Mr. Phipps and won't elaborate on it other than that history doesn't need to be messed with. He then stated that Dr. Knable came up with a document for traffic calming so if we all get our documents together and give them to the traffic committee then they can make sure that all of those comments get to the board of works. He also stated that there does seem to be areas in town where people are in such a rush, rush, rush, but then there are other areas like on E. Elm Street where we put in all of the stop signs that, at times, seems to go too slow. He said that there have been a lot of things done on this by the committee and it seems that it is almost worth an advertising campaign rather than a policing thing. He then said that there were some things that came up on the building authority so he would rather table that this evening and put it in committee just to kind of dot an "i" that he didn't know needed to be dotted.

**Dr. Knable** stated that if R-22-02 is going to be remanded in committee, can we specify for the record which committee it is going to be remanded to.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that the police department would be the only body that is left in the building that would have any rights to the building, so he would look at putting it in the police committee which has police and fire as well as public safety & traffic.

**Mr. Blair** stated that the police station is owned by the county and is not part of the building authority. He said that the building authority only owned the building where city hall was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. He stated that it wouldn't be appropriate to put it in the police committee since the building authority doesn't own the building that they are located in. He said that he thinks it would be more appropriate to put it into the public works committee.

**Mr. Turner** stated that he agrees with that.

**Mr. Blair** asked Mr. Caesar if he could elaborate more on why he is tabling R-22-02.

**Dr. Knable** stated that if it is going to be tabled, it can't be discussed. He said that he just thinks that they need to know where it is going.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that the safety committee has already addressed that issue. He said that they discussed it at their last meeting, but they didn't take a formal vote on it so they do need to get together and finalize it and take that vote.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that the police committee is where it has already been discussed to go.

**Mr. Blair** asked at what point Mr. Caesar can tell them why he is tabling it.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he would go on with his comments and once we get to the point where Mr. Caesar is going to table it, we can decide then if there is any more information on it. He then stated that he wanted to thank the street department for all of their hard work and long hours that they put in during the snow storm because he thought everything was taken care of really well on the roadways. He said that he wants reports from Mrs. Moeller to still come via email rather than hard copies.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Mr. Hall** stated that Mayor Gahan wanted to thank the street department crews and public safety teams who were out working hard to combat the ice storm. He said that he spoke with Mr. Ham today and he said that there was over 450 tons of salt that was applied to roadways during this storm. He stated that there were a lot of man hours and a lot of energy spent to make our roads safe and traversable for everyone. He added that there are still some icy areas out there because the temperature has been very cold, so please do be careful.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:**

#### **REPORTS – COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR OTHER OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL:**

##### **Public Safety, Traffic & Police Committee Update**

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they had a police committee meeting where they met about safety and traffic, the police department and the building authority. He said that in that meeting they talked about the North Y and the extension to E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and possibly adding new signage so it is on notice to see what could be done. He added that a lot of issues that have happened in that area were due to drunk driving, driving while impaired or high rates of speed. He stated that they did speak with Police Chief Bailey about the mobile unit that was used last year and it did very well, so they are in the process of getting another one to move around the city. He said that they are even looking at a possible message board. He stated that they did also talk about having public service announcement campaigns out there throughout the year for back to school, bike week, pedestrian safety, etc. He said that they also checked in on AMR Ambulance and everyone is looking at the Covid numbers and even though the hospitals are busy, ambulance wait times are in line with where Police Chief Bailey and Fire Chief Juliot think they should be. He added that there are instances that do come up, but for the most part, they were at a good level and they found no need for any changes at this time. He stated that they also talked about their procedures and they do have a good plan in place between police, fire, ambulance services and hospitals to continue to monitor that situation to ensure that our community stays safe.

**Dr. Knable** asked if there was any data shared at that meeting that the council and/or the public could have access to with regards to the number of traffic tickets trending over the last 12-18 months, traffic accident numbers and severity as well as the number of runs of the ambulances and average call times.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he will request that information at the next meeting. He said that he thinks the last numbers were given in November or December on AMR so he will ask for an update to those.

**Dr. Knable** stated that as we have gone through the Omicron peak, he would like to see those numbers. He also stated that he doesn't think that they have ever had data from year to year on the number of traffic tickets issued or the number of accidents. He said as far as traffic calming, he feels that we have been reactive and as a council he would like to be more proactive, but they would need a baseline of data to look at the trends.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he will request that data. He then stated that in the last redevelopment meeting, a needs assessment was issued for a study of the police department's needs, a possible location and all of those items involved. He said that will take roughly six weeks and they are pretty much waiting to see what that report says before moving forward on anything.

