**November 2, 2022 Call with James Gittemeier, City Engineering**

James will attend the PPCC November 15 meeting to present ideas, talk about challenges, and ask for ideas/input from the community. Prior to the meeting, Pat will bring James up to speed on PPCC efforts and partnership efforts with DPD;

James will ‘set the stage’ for discussion by first presenting ideas on speed reduction measures that City Engineering thinks can be done both short- and long-term and then ask for feedback. He will present possible solutions to address reducing speeds, talk about education efforts that we can do, that City can do, ask for feedback on the greatest issues.

Discussion topics/information:

What can be quickly implemented, is low cost, and snow plow friendly? What’s available in our winter climate? Perhaps the snap-in pylons for the summer – though city crews would have to remove them in the winter. Both placement and removal takes maintenance dollars, so this might be part of a longer conversation.

For speed reduction, he said there needs to be consistency in repeating strategies. repeating… so what are those strategies. What’s possible, what can reduce speed at certain spots to help? What are long-term solutions? How do we get to 5% of the ‘outliers’ instead of 15%? We can go after grants as needed once we decide on strategies.

We know that signage only does so much. We talked about speed bumps or speed tables, and specifically what is the issue for emergency vehicles and snow plows. Could we feasibly do the speed bumps. For example, how fast do emergency vehicles even go when in an emergency on Park Point?

What is meant by 30 mph, specifically why it is set at 30 mph. There will be a city-wide conversation about speed limits in the next year. Realistically, he said if we don’t want cars to go over 30 mph, then the speed limit would have to be posted at 25 mph.

An opportunity for traffic calming and safety is with the Rec Lane; possibly can get grant funding to make changes. Also important to talk with Parking Services as parking enforcement is lax during the summer especially. Signage is terrible, curbs are not painted yellow, there are no markings in the lane. James sees some opportunity here, possibly with grant funding, to address the Rec Lane. And what are quick things we can do (like painted diamonds); what are longer terms things thing we can do?

James will have a presentation/visuals to help describe options, and also have handouts for speed reduction options.