

**Town of University Park**  
**Council Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety**

Wednesday, June 17, 2020  
(via Zoom)

Meeting Minutes

Committee members present: Joe Schultz, Ward 2; Martha Wells, Ward 6; Roland Stephen, Ward 7

Guests: UPPD Chief Harvey Baker

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Update from Chief Baker

- Reviewed recent complaints re. drivers failing to stop at signs. UPPD has purchased and will soon deploy 4 LED stop signs, solar powered, refurbished \$500/each. The department is also compiling data at stop signs around town, with the help of one of the crossing guards who had been managing the intersection near UPES, and will report in due course.
- Handheld speed cameras for use on the perimeter roads are still under review, proposal will be forthcoming. The chief forwarded a preliminary plan of deployment for speed signs along the perimeter and in the interior of the town. Committee discussed asking the town's CERT team to repeat the traffic-speed monitoring exercise it carried out last year.
- Traffic enforcement. Not much data to report, officers have been operating with extra caution in light of the pandemic and recent tensions around law enforcement.

2. Committee work session: long-range traffic planning and management

- A key to a successful process will be to stay focused on real goals, calm traffic and a safe environment, not be distracted by particular devices or tools or approaches.
- Can further aid effectiveness by narrowing focus to specific streets and corridors within the town.

- If the town is serious about a planned, systematic approach to managing traffic, then it has to agree to a budget to support it. The opportunity exists now to fund some initiatives with monies that were budgeted by not expended in FY20.
- Schultz was tasked with drafting a work plan / starter proposal by next meeting to provide a basis for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Joe Schultz, Chair