**One Southern Indiana – Vote to have them appear before the council.**

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he will set it up with them to come in to give a report since everyone voted in favor.

**ARP Plan Update**

**Mr. Applegate** stated that Mr. Staten is out and he will not be able to do that this evening so he assumes it will be pushed to the next meeting. He said that he will get with Mr. Staten and get that scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**READING**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: R-22-01 Traffic Calming Measures**

**COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: R-22-01 Traffic Calming Measures**

<b>R-22-01</b>	<b>Resolution Urging Greater Traffic Calming Measures</b>	<b>Turner/ Blair</b>
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**Mr. Phipps** moved to send this resolution to committee, **Mrs. Collier** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair** and **Dr. Knable** who voted no.

**Dr. Knable** moved to extend the return of this resolution to the first meeting in March, **Mr. Caesar** second, all voted in favor.

**Dr. Knable** asked if the process of sending items to committee applies to resolutions as well or only ordinances.

**Ms. Stein** stated that it does. She said that on the ordinances it is supposed to be more automatic and resolutions can be sent to committee if determined by the majority of the council.

**Mr. Blair** stated that was not his understanding on the day that they had elections for officers. He said that question was directly asked and he thought the answer was that any council person has the right to bring something forth on the agenda.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that it is on the agenda. He said that in the ordinance it says that if it is on the agenda, it will be put to committee for discussion.

**Dr. Knable** asked what is wrong with having a discussion prior to the vote of sending it to committee. He said that since it is not automatic like an ordinance going into committee, he thinks a discussion would be warranted.

**Ms. Stein** stated that she thinks they can discuss sending it to committee, but discussing the resolution itself is out of order.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that it wasn't sent to committee beforehand so he is recommending that it be sent now.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he thinks that time is of the essence on this. He said when he is receiving so many emails and calls on speeding, he doesn't see where a delay of another week or two weeks is warranted when they could possibly take positive action on the issue tonight. He stated that they could discuss the resolution tonight and then it could go to committee or they always have the option to meet in committee as a whole. He added that they could meet in committee as a whole tonight and discuss this. He stated that he also thinks that a little latitude might be warranted based upon the fact that there was a misunderstanding that resolutions would not go through that process.

**Mr. Blair** stated that they have had this in committee in prior years and nothing transpired except a lot of discussion and talk. He said that he is afraid this is another way to sort of push it back and not have a realistic outcome or discussion about it. He then asked if there is a deadline on when it will come back to the council from committee.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that it was said to bring it back to the council at the next meeting but with the next meeting being next week, that may not be enough time so it may have to be the first meeting in March. He said that everything that everyone is saying is exactly why this needs to go to committee first. He also said that this resolution is what Mr. Turner and Mr. Blair thinks should happen but it needs to be looked at as a whole and as a city. He stated that we have a committee that is working on all of these different items with public safety and traffic and it all needs to be put together. He also stated that it is in the ordinance to proceed this way and he said from the beginning that he was going to follow the procedure. He said that Mr. Turner and Mr. Blair chose not to do that on this. He added that it wasn't brought to anyone and the first he heard of it was when he received the agenda.

**Mr. Turner** stated that his reason for writing this resolution is because for two years, traffic calming has been brought up in 17 different meetings.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that there has been stuff done by the traffic committee.

