

GLENDALE RAILROAD SAFETY & QUIET ZONE COMMITTEE

November 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 28, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Town Hall.

Committee attendance: Jack Buescher, Oliver Debikey, John Earls, Ralph Hoop, Becky Love, Jack Murray, Dan Raabe, Dave Schmid, Dr. Allen Zobay, Woodlawn Councilman Willie Norton. Also Mayor Joseph Hubbard, Glendale Council members Dr. William Aronstein, Debbie Gruening, Jenny Kilgore and Nikki White.

The November 12 meeting was a “Town Hall” meeting conducted for the purposes of updating the public on the findings of the QZ Committee and seeking the comments of residents about a Quiet Zone. Besides the Committee and Council members listed, about 35 members of the general public also attended.

Ralph Hoop delivered a PowerPoint presentation. A summary of the options presented is shown on the display QZ Options, Version 6, dated November 7, 2007. Questions from the floor were answered and residents were asked to fill out a Quiet Zone survey dated November 12, 2007.

Aside from “do nothing”, three options were presented with costs of \$600,000-700,000. The option preferred by the Committee is four quadrant gates with CWT at Sharon, channelization dividers with CWT at Marion, and existing gates with CWT circuitry at Albion and Oak. A layout feasibility issue for four-quadrant gates at Sharon needs to be confirmed. Key Quiet Zone issues are funding in general and a decision whether or not to close the Albion crossing to reduce costs.

Next Steps:

1. Post the feedback questionnaire on the Glendale web site and possibly distribute the questionnaire by mail to all Glendale households.
2. Tabulate open issues in the Village Plan 2000 to analyze needs competing with a Quiet Zone for capital.
3. Determine the layout feasibility of installing four quadrant gates the Sharon crossing while maintaining three lanes of traffic and not relocating overhead utility wires.
4. Consider a test closing of the Albion crossing.

For the Committee
Ralph Hoop