



January 25, 2012
Neighborhood Meeting
Austin Drive traffic calming

Attendees:

Patty McShane	115 Dunder Rd
Mike Hennessey	115 Dunder Rd
Pat Levin	99 So. Cove Rd
Paul Plunkett	30 Oakledge Dr
Kitty Bayan	4 So. Cove Rd
Elisa Nelson	155 Austin Dr
R. Paul Smith	155 Austin Dr
John Ackerson	243 Austin Dr
Allen Sularz	65 Dunder Rd
Dennis O'Hora	304 So. Cove Rd
Nancy O'Hora	304 So. Cove Rd
Jabez Boyd	10 Dunder Rd
Ann Fiorenza	241 So. Cove. Rd
Bob Fiorenza	241 So. Cove Rd
Nicole Losch	DPW staff

Handouts provided:

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Map of project area with traffic data results

Summarized process to date: Southwind Association representatives have met with BPD for parking enforcement; submitted a traffic calming request; met with DPW and Parks & Recreation to discuss traffic issues and identify next steps.

Reviewed traffic issues expressed by SA reps and action to date:

1. Illegal parking on north side of Austin Dr., east of Oakledge...parking has been set back by ordinance
2. Illegal parking too close to corners of Austin / Dunder...parking at SE corner has been prohibited
3. Ped/bike crossing from path...advance crossing signs posted, markings in spring
4. Poor visibility on Austin near Dunder
5. Speeding on Austin
6. U-turns at Dunder
7. Too many cars parked on Austin and Dunder...
 - a. Parks Dept. working with baseball leagues (trying to incentivize parking pass) but is looking for feedback on any changes last season?
 - b. 30' ROW on Dunder...
 - i. Neighborhood desire for parking removal on Dunder?
8. Concerns over heavy ped/kid activity related to parked cars

New traffic issues / comments received:

- Traffic speed vs. volume: issue is volume of league members and their parking
- Traveling west is challenging
- Traffic in May is low, when counts were done
- Interested in resident only parking
- Biking on Austin Dr with parked cars is too unsafe because of narrow road
- Speeding is generally residents
- Dunder Rd intersection visibility is improved and pedestrians seem to use the sidewalk more; brush needs to be kept clear on north side
- Redrocks need "yield"
- Totally restrict parking on street or allow free parking in park
- League behavior trickles into rest of community
- Parking hazards related to safety & traffic: parking on both sides of Dunder Rd with doors open and people in the street is unsafe; parking on Austin Dr has same issues
- Crosswalk improvement was very beneficial for access and visibility
- Some in favor of parking as-is
- Move baseball area to location of Oakledge parking or beside parking lot, would make league members park elsewhere

Summary of concerns and action plan:

- Speeding isn't as much as an issue as parking volume and related activities
- SA members will discuss parking options to decide what parking changes they want to request; want help defining options and want to encourage people to park in the park
- Not interested in options under traffic calming toolbox



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1. Introductions
2. History / Background
 - a. September 2010 to present
 - i. Southwind Assoc. driven process
 - b. Process for Parks / DPW / parking / traffic calming
 - i. Parks = Oakledge park, bike path, baseball league issues
 - ii. Parking and crossing issues = process with PW Commission
 - iii. Traffic Calming = neighborhood process
 1. Step 1 = traffic counts, only available in summer months
3. Work to Date
 - a. Parking changes near path crossing
 - b. Signs for path crossing
 - c. Parks incentivizing baseball league parking pass
 - d. Traffic calming initiated
 - i. Speed, volume and vehicle class data collected
 - ii. Scope defined to intersection of Austin Drive at bike path / Dunder Road
 1. Residents w/in 300' east and all residents west included in process
4. Traffic Calming Process
 - a. Confirm neighborhood issues
 - b. Review traffic data
 - c. Discuss desired or avoided traffic calming
 - i. 2/3 approval required (or 1/3 opposition)
 - ii. If approved, measures remain for 2 years (unless safety problem identified)

