



Manchester Citizens Advisory Council

Minutes of April 6, 2021 MCAC Meeting
Virtual ZOOM Meeting
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Malmquist at 6:31 p.m.

County representatives: Jennifer Haro, Jeff Shea and Charlotte Garrido

Members in attendance: Mark Mckay, Ray Pardo, Carrilu Thompson, Carol Malmquist, Paul Nuchims, Kari Kaltenborn-Corey

Excused Member Absences: Denise Burbidge

Guests in Attendance: Amber Brown, Laurieann Aladdin, Glenn Schmitt, Scott Darnell, Lieutenant Commander Ed Nixon, Brian Davis and Rita M.

Jeff Shea offered to address concerns and questions regarding speed limit reductions, specifically Ray Pardo's concerns from MCAC's March meeting regarding speed limits around Manchester Elementary.

Jeff Shea shared that the Colchester collision rate is very low while the Alaska and California collision rates are a little higher

Jeff Shea inquired about the lowered speed limit boundary that Ray Pardo suggested.

Ray Pardo explained the desire to encompass the school with the lowered speed limits. There are also many driveways and entrances that would benefit from being included in the lower speed limit zone. He also expressed the desire for more signage to reinforce the speed limit.

Glenn Schmitt inquired how the speed reduction would impact cargo routes. Ray Pardo assured that impacts would be limited.

In order to implement the speed reduction, community and county approval are required. Social media advertising and outreach campaigns can be implemented to inquire community support.

Commissioner Garrido provided County level updates:

The Gorst Coalition is working to improve transportation through the Gorst Corridor.

The county is very excited about the Manchester library expansion project.



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The County is preparing to re-open the County Administration Building

The County acquired the former gym on Mile Hill and plans to use it as a housing shelter.

Carol Malmquist questioned the availability of rehabilitation services and presence of substances at the new shelter. Commissioner Garrido shared the zero substance policy implemented at the shelter, and shared the desire to increase rehabilitation services.

Glenn Schmitt and Scott Darnell shared a presentation from the Fuel Depot:

The fuel depot will be deconstructing and removing old tanks and constructing new ones. The tanks will all be trucked in and out which may increase traffic, primarily during the day. The plan is to acquire the contract within the next month and begin the construction in June/July.

Ray Pardo and guest Rita M. expressed concerns about prohibiting pedestrians and bicyclists on Beach Dr.

Carol Malmquist clarified where pedestrians would be impeded.

Glenn Schmitt assured the group that they will work with the county to address traffic concerns if possible.

Carol Malmquist inquired about the destruction process. Glenn Schmitt shared that the process will be finalized once the contract is established.

Paul Nuchims introduced the possibility of shipping the tanks by barge instead of delivering them by trucks. Glenn Schmitt expressed a lot of complications about shipping the supplies due to the Clean Water Act and the lack of barge landings.

The Army Reserves will also be conducting a fuel transportation training exercise. An official route for transportation is yet to be established. Lieutenant Ed Nixon assured that the training exercise will not interfere with weekends or Father's Day. Brian Davis elaborated on the Army's overall goal. The community will be informed about the training exercises in May.

Rita M. expressed concerns about the smell from the tanks and a new eagle nest. Glenn Schmitt reassured that the depot has considered nesting. He is unsure about the smell but will inquire.



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Laurieann Aladdin shared concerns about the fuel depot transportation adding to traffic near the Manchester grill.

Carol Malmquist inquired about other signs that could be posted to warn new drivers. Jeff Shea offered to look into the traffic possibilities there.

March minutes:

Ray Pardo moved to pass. Kari Kaltenborn-Corey seconds. Passed unanimously.

Ray Pardo offered to communicate with Jeff Shea about the survey for community support of speed reduction.

Ray Pardo shared that the Manchester Library groundbreaking was April 3rd. A building fund was started to raise about \$300,000. Two Manchester neighbors agreed to match donation dollars.

Carrilu Thompson questioned the addition of a speed limit reduction on Colchester to the community survey. Ray Pardo suggests that it be surveyed separately from the other speed limit reduction issues.

Kari Kaltenborn-Corey expressed a desire to hear more about the new shelter being developed on Mile Hill. Jennifer Haro offered to look into having a representative speak about the new shelter on Mile Hill.

Paul Nuchims introduced the idea of hosting the May MCAC meeting in person in the Library parking lot. He also inquired about the possibility of contacting local legislators about bringing fuel depot materials via waterways. Ray Pardo suggests we ask the contractor first.

Mark McKay expressed support for the emphasis on traffic safety.

Ray Pardo shared that Scott Billingsley has the trail permit paperwork officially submitted.

The next MCAC meeting will be May 4th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Carrilu Thompson motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Nuchims seconds. Passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned 8:01 p.m.