

On Dec 15, 2018, at 10:03 AM, G wrote:

Hello Michael,

My name is G. Councilman Knight forwarded me your email stating your concerns regarding the entry feature located at the intersection on Mallow Road and Mount View Lane and asked me to contact you. I understand and appreciate your concerns about wasteful spending, let me give some background information regarding the process that lead to the installation of the Cragmor entry feature. The cost of the feature, landscaping, and the sandstone monument signs that will be installed in 2019 is part of the City's traffic calming fund, not 2C money. The impetus for the feature began in 2015 when the West Edge Apartments project, located on the site of the Bates Elementary School, was in the public meeting stage. These public meetings identified a need to calm traffic on Mount View Lane which is a cut-through between Nevada Ave and Union Blvd and Austin Bluffs Parkway and identify Cragmor as a neighborhood where drivers should drive safely. The City committed to the installation of the feature and now has begun the installation process, which includes the feature on Mallow and an additional sandstone monument sign located on the round-a-bout on Hancock/Manchester roads adjacent to Portal Park.

Currently the entry feature is not very appealing to look at, it is very "industrial" in appearance. The City, as well as our neighbors in Cragmor have commented on this. I met with City staff 12/13/c options, you are welcome to participate if you like. Also, keep in mind that there will be a sandstone monument sign and zeriscape landscape plantings installed in 2019 that will definitely improve the appearance of the feature.

I have attached a graphic of what the monument will look like, the initial concept drawing for the feature, and minutes from a meeting with City staff regarding the feature. Additionally you can search the NextDoor Cragmor website where the feature has been discussed. Updates on the feature have been discussed at several meetings of the CNA for several years, the minutes from these meetings are posted on the Nextdoor website.

If you have further questions or would like to talk/meet please call/text/email.

Regards,

G

On Sat, Dec 15, 2018 at 3:57 PM Mike wrote:

G,

Thank you for your response. I must have missed the notice about a public meeting. When was this meeting? Where was it posted or advertised? Had I known, I would of voiced my concerns and asked to deny or even change this project. As I said, in my email to Councilman Knight, whether is was from 2C or

the city traffic "calming fund" it is not something that is a priority. Especially when some city streets are in need of paving. Some are in the Cragmor area. G, honestly do you really think that a sign and/or this median are going to deter unsafe driving? Perhaps just a sign would have been less expensive? Did you consider that? However, no sign or median is going to slow down traffic. It takes enforcement by our police department. Just 3 days ago, I saw CSPD officers enforcing the speed on Mount View with radar.

So, HOW MUCH DID THIS COST, so far? Now you want to improve the appearance of the median and then there is the landscaping and the sandstone sign. Not to mention the other sign by Portal Park. What is the additional cost to taxpayers? I believe that you owe your neighbors/taxpayers a full accounting of funds spent on this project. I expect a dollar cost of the material and cost of labor for this project.

I am still of the opinion that this was not a wise use of city funds. I look forward to receiving the funding information that I requested.

Mike

From: G

Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2018 7:16 PM

To: Mike

Cc: Knight, Don

Subject: Re: Cragmor Entry Feature

Mike,

All CNA meetings are open to the public, I posted 10 - 3'x 3' wire frame signs at each entry to the Cragmor neighborhood and along the grass margin of Danville Park two weeks prior to the meeting advertising the event. I also posted several times on the NextDoor Cragmor website to make people aware of the CNA meeting.

City staff with the Traffic Engineering Department, specifically Transportation Planners, indicate that they have had positive, practical experience with a similar traffic calming entry feature located at the intersection of Parkview and Cresta roads here in Colorado Springs. So yes, I believe that this entry

feature will cause people to be more aware that they are entering and driving through a neighborhood where they should control their speed and drive with more care.

The project will be completely paid for with City funds, the CNA is not a financial partner in this project. I hope this helps answer your questions.

G

From: "Roberts, Tim" <Troberts@springsgov.com>

Date: December 18, 2018 at 10:50:31 AM MST

To: GS & Mike

Cc: "Knight, Don" <dknight@springsgov.com>, "Krager, Kathleen" <kkrager@springsgov.com>, "McDowell, Maren" <mmcdowell@springsgov.com>

Subject: RE: Cragmor Entry Feature

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Tim Roberts and I am a Principal Transportation Planner for the City of Colorado Springs and am located in Traffic Engineering. I would like to add a few more items to G's e-mail response. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) deals with speeding and cut-through traffic citywide and with the speeding traffic through neighborhoods being such a huge issue the City is committed to addressing these type of problems. I want you to know that this is not at the expense of our maintenance programs. It sounds as if you are aware of the 2C Program but there are two other maintenance programs for roadways, one being PPRTA and the other being from the City's General Fund. The City is committed to improving the conditions of our roadways.

The cut through problem on Mount View is a real issue which the City which has been trying to make less attractive for years by trying to add delay to the route. The public meeting where the neighborhood concerns were discussed was with the West Edge Apartments project, a hearing that went to both Planning Commission and City Council. There was A LOT of discussion regarding the neighborhood issues and the influence of out of neighborhood traffic and it was at these meetings where the City committed to identifying the neighborhood with the entry feature. The entry feature is one of the tools in our tool box to help identify that you are entering a neighborhood so driver behavior should reflect this condition and as G mentioned we have had a lot of positive feedback once they are installed. What you see out on the street is not complete and it does not convey you are entering a neighborhood. We should have this project complete, including landscaping and neighborhood signage, by Spring of 2019. If you would like to see a successful example, I ask that you go to the intersection of Parkview/Cresta Road, it is on the east leg of the intersection.

It sounds as if you would like there to not be any funds to address neighborhood traffic issues citywide but the outcry that is placed on the CSPD and Traffic Engineering tells us otherwise. The complaints that comes to our Council representatives reinforces that we need to address the cut through and speeding traffic in our neighborhoods. I also want you to know that not every request receives a project. Due to the number of requests we receive and our limited funding, we only address those locations where the average travel speeds are 10 mph over the posted speed limit. I am available to discuss the program with you further, but additional information can be found here if you want to take a glance at the program first.

I appreciate your interest in making Colorado Springs a great place to live.

Respectfully,

Tim Roberts

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