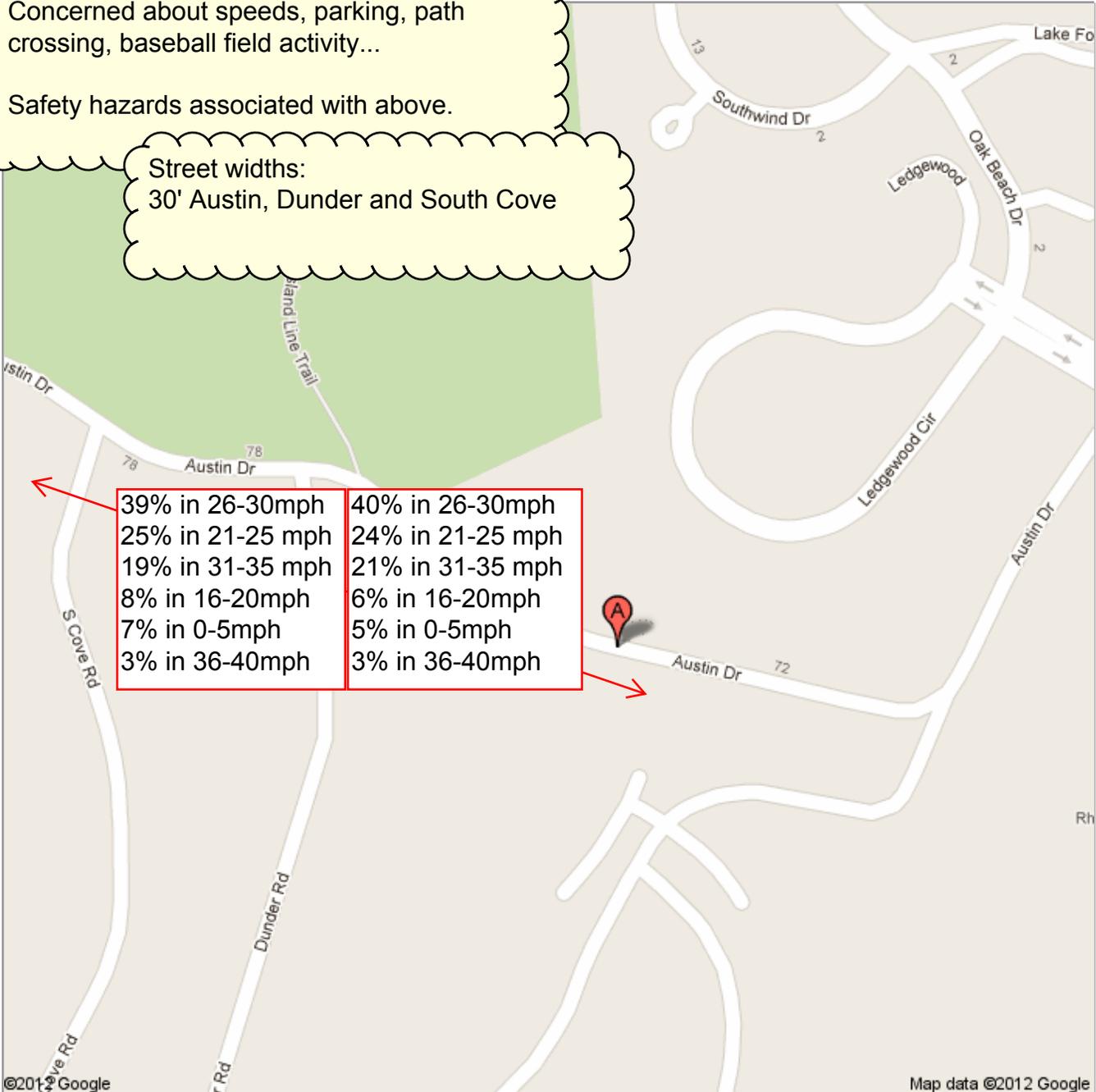
Traffic Calming Toolbox...

Raised crosswalk	Raised intersection
Textured Pavement	Traffic Circle
Chicane	Pedestrian Median
Curb Extensions	Speed Humps
Bicycle Lanes	



Petition:
 Intersection of Austin / Dunder / Bike Path...
 Concerned about speeds, parking, path crossing, baseball field activity...
 Safety hazards associated with above.

Street widths:
 30' Austin, Dunder and South Cove



Avg. 3% of all traffic is truck traffic

Avg. 3% of all traffic is bicycle traffic

Average speed is within 85th percentile range and within 5 mph of speed limit

Higher speeds leaving home, but directional difference isn't substantial