

## OHECA Board Meeting, April 25, 2024

Attending: Gary Koblitz, President  
Stacy Cheshire, Vice President  
Don Irvine, Treasurer  
Gary Jensen, Community Yard  
Michelle Castillo, Contests  
Patti Alf, Directory Advertising and Distribution  
Adair Petty, Grounds  
Jody Terry, Membership  
Les Terry, Membership  
Tom Malejko, Membership Records  
Ann Hodges, Transportation

- President updated progress toward the scheduled May 22 community meeting on street safety, including invited officials. Commitments have been received from FCPD (W. Springfield), Supervisor Herrity's office, Sen. Foy, Del. Cohen, FCDOT, and VDOT. The Supervisor's office has been investigating the installation of streetlights at the intersections of Bridlewood/Huntsman and Houndmaster/Huntsman

- President stated that Del Cohen met briefly with Herrity's staff and wondered if OHECA had Huntsman crosswalks it wanted to prioritize. President responded to staff that he wanted to wait until after the meetings.

-President reviewed results of the January-February 2024 speed study. Comments and discussion followed, including that drivers slowed upon seeing the speed display. Results of the second study, which does not include lighted speed indicators, will hopefully give more accurate information. President questioned why the speed limit of Sydenstricker Road is 30 mph while Huntsman is 25 mph, given their apparent similar situations. Ann Hodges advised that the master plan allows for Sydenstricker to be a 4-lane road.

- President gave a video presentation covering crosswalks, speed, and related signage to show at the May 22 meeting. The presentation graphically illustrated inconsistencies including street entry speed limits, types of crosswalk markings, side street crosswalk markings, crosswalk and "watch for children" signage, school and pool pavement markings, school blinking light signage, and pavement lettering. Historical and similar street photos were included in the presentation to illustrate the inconsistencies. Refuge

islands in crosswalks were discussed as were “no parking” signs at the Spelman/Huntsman intersection (Orange Hunt School crosswalk area).

-President provided a list of recommendations which were discussed. They include:

- \*Changing the speed limit on Sydenstricker Road to 25 mph

- \*Add 25 mph speed limit signs to every side street entry from Huntsman and any other appropriate locations

- \*Add “SCHOOL” pavement wording at Sangster

- \*Add Ped X-ing signs at all Huntsman/Sydenstricker intersections and Cottontail pool

- \*Add Ped X-ing signs at Cottontail pool crossing

- \*Add Ped X-ing sign to SB approach to Cottontail pool

- \*Add “Ahead” to Ped X-ing warning signs approaches several existing signs

- \*Evaluate 4 hatched X-ins for Huntsman/Old Keene Mill

- \*Add crosswalk to Huntsman/Coachman intersection

- \*Add 4<sup>th</sup> crosswalk to Huntsman/Sydenstricker

- \*Add crosswalk at Orange Hunt pool

- \*Reevaluate other potential crosswalk locations within Orange Hunt

- Board members offered comments and recommendations on the presentation. RRFBs (rectangular rapid flash beacons) were discussed and should be included in Recommendations. Consistent markings using reflective paint or turtles should be a high priority. Solar powered blinking stop signs at Huntsman/Sydenstricker and solar powered speed signs were also discussed.

- Board members provided suggestions on seating plans and conduct of the May 22 meeting. Tom Maleyko will construct an online form for residents to submit questions in advance of the meeting. The Terrys will bring index cards and pens/pencils for distribution to attendees to submit questions/comments at the meeting. President will email the invited officials regarding the agenda and expectations for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Alf for Suzanne Dominick, Secretary