Mazama Planning Meeting Nov 2, 2021

Community Club

Attending: CB Thomas, Bill Pope, Rick LeDuc, Midge Cross, Casey Smith, Betsy Devin, John Sunderland, Jim Grady, Claire Bunny, Karen Reneau, James DeSalvo, Jim Gregg, Josh Thomson,

Key points from the meeting:

Next Meeting Date

* The next meeting will be Wed, January 5 at 9am, Community Club

Stop Signs at Intersection

* Josh, County Engineer, pointed out changing signage without a major road change can be problematic.
* At Mazama a major change in users occurs between winter and summer. This seasonal change provides an ideal window for any sign changes.
* James mentioned that at other winter sports sites, lighted pedestrian signs are used to define pedestrian crossings in the winter when lines on the road are covered with snow.
* Majority of summer users are not from this area.
* Most drivers assume an intersection has four stops. Bill pointed out a road in Seattle that had five stops. Drivers will learn to stop.
* With pedestrians in the area, slowing traffic is favored.
* The poll from the group favored a four way stop.
* **Josh will look at the situation, (traffic, user type, safety) for Mazama and make a decision as to the final signing by Dec 1**

Business Signs at Junction

* **The county will also recommend wording and location of information signs prior to the intersection. This would include moving, and perhaps rewording, the temporary existing brown sign**.
* Individual business names would not be used.

Mazama Identity Rock

* Jim Gregg pointed out that a rock has been identified and that Palm Const. could move it this fall, pending weather. ($4200 Estimate) Rick would also make the additional fill available, and Camden Shaw would help with the final placement.
* A computer rendering of the chosen rock was shared.
* **Methow trails will act as a banking for the rock.** LAT $ through Methow Trails would not be available until 2023.
* **Casey volunteered to do a ‘go fund me’ for $.**
* Josh reviewed the rock site and confirmed that it was at least 15 feet from the road.

Arch and Road Widening

* The need to widen the road to the public lot was emphasized.
* Jim Grady stated the arch was not needed for his business. Steve Devin wants signing for the Farm House in place prior to arch removal. **Temporary signing could be used in the interim.** (Steve initially agreed via phone – Betsey to confirm) Cost to remove arch would be covered by Grady and Devin.

Parking and Plowing

* **Snow storage and drainage is problematic concern.** The county only plows roads.
* Limited parking ‘pods’ would also provide some additional parking but more importantly act as traffic calming.
* Bill stated an additional transformer for the pub is needed. **Additional transformers/utility pedestals should be located to allow for snow storage and proposed sidewalk passage.**
* Portions of the area opposite the store could be laid back, at least in a few spots, to help with parking and snow storage.