

Meeting Summary: Bayside Safety Committee
Meeting date: February 9, 2022

The Safety Committee met via Zoom and members present were:

Michael Tirrell (chair)
Gina Cressey
Lisa Fryer
Beanie Einstein
Jim Coughlin
Jeffrey Wilt

Village residents present: Dan Webster

The agenda was as follows:

1. Seasonal Staff Update: Police and Lifeguards
2. Speeding Sub-Group Update
3. Parking Ordinance Update
4. Bayside Safety Guide
5. Bayside Safety Day

Seasonal Staff Update

Michael Tirrell reviewed the current plans for seasonal staff, including police and lifeguards. Danny Ryosa will return as a police officer and the Personnel Committee will work to frame his schedule and the management of his time. Also, the Personnel Committee has started to explore the hiring of a part-time police officer to cover for Danny's days off. All current budget parameters will be met in the hiring of any additional police personnel.

Summer lifeguards: Ronin Deschamps has indicated that he'll return to service as lifeguard next summer. Thomas Parker is also likely to return, though he needs a bit more time to sort out his summer plans. In early March, Michael Tirrell will update Personnel and Safety Committees about Thomas's plans to return. The goal is to have lifeguard service on the Bayside waterfront for seven days a week for the run of the season.

Speeding Sub-Group

A sub-committee of the Safety Committee was formed last year to look at what else we might consider seeking funding for over the next few years to address speeding concerns and so-called hotspots. That group hasn't met since the end of last season and will regroup soon. Ideas being considered include speed bumps, speed humps, child safety signs, crosswalks, and more. Michael Tirrell mentioned that one or two residents have asked recently about painted crosswalks. No funds are currently budgeted to implement any new ideas to address speeding.

Parking Ordinance Update

Michael Tirrell updated the committee about the work by the ad-hoc parking enforcement committee which has been exploring ideas for communicating the new parking rules over the coming season. The Safety Committee does not have oversight on the new Parking Ordinance.

Bayside Safety Guide

A new draft of the Bayside Safety Guide is in process. Michael Tirrell said he would regroup with Jessica Cohen on this for 2022. No funds are budgeted, though the printing of a new guide might be possible in the current budget.

Bayside Safety Day

The committee discussed whether to schedule another Safety Day for this summer. Dan Webster provided information that the last one was in 2019. COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation of Safety Day in subsequent years. Gina Cressey mentioned key committee members involved in past Safety Days are not present in this meeting – including Jim Huning, who had chaired this event and secured safety-related vehicles and their drivers who allowed kids to explore the vehicles. Also, the last Safety Day featured planned kids' activities that Lisa Fryer and Jessica Cohen coordinated to great success. The committee left the question of pursuing Safety Day in 2022 for discussion at the next meeting.

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