**Mr. Turner** stated that 17 times this has been brought up and he has emailed the board of works about issues in the past. He said that several times in 2021 this was brought up and there were never any updates. He explained that it was first brought up in December 2019 by Mr. Blair when he was president and he asked for everyone's information. He said on February 3, 2020, it was brought up and Mr. Phipps at that time said that it should be a resolution of the board of works. He stated that on February 20, 2020, Mr. Applegate said that the street department and the police department should be engaged on easy fixes and not a comprehensive plan and Mr. Blair asked if a study could be budgeted. He said that Mr. Phipps again said to start with a resolution at the board of works. He stated that on March 2, 2020, Dr. Knable asked Mr. Applegate to add the priority of traffic calming. He said that on June 18, 2020, Mr. Blair brought up traffic calming concerns from constituents over a year ago and thought it was time to start talking about a comprehensive plan and Mr. Caesar asked if the committee could convene. He stated that he spoke about needing a comprehensive plan at that time. He said on July 16, 2020, he brought up traffic calming and Mr. Applegate stated that Clark Dietz would be doing that pro-bono and once it is received, the process will be formulated quickly. He stated that on August 3, 2020, Mr. Applegate received information from Clark Dietz and said that they will put together a good plan and set up a time so they all can meet. He said that on August 20, 2020, Mr. Applegate stated that the traffic committee will meet next week. He stated that on September 10, 2020, Mr. Applegate said that traffic has set up a final meeting to get the process together. He said that on November 2, 2020, he asked the status on traffic and Mr. Applegate said they were still putting a package together. He stated that on December 7, 2020, he said that his mailbox was hit on McDonald and traffic calming is important and Mr. Applegate didn't say anything. He said that on February 1, 2021, during the ordinance for the taxis, he said that the council needs to look at it as a whole and Mr. Blair agreed, but there was no mention of any committee. He stated that on February 18, 2021, he said that traffic calming needs to be a high priority and Mrs. Collier, during that taxi meeting, said one taxi or 20,000 taxis, she is grateful that they get the protection that they need. He stated that Mr. Caesar thanked everyone for the effort to help protect our citizens. He said that on April 5, 2021, he brought up lowering speed limits on Mt. Tabor Road and traffic overall, but no more mentions of traffic committee. He stated that on April 15, 2021, he spoke with Mr. Nash about speed limits on Mt. Tabor Road and Mr. Nash said that he would look at the city as a whole and would have answers by the end of April and there was no mention of committee. He said that on June 17, 2021, he and Mr. Blair brought up traffic calming and there was no talk about committee. He stated that on September 9, 2021, Mr. Blair said that speeding was still an issue and needs to be put on the forefront and put effort into, but there was no communication. He said that his question is, after two years of bringing it up, how can they trust this now because words without action are just words. He asked how come after two years, they can't say in a resolution that they, beholding to their constituents, want the board of works to come up with a plan in six months. He added that it sounds to him like they have a pretty good start. He stated that he thinks this is a great option and a great thing to do and all they want is answers for their constituents and they deserve it.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he is not going to discuss it anymore because Mr. Turner is acting like nothing has been done. He said that there has been a lot of work that public safety & traffic has been put in and there have been a lot of elements that have been put forth, so there have been things that were completed. He stated that he will get a full report.

**Mr. Turner** asked how they prioritize it.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they talk with them about certain elements and certain places and then the police have their elements on certain things from nine different people and when those buttons get pushed, they look at hot spots around the city, tickets, accident reports, etc. He said that as they look at this as a whole, he will get a report together and show all of the items that have been done. He also said that when Mr. Turner read his dates and items, he acts as if nothing has been done and that is false.

**Mr. Turner** asked why there was no update when they asked for it.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he has given updates in these meetings and gave updates after they met with Clark Dietz.

**Mr. Turner** asked why they didn't get an update after asking for two years.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he has given updates during the council meetings.

**Mr. Turner** stated that there have been no updates in two years. He added that after 2020, there were no updates.

**Mr. Aebersold** stated that they haven't had an update telling the council what they are going to do but they have been doing stuff all over. He said that they have installed stop signs, stop lights, caution lights, lowered the speed limit on Charlestown Road as well as Grant Line Road and Slate Run Road and they have done a lot of work on State Street out by the expressway. He said that a lot of this stuff can't be done overnight but from what he has seen and heard, they have done a lot of things in the last year or two.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they have met many times and that's how those items have gotten done and this resolution will go into committee to be discussed and compared to all of the stuff they have looked at in the traffic committee.

**Mr. Turner** said that they have worked on this for two years and asked if they are saying that they can't ask the board of works to have something together in six months. He also said that he wonders how they prioritize these jobs because in his district and in his neighborhood, he is not seeing a lot of traffic calming going on. He stated that he is curious if 85 percentile is done and curious about volumes as well as what we are actually looking at comprehensively. He said that all they want from the board of works is a plan in six months.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they are discussing whether this needs to go to committee or not.

**Mr. Turner** said he is telling him why it needs to be voted on tonight. He said that the board of works needs to give them answers because it has been over two years.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that Mr. Turner is talking about the specifics of the resolution and that is not allowed.

**Mr. Turner** said it has been two years with no action.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that there has been action.

**Mr. Blair** stated that there has been action, but a lot of it is streets that have been rebuilt like Slate Run Road or the downtown street grid. He said that he represents more of a suburban district and there are a lot of neighborhoods that are cut-throughs and people are

speeding through those and nothing has been done there. He stated that he was in that meeting with Clark Dietz and their recommendation was to have a communications campaign and bring this out into the public. He said that he liked that, but nothing has transpired and that is something simple to do but we have never done it. He stated that nothing has been done in neighborhoods and now is the time to do something because we can't just push things off.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked Mr. Turner and Mr. Blair if they have brought up those specific areas up to the committee.

**Mr. Blair** stated that they have and said they should do it in a more comprehensive study done on some of these streets and neighborhoods.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that Police Chief Bailey brought up in a meeting that citizens need to call 948-NAPD which is the same number that they report non-emergency issues to and that way they have a log. He said that when they see that there are quite a few in a particular area then they can send someone out in that area to patrol and so forth. He stated that they will start seeing patterns and then we can direct our efforts to those that have the biggest issues.

**Mr. Blair** stated that needs to be communicated to the public so they know to use that line, which has not been done. He stated that mentioning here at a council meeting is not communicating to the public as a whole. He said that they need that communication.

**Mr. Turner** asked if he will be on the committee since he wrote the resolution. He then stated that he just wants a plan in six months.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he is not saying anything negative towards the resolution. He said, as he mentioned at the start of this year, he is going to push a resolution to go through committee, if it was not discussed prior to going on the agenda because all of this discussion could've happened in committee and they could've come up with specific items.

**Mr. Turner** stated that there are no specific items that he wants on there to tell the board of works how to do their job.

**Mr. Blair** stated that they just want results. He said that none of them are experts but they know there are issues and they just want to see progress on resolving those issues. He also said that they need to engage a traffic expert.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they are discussing the resolution again and that is not allowed. He said that this being sent to committee is what is on the table right now.

**Mr. Blair** stated that the place to send it is to the experts and that is board of works, not a committee that doesn't have experience in traffic calming.

**Mr. Turner** stated that as a council, they should vote on this tonight and take it before the board of works. He said it is a simple vote and the discussion has already been done and they could already have it done.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that the general idea here is to get somewhat of a standard operating procedure in place on how these things go to committee before they actually vote on them. She also stated that she thinks it is better procedure because there will be more



input into the resolution rather than the council just looking at the resolution and making a decision prior to the meeting.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that it is very similar to the process that happens with PUDs.

**Mr. Turner** stated that it is just a shame to send this to committee when it has been in committee for over two years.

**Mr. Blair** stated that it needs to go to the experts' hands now because none of us are experts and it has been two years.

**Dr. Knable** asked exactly what committee it is going to.

**Mr. Applegate** stated public safety and traffic and if there are any issues with the police on this, the committee members are talking with them as well.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he believes it is supposed to come back to the council at the next scheduled meeting unless another date is agreed upon by the majority of the council and that the author of the resolution is to be made part of that committee as a non-voting member. He said that would be Mr. Turner and/or Mr. Blair to sit in on those meetings to give input but not vote with regards to a favorable or unfavorable recommendation.

**Ms. Stein** stated that is in 30.52 and 30.53. She also stated that when you have meetings back-to-back like these, it may be more practical to extend the return meeting date.

**Dr. Knable** stated that you would still have to have them majority of the council to do that.

**Ms. Stein** replied yes. She then stated that the person introducing the resolution should be notified of the time and place of the committee meeting so they can attend as a non-voting member.

**Mr. Turner** asked if he can livestream that meeting because he will. He then said that there are people from the public that signed up to speak on this and asked if they can still speak even though it wasn't introduced. He also said that public comments come first before an item is introduced.

**Ms. Stein** stated that in her opinion it wouldn't be appropriate for the public to speak on an item that is not being voted on.

**Mr. Turner** stated that the council should not have discussed it going to committee before the public got to speak.

**Ms. Stein** said that she disagrees.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that when the it comes back, they will be able to speak on the final resolution.

**Mr. Blair** stated that they signed up to speak tonight.

**Dr. Knable** recommended that since it is now a non-agenda item that they be allowed to speak under non-agenda public comments. He added that up until tonight, we have never put limitations with regards to what the public can speak about under non-agenda items. He said that it is at the president's discretion, but he would strongly encourage this body to hear out people that came out on a cold night to speak regardless of the subject matter.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he will allow them to speak under non-agenda public comments. He said that they need to keep it non-specific to the resolution since that is going to be discussed and may change.

**COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: R-22-02 Withdraw from Building Authority**

**COOMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: R-22-02 Withdraw from Building Authority**

**R-22-02            A Resolution Withdrawing from the            Caesar**  
**New Albany-Floyd County Building Authority**

**Mr. Caesar** tabled this item.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that in the discussion earlier, he said that he will have the committees that were involved before on that. He said that they will also be in touch with public works to make sure there is no overlap on what is being done.

**Mr. Blair** asked why public works can't join with public safety on this.

**Ms. Stein** asked if that is what Mr. Applegate said.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he said they will communicate with public works. He pointed out that if they joined the meetings, they would have a quorum.

**Mr. Blair** asked if they could choose a representative off the public works to be there.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he will keep it as it is.

**Mr. Blair** stated that this is clearly a public works issue and you have put it into a committee that is not public works. He said that even though it has been discussed in another committee, that wasn't the formal place to put it. He stated that it needs to be in public works. He said that you can't just pick and choose what committee you want to put something in.

**Ms. Stein** stated that public works committee is to consider and report on all matters pertaining to streets, alleys, sewers (sanitary and storm), drainage and garbage collections.

**Mr. Blair** asked which committee has the building authority and the facilities and such?

**Mr. Caesar** stated that it is just an appointee on the building authority and the rest of them are from the county.

**Mr. Turner** stated that Mr. Bonifer is the one on that.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he was appointed to the trustees who then appoint the board. He said that he will keep it with the police committee since they are the ones that are in the building and will be involved with that and they will communicate with public works as needed as well as keep them updated.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

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**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

**Mr. Dale Bagshaw, 35 Galt Street,** ceded his time.

**Ms. Ann McNally, 1513 Charlestown Road,** stated that she purchased the property in 2016, two years after a car took out a house on that property. She said that just since she has owned the property, they have had cars flip in people's front yards, she has had five separate car insurance claims just at her property from vehicles being hit that belong to them. She stated that the last one totaled two cars, damaged another car, damaged her building and damaged her carport. She said that it was over \$50,000.00 in damages and while she has great respect for your person that has lost three mailboxes, she thinks her complaint trumps that. She stated that she has been complaining to the people here including Mr. Applegate and Mr. Turner and the simple resolution they came up with was to put up yet another sign. She said she understands that they say it is because of drugs and because of alcohol, etc., but that is not okay because a sign is not going to fix that. She stated that they need a solution. She said that two minutes before that car took out two cars, damaged another one and hit her building and her carport, her daughter and her boyfriend were in that driveway. She stated that in two minutes her daughter and boyfriend could have been murdered by this person running from the police at a 90-mph speed chase through the city of New Albany. She said this is not okay and she has been begging for someone to come up with something to fix this. She stated that Ms. Crystal Lewis stormed out of this meeting because a car flipped in front of her house and almost hit her house in the area where her children were sleeping. She said that Ms. Lewis now has PTSD and worries about her children so she had to rearrange her entire house because of this. She stated that this isn't just about traffic calming, this is about that someone is going to die. She said that in the first accident in front of her house, the car came from three feet behind her and plowed into her daughter's boyfriend's car when he overcorrected because he came around the curve too fast. She said that she could've died that day. She stated that this has to be dealt with and she has begged and pleaded and she is at the point now where she has lost her tenants. She said that she doesn't know how she's going to be able to keep this property and rent it to anyone because what do you tell your tenants when they ask "well what kind of problems have you had here?". She stated she could say that the last damages were for \$50,000.00 but please rent from her. She said that she is not at the point to where she is looking at selling her property that was listed on Facebook as her retirement plan. She said that she had planned on moving into this property when she retired and she no longer has that confidence because she can't have her grandkids play in that yard. She stated that she is not going to take the chance of losing one of her children. She said that Ms. Lewis has children that are outside on the sidewalk and we have neighbors who are elderly and people who walk their dogs. She stated that somebody needs to take this seriously and do something about it. She said that is all she is asking, and another sign isn't going to fix it because they already have plenty of signs. She asked how many signs they have put up on the overpass where the railroad goes across the road, and does it stop how many wrecks happen there every single year? She stated that adding signs doesn't fix it, she wants a real solution. She said that she is to the point where she is looking at getting an attorney because she is tired of playing games with it. She stated that she is losing, and no one seems to be worried about that, and she is not going to lose one of her family members or one of her neighbors.

**Ms. Crystal Lewis, 1515 Charlestown Road,** stated that in 2021 a car came three feet away from her house and flipped and had it not flipped, it would have taken out her children. She said that her children are four and seven and asked Mr. Applegate how that would make him feel? She stated that she had to rearrange her house and put her children in the back of the house and put her room up front because God, forbid, her kids die, but

it's okay for her to. She said that's alright because she would rather it be her than her children. She stated that they don't get to play out front or actually get to play on the sidewalks because they are not allowed to play there and she doesn't have a backyard; she only has a front yard. She said that they go camping every chance they get just so her children can enjoy outdoor activities. She stated that she can't even put her trash cans outside because three times she had to replace them last year alone. She said that it is all coming from Charlestown Road and heading towards E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that she would like to see data on how the traffic patterns have switched since it was made a two-way street. She said this involves her children and family and she is begging for a resolution to this any way possible, but not signs because they don't help. She said that they have plenty of signs now.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Jason Applegate, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk