

## TOWN OF WINDERMERE

### Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2022

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Mayor ProTem Andy Williams, Town Council Members Bill Martini, Mandy David, Tony Davit, and Molly Rose (via Zoom). Town Manager Robert Smith, Attorney Heather Ramos, Police Chief Dave Ogden, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, and Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter were also present. Mayor Jim O'Brien was absent.

Mayor ProTem Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and stated that a quorum was present. He then turned the floor over to Chief Ogden and the Sea Cadets. Chief Ogden introduced the Sea Cadets who then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute Limit)

Mayor ProTem Williams opened the floor to the public. All deferred until agenda items are heard.

#### 2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

- a. Orange County Public Schools: One-Mill Property Tax – Mr. Howat

Mayor ProTem turned the floor over to Mr. Scott Howat with the Orange County School Board. Mr. Howat gave a presentation on the Orange County School Board regarding their vision, mission, staffing, students/enrollments, number of schools, diversity, food services, transportation, student activities/academics, financials and funding, and the need for additional funding. He then requested that everyone support the one-mill increase that will be on the ballot in August. Some discussion followed regarding accessibility for the disabled, STEM activities, electronic device exchanges, and safety due to recent incidents.

#### 3. TIMED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor ProTem Williams requested to move item 5. New Business (f)(i) Roadway Closures South Eastern Quadrant of East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue forward. All agreed.

#### 5. **New Business (f)(i) – Roadway Closures South Eastern Quadrant of East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Mayor ProTem Williams turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith gave a history of past meetings/discussions regarding the resident-initiated item. He commented that discussions were made regarding outside influence of traffic, internal and external studies, notifications, signage plans, road closures, temporary solutions before permanent solutions, barriers and the need for a Resolution/Ordinance. Manager Smith reminded everyone that this is a "resident-initiated" item. He then explained the Resolution and Ordinance process as well as a possible workshop on June 28<sup>th</sup>, if needed. Clerk Burkhalter read for the record (attached) comments from Mr. and Mrs. Rick Haines. Manager Smith commented on a map that was provided by Mrs. Haines. Member Davit explained the legend for the map provided by Mrs. Haines: starred items have raised support, red stars have raised supported in public forums, pencil red "X"s have opposed in a public forum, and pencil "X"s have opposed when she spoke with the resident. Manager Smith stated that Town Council has been copied on any and all correspondence the Town has received regarding this discussion. Mayor ProTem Williams opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Martin Collins of 708 Bessie Street introduced himself. He commented on the proposed motion for road closure. Mr. Collins stated he has sent his comments to all and would like included for the record. He then requested further discussion on this item for alternative solutions. Mr. David Sharpe of 1027 Oakdale Street introduced himself. He commented on the data regarding trips, speed, and enforcement. He stated he is in favor of the proposed road closures. Mr. Sharpe stated that when the plan goes into effect, parameters should be put in place to track calls so staff knows whether the callers is a resident or an outside traveler. Mr. Kenneth R. Kunkel of 615 Bessie Street introduced himself. He stated that this is an Oakdale Street issue. He also stated that all needed to be notified, not just Oakdale

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Street. Mr. Kunkel agrees there is an issue on Oakdale Street at times. He then suggested testing all solutions. Mr. John Hovey of 706 Bessie Street introduced himself. He stated that he walks with his mom and sees traffic on the streets but he cannot tell who is a resident and who is not. Mr. Hovey stated his concern with emergency response and possible future litigation with the road closures. Manager Smith stated for the record that public comments from Zoom will be not be allowed. Mr. Matt Grier of 635 Oakdale Street introduced himself. He expressed the safety need for the proposed closure. Mr. Jeff Walter of 605 Oakdale Street introduced himself. He stated that he is in support of the closures, which are for safety reasons. Mr. Walter commented on the aggression of the drivers. He further stated that a solution is needed sooner rather than later. Member David commented that she is in favor of the closure. She then stated that the barriers are temporary and can be moved for emergency vehicles. Member Davit commented on concerns with Bessie Street residents that are against the proposed closures, and who had not been notified. He stated that he would like to “pause” this item and discuss it at the next workshop. Member Martini stated he feels that a solution is needed now. He then commented on the past situation at Ridgewood Drive. Member Martini reviewed a proposed map/plan (attached) which would propose a mid-block on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a closure on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue with diverters on Oakdale Street. Mr. Frank Chase of 935 Oakdale Street introduced himself. He commented on possibly closing 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He stated that a solution was needed tonight. Member Martini stated he recommends placing a temporary barrier angled at the intersection of Oakdale Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with permanent “No Left/Right Hand Turn” signage. The barriers could be moved if needed. Member Rose stated that Member Martini’s proposed plan is not far off from what had been discussed almost a decade ago. She stated that back then, residents were not in favor of the plan. Member Rose commented on the well-attended past Long-Range Planning Committee meeting. She also commented on closing all of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue south-east quadrants streets entrances; which she stated was a very valid solution. Member Rose further stated that something needed to be done tonight. Mayor ProTem gave a brief history and stated he is in favor of road closures. Member David suggested closing the streets on 6<sup>th</sup> and revisit in three months. Discussion followed regarding traffic cut throughs, streets involved, closing 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, right hand/left hand turns, signage, and road closures. Member David made a motion to proceed with Mr. Martini’s plan for the closure of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue with a diverter at Oakdale Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and a closure of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Chase Road. Member Martini seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Davit – no, David – aye, Williams – aye, and Martini – aye. Motion carried 3-1. Manager Smith stated that he will work with Public Works regarding this. Member Martini questioned if this would be a temporary first step. Manager Smith stated that a Resolution will be brought back to the Town Council as a temporary measure, and that a permanent solution will be done by Ordinance. Member Davit questioned if there were any engineered studies for this. Public Works Director Elliott-Moore stated “no.” Further comments were made from the public regarding the closure of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Oakdale Street. Chief Ogden commented on his concerns with not having an engineered study. Member Martini suggested that new traffic counts be done after implementation. Manager Smith stated that monitoring will be done for approximately three months with updates being provided to the Town Council. Member Davit reiterated his concern with not having the additional resident comments and a workshop. Member Martini stated that a solution is needed as this has been discussed for years. Member Rose questioned Chief Ogden if he feels there would be problems with closing the streets along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Manager Smith commented that the issue was with permanent barriers. Discussion followed regarding temporary barriers, signage, the need for a solution, and the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee. There being nothing further, Manager Smith stated that a Resolution will be brought back before the Town Council for approval.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### a. CONSENT ITEMS

- i. Z22-07 – 1069 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Shafer Revocable Trust (Mark and Jane Shafer) – Variance to allow for an alteration to an existing pool and deck that results in a setback of 45 feet from the NHWE.

Mayor ProTem Williams turned the floor over to Mr. Brad Cornelius. Mr. Cornelius gave a brief review of the proposed variance request. He explained that the request had been reduced to allow a 48’ rear yard setback instead of 45’ from the 50’ requirement. Mr. Cornelius stated that the DRB has recommended approval. Member Davit made a motion to approve the 2’ variance request. Member Martini seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Martini – aye, Williams – aye, David – aye, and Davit – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

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#### **b. MINUTES**

- i. Town Council Meeting Minutes May 10, 2022
- ii. Town Council Workshop Minutes May 26, 2022

Mayor ProTem Williams introduced this item. Member Davit made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Member David seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Davit – aye, David – aye, Williams – aye, and Martini – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **c. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- i. 50-foot Waterfront Setback Requirement for Pools Discussion

Mayor ProTem Williams turned the floor over to Mr. Brad Cornelius. Mr. Cornelius explained that, at the direction of the Town Council, he reached out to the City of Winter Park regarding their 50' waterfront setback requirement. He stated that any development on a water body must be approved by their Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Cornelius further stated that the process followed is called an "Approval Process." He then explained their review process and requirements. A few of the requirements pertain to tree and habitat preservation, screening of views, relaxed stormwater requirements, case-by-case analysis, 25' setbacks on canals, vertical seawalls riprap, limitations to wetlands, minimal standards with the ability for stricter standards, and the variance process if needed. Mr. Cornelius commented on the suggestion from legal for a hold harmless agreement would also be an option. He stated that the Town can keep the process as-is with the variance process, or, if changed, he would recommend a hybrid of Orange County and Winter Park codes. Member Davit stated that he likes Winter Park's approach, the Town's 1" stormwater retention requirement, the Town's requirement of a seawall, and Orange County's 35' setback. He also stated that he does not like the variance process. After some discussion was made, Member Davit proposed a 35' setback, with a seawall requirement, keeping the 1" of stormwater retention requirement, protection of trees/native vegetation, and no encroachment to the 100-year flood plain. Mr. Cornelius stated that if agreed, an Ordinance could be drafted. Discussion was made regarding variances and setbacks. Member Martini questioned if the few properties that this would pertain to could be specifically identified, and there could be no further requests. Mr. Cornelius stated that by law, he does not know if you can deny a resident the right to apply for a variance. Member Martini stated he is in favor of maintaining trees. Discussion was made regarding riprap/seawalls, identifying canals, engineered stormwater, setbacks, and permitted uses without a variance. Mr. Phu Nguyen of 19 Main Street introduced himself. He stated that he thought that the setback requirements would be based on the size of the lot. Mr. Cornelius stated that Orange County's numbers are different due to zoning. Manager Smith stated that if there is consent of the Town Council, this item could go before the Development Review Board and then to the Town Council for approval. Member Davit stated that he would like direction be given to staff to draft the Ordinance. Consensus of the Town Council is to move forward with a draft Ordinance.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. CONSENT ITEMS:**

##### **b. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL/FIRST READING**

##### **c. APPOINTMENTS**

##### **d. CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS**

##### **e. FINANCIAL**

- i. Installation of Crosswalk Near Estancia on Main Street

Mayor ProTem Williams turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith explained the proposed project that is being funded by the Wine and Dine event in the amount of \$18,700.00. Member Davit

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questioned if the existing crosswalk will add beacon lights. Director Elliott-Moore stated “yes.” Member Martini made a motion to approve the project. Member Davit seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Davit – aye, David – aye, Williams – aye, and Martini – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **f. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- i. Roadway Closures South Eastern Quadrant of East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

This item was previously heard.

- ii. 112 W 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Property Swap

Mayor ProTem Williams turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith explained that per direction at a past Town Council meeting, staff was to advise the surrounding neighbor of the property swap. Door hangers were delivered. He further explained that a work session was held and there was no opposition to the swap. Member Davit made a motion to approve. Member David seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Martini – aye, Williams – aye, David – aye, and Davit – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **6. MAYOR & COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

Mayor ProTem Williams opened the floor for reports. Member David stated that she thought that the Parks and Recreation committee had approval to increase their members to nine instead of seven. Manager Smith explained that the Code states seven members per board, and that in order for the number to change, an Ordinance would need to be approved. He then stated that if the member number increases, the numbers needed for a quorum increase. Discussion followed regarding numbers of members. All agreed for a minimum of 5 members and the maximum to be determined by the board/committee. Manager Smith stated that an Ordinance will be needed for the change. Member Davit stated he received a request for a crosswalk at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Oakdale Street. He then commented on cross locations of 8<sup>th</sup> and Main Street. Manager Smith stated that there is a mid-block cross walk that will be relocated and enhanced. He also stated there will be a crosswalk in the 500 block. Discussion followed regarding the proposed 500 Block project.

#### **7. STAFF REPORTS:**

a. **TOWN MANAGER ROBERT SMITH** – Manager Smith reported on upcoming workshops and meetings. He stated he will be on vacation leaving Director Elliott-Moore over Administration issues and Chief over Police issues. He then reported on upcoming events, meetings, 2022-2023 budget and projects.

b. **TOWN ATTORNEY HEATHER RAMOS** – No report.

c. **POLICE CHIEF DAVE OGDEN** – Chief Ogden reported staff openings, Deputy Chief Treadwell’s resignation, Memorials, Supervisor testing, and staff positions.

d. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TONYA ELLIOTT-MOORE** – Director Elliott-Moore reported on road repairs, saving of citrus trees at the school house, line of sight clean ups, ballfield cleanup and paving, drainage clean-outs, road repairs, sidewalk repairs, irrigation/water line repairs, spilt rail installation, mulch inventory, and meeting with Brite Future regarding electricity around Town Hall.

e. **TOWN CLERK DOROTHY BURKHALTER** – Clerk Burkhalter reported that she attended the Florida Records Management Association conference and had recertified as a Florida Certified Records Manager. She also reported that she will be entering the Certified Records Managers course which is an international accreditation.

Member Davit commented on the Rotary Memorial, and the Sea Cadets. Chief Ogden reported

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that the Summer Bash will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**8. ADJOURN:**

Mayor ProTem Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

  
Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM  
Town Clerk

  
Jim O'Brien, Mayor  
(Loren Williams)

## Dorothy Burkhalter

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**From:** Brandi Haines <bhwindermere@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:59 PM  
**To:** Dorothy Burkhalter; Robert Smith  
**Subject:** For Traffic discussion at tonights meeting.

Please read into the record.

As you know we are in support of the road closures as proposed. There has been discussion about reducing the traffic on Oakdale St for many years. I brought the issue up in 2017 and I know there were discussions before then.

The town has tried resident only signs and was forced to remove them, as they were not enforceable. The police have done traffic enforcement to the best of their ability and resources but cannot maintain the enforcement continuously, it is not feasible. We have discussed more stop signs, speed bumps, one-way streets, etc. After years of talking and studies this is the solution that stakeholders have come up with.

I have tried to gather a consensus of the residents in this quadrant of town for a trial run of this proposed road closure to make it impossible for non-residents to cut through our side streets while still allowing residents to exit with as a minimal sacrifice as possible. It will add 2- 4 min coming back from the Orlando area depending on where you live. I also use the side streets proposed for closure to the north, everytime I go in or out to Orlando. I know it's a sacrifice but it is in the best interest of the resident to keep our streets safe.

Closing 6th would distribute residents out their nearest numbered Ave to Main St.

Exiting on Main st and turning left is sometimes difficult, but the option exists to turn right and use the traffic circle to go in any direction needed. On the flip side of that if you were to exit out and try to turn left on to 6th and close Main St intersections that would be near impossible at times.

I know that the Northeastern portion of quadrant was not notified early on and that was a mistake. I tried to reach out to as many as I could personally and asked the neighbors that I did get in touch with to discuss it with the neighbors on their street or block. Obviously some still didn't know. I think it is important to get their input. But I would please ask that they take the time to listen to what the other residents in the quadrant said at the 2 public workshops, LRP meeting, and the Town. Council workshop that occurred in April & May as they are on youtube.. This is the best way for them to get caught up on all of the scenarios that have been discussed as a solution. And I would hope that they will consider trying this proposed closure of roads as it is a temporary trial. I am happy to chat with anyone who wants to discuss this issue.

Sincerely,  
Brandi & Rick Haines  
[BHWindermere@gmail.com](mailto:BHWindermere@gmail.com)



E 9th Ave

Hahn Family  
Rev. Trust  
Vladislav  
Ruditsky

Eric & Tori  
Fry - Sunshine  
Vacations  
Rentals

Edson Al Meida  
Joseph  
& Rachel  
Martin  
Stephen  
Amanda  
Lewis

Betty  
Whittington  
Zahid  
Maha

George  
Jana  
Glance

Evelyn  
Marshall  
Estate

John Roy  
Dionna  
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Frank & Eliza  
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Solutions LLC

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Deborah  
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Tamara  
Khalil  
Ravi  
Sarah &  
Anthony  
Caggiano

Joshua  
Laura  
Berg  
Bradley  
Vogel

Natalie & Jesse  
Michael  
Nancy  
Smith

Field &  
Andrienne  
Carpenter

Matthew &  
Steve  
Sullivan  
Gilda Meeks

Paul & Ruth  
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David &  
Kerry Sharp

David &  
Tiffany  
Matthews

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James  
Clark  
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David &  
Andrea  
Manock

Lori  
Gilmore  
Albert &  
Andrew  
Vasser

Sharon Denton  
Hannah  
London

Clark  
Christina  
Morris  
Peggy  
Johnson

Jeffrey  
Laura  
Wallace  
Sarah  
Fox

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Lobbs

Cindy & Jeffrey  
Henkins-Kappel

Greer  
Evan & Jennifer  
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Bradley & Laurel  
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Chris  
Mindy  
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James Bats  
Brenda Salter

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Wallace  
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Robert  
Sharon  
Fantana

Robert  
Joan  
Gartin

James &  
Nina  
Alaway

Stephen  
Thiesgen  
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Luis & Tiffany  
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Kenneth  
Gagliardi  
Tom & Joanne  
Fry

Tanya & Curtis  
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Letter to City Council Members – Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>

Opposition to Road Closure Motion presented by the Long-Range Planning Committee for Action at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting

From- Martin Collins – 708 Bessie Street, Windermere, FL 34786

Resident of Windermere since 1981 (41 Years) on Bessie Street for 34 years

Enclosed Letter - I prepared and distributed the enclosed document this past weekend.

I believe street closure is a very important decision affecting the character of everyone in Windermere.

Anyone who could not participate in this last workshop should view the YouTube video.

<https://town.windermere.fl.us/boards-committees/long-range-planning-committee/>

I learned of this planned Street closure action from a concerned Neighbor last week, and most who live in my area were also unaware that this was being acted upon and were not informed that the Street closures were being consider. Notices were not Distributed on our streets regarding the Closures or the May 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

I believed the Towns lack of notice may be because the Oakdale Traffic Issue was being reviewed by the Oakdale Street neighborhood work group, and since most of my neighbors did not participate in that issue, we were not informed or invited to comment by the Town about that Work Group changing our Traffic patterns around 6th. Members of the LRPC live on Oakdale and may be concerned that “out of neighborhood” Workshop members may not agree with their findings.

I have lived in Windermere for 41 years, and I know that some of my Neighbors are not happy that they live on Public Streets with traffic that is increasing. I also know that many of us enjoy driving down these streets (including Bessie Street) and we enjoy driving by the Lake and thru the areas like Oakdale Street.

I know that some of my Neighbors that recently moved into houses on Public Streets have discovered that other neighbors, Delivery Trucks, construction and service vehicles use these Public Streets for “Normal” traffic, and they believe that this traffic is excessive on their streets and it should be reduced or stopped.

We all get angry at the normal residential traffic when they ignore stop signs and speed limits. In the 34 years on my street, this traffic is a minor nuisance, but it does not seriously impact my quality of life. I also know that my nearby neighbors have 12 More cars (30% more) then when I moved into my house on Bessie.

I am happy to share the nice views of Lake Bessie with other town residents and allow them a short cut to bypass the Roundabout during rush hour. I also confess that my occasional trip to Disney, I enjoy my drive down Oakdale to Exit on 12<sup>th</sup> to get to Chase Road. I believe this is why we have public streets. Thank you, Oakdale residents, for allowing me to occasionally visit your neighborhood, and I welcome you to drive on Bessie Street if it makes your life easier. Please slow down.

I am asking the Council to Reject approval of the Road Closures on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the Reason I have outlined in the enclosed Letter to Neighbors.

Actions that I believe could be approved that may appease the Oakdale Residents –

1. Perform additional traffic analysis to learn the Impacts of these proposed closures and define goals for success to solve the perceived but unverified Oakdale Commuter Cut through issues. Knowing how many “Cut through” drivers may be non-town commuters would “size” the issue and let us know how many cars we are trying to stop if we are successful. **We do not have this data now!!**
2. If testing by closing roads is needed, move the test to the Main Street access points near Oakdale as the Working group briefly considered. If the Oakdale Street area is going to benefit from the road closures, they should be willing to accept the daily travel nuisance penalties of Street closures and not pass them off to the other end of suspected source or downstream to 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. If the Oakdale Street Traffic Work Group mission is expanding to other SE Quadrant streets, please properly notify all SE quadrant residents, and perform the traffic data research, so that we may all participate in the study, and understand any proposed solutions.

Permanent Closure of SE Quadrant Streets connected to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue , Oakdale, Magnolia, Bessie, 7<sup>th</sup>

**From-** Martin Collins – 708 Bessie Street, Windermere, FL 34786

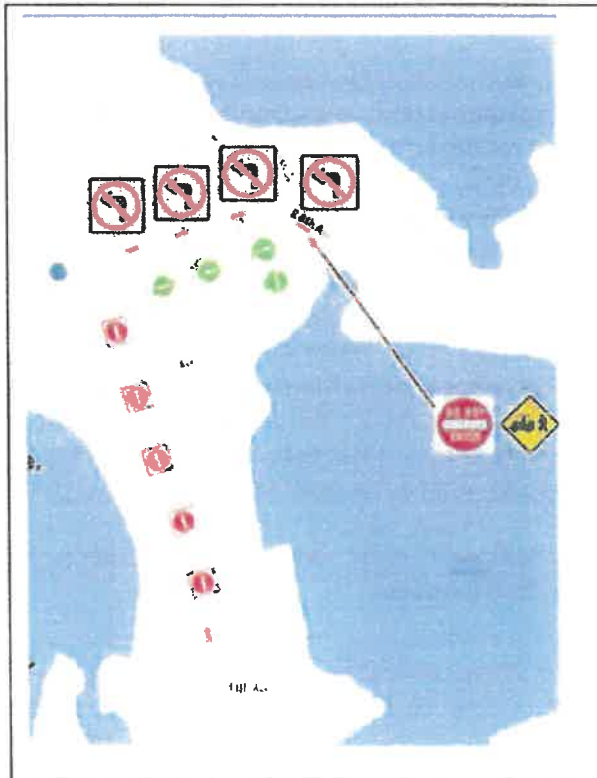
Resident of Windermere since 1981 (41 Years) on Bessie Street for 34 years

**To:** My Neighbor in the SE Windermere Quadrant bordered by 6<sup>th</sup> Ave on the North and Main on the West.

Town of Windermere - Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is presenting their Motion for approval by the Town Council to permanently close all streets on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave that enter or exit the SE Windermere Residential Neighborhood. This is to reduce rush hour Oakdale Cut through traffic between Main and 6<sup>th</sup> by commuters. You can watch the Recording of the LRPC meeting where these decisions were discussed – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4eBTplkfPg>, or <https://town.windermere.fl.us/boards-committees/long-range-planning-committee/>

The June 14 Town Council Meeting Agenda can be found at <https://town.windermere.fl.us/government/meeting-agenda-minutes/>

This is an excerpt from the LRPC recommendations in the upcoming June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting Agenda  
***"If approved tonight staff will place signage along East 6<sup>th</sup> and Main Street and provide 30 days 'notice to the public of the new traffic pattern before installing the closure devices. In addition, the following steps will need to occur as part of the formal process:***  
***Develop a resolution for temporary road closures for adoption by Town Council at the July 2022 meeting***  
***Perform a three-month review once implemented***  
***Perform an additional review at the six-month period***  
***If operating as intended, Town Council will consider adopting an ordinance permanently closing the roadways***  
***As this was an unanticipated cost, funding will be addressed when staff completes the budget reconciliation towards the end of the Fiscal Year."***  
**Map of Closures**



## Permanent Closure of SE Quadrant Streets connected to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue , Oakdale, Magnolia, Bessie, 7th

Here is what I believe the summary of facts are about this Issue.

1. Residents along Oakdale Street have historically expressed issues with cut through traffic, speeding, stop sign running, and aggressive driving behaviors. They believe it is from "out of area" commuters from South Main Street bypassing the roundabout via Oakdale Street going from/ to 6<sup>th</sup> and ignoring the existing traffic signs.
2. During the Oakdale Street workshops it was discussed that the only sure way to stop the cut thru traffic was to close streets to eliminate a direct route from South Main Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Workshop participants proposed closing Five East bound streets along Main –(8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>) and all Four South bound streets from 6<sup>th</sup> Ave (7<sup>th</sup>, Bessie, Magnolia, Oakdale). It was discussed that either or both of these two closures would end the direct cut thru path that allows the South Main Street traffic to Cut thru to 6<sup>th</sup> via Oakdale. The Oakdale Street workshop participants preferred closing the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave streets, not the Streets accessing Main next to Oakdale.
3. LRPC and Oakdale Workshop participants are recommending that the Town Close all Streets on the South Side of 6th that enter the Southeast Quadrant to prevent commuter transit down Oakdale. These would be permanent but interim barriers that will prevent entrance or exit from 7th, Bessie, Magnolia, and Oakdale. 12th and Main may also be closed. A more permanent barrier will be developed after initial closure. To enter or exit the SE Quadrant all traffic will now be required to transit through the Roundabout at 6th and main.
4. There has not been an Engineering Study done on the impacts to traffic flow of these proposed closures, and this may be done later. LRPC believes this proposed action will resolve the Traffic "complaints" on Oakdale without the Engineering study to predict the Traffic Control results.
5. As stated in the Workshop by the Town Manager, recent Traffic Study on Oakdale is inconclusive on identifying that the traffic is "cut through" and not local residents. The Traffic counts and analysis are consistent with the Data available for the normal/ predicted number of daily trips by residents. The report states that 87% of the Oakdale traffic is within normal limits for speeding which is average.
6. The LRPC has discussed police enforcement but is not recommending an Oakdale solution that requires the Police Department to spend more resources on monitoring traffic.
7. LRPC believes most residents in this SE Quadrant are in favor of this proposal due to the comments from the attendees of the recent workshop and a lack of negative comments.
8. The town manager has stated that the town of Windermere has informed the SE Quadrant area residents about the changes being proposed to the extent required by law, and door hangers were distributed on Oakdale Street as notice for the workshops. (No door hangers were on Bessie Street).
9. The proposed Motion does not include a request for "Before and After" Traffic data analysis to confirm the effectiveness of this permanent change, or impacts to other traffic areas.
10. If residents are opposed or support this change, they need to sign in to Speak at the Tuesday June 14th – 6pm Town council meeting. They can also email Tonya Elliott-Moore [tmoore@town.windermere.fl.us](mailto:tmoore@town.windermere.fl.us) and request that their comment be entered into the records for the meeting. You may also contact the Town Manager and your town council members with any support or concerns.
11. There will be no additional resident surveys of the SE Quadrant residents for acceptance of this proposal prior to implementation.

**Martin Collins opinion – Why I am against these 6<sup>th</sup> Ave closures?**

1. **Inconclusive Traffic Study**- The Traffic Study presented by Town Manager Robert Smith indicated that the Traffic and Speeding on Oakdale was within Normal / average Data ranges, and it cannot be verified that the traffic complaints are due to “cut-through” drivers. The Traffic study does not show major year over year increases. We are closing four streets to solve a problem that has not been verified by the Data study we purchased. There probably is a real problem here to solve, but it is only for certain times of weekdays, and it has not been sized. Robert Smith said is impossible to tell from the Data how many “cut through drivers” we are going to stop during weekday rush hour by closing the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave streets 24 hours a day, 7 Days a week. Is it 10 cars a day? 20 Cars a Day? What is the size of the problem?
2. **Better Alternate solutions were discussed**. South Main Street Closures were discussed as one solution –(8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>). This solution would be just as effective in stopping the Roundabout Cut thru issues, and not Impact existing residential traffic in the areas near 6<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the Workshop and the Traffic Studies was to resolve a problem on Oakdale Street, and it was discussed in the Workshop that this set of Main Street closures would stop the external cut thru route between 6<sup>th</sup> and Main.  
This Main Street closure option would allow the SE Quadrant Local Residents to drive to their homes without having to Back up in queue for the Roundabout. It reduces roundabout traffic instead of increasing it. Why is this option not presented for consideration and testing?
3. **Oakdale Neighborhood Issue**. If the Oakdale residents are willing to ask for Road closures to solve the problem on their street, they should be willing to close the streets in their neighborhood and live with the impacts and not transfer the inconvenience to the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave neighborhoods. The Workshop door hanger notices were not extended to other affected Neighborhoods so non- Oakdale residents missed the workshops and could not voice any suggestions or concerns. Why do we not Survey the other Residents for Input?
4. **No Traffic Studies on other streets**. Multiple year traffic studies were performed on Oakdale because this is the problem that is being complained about by those Residents. No other SE Quadrant Streets have had Cut Thru related traffic studies. There has not been adequate review of the modified new traffic patterns of the SE Quadrant Residents. There was minimal discussion of Local residential travel impacts from the road closures in the Workshop. Why start the closures without proper study of the predicted effectiveness and other impacts?
5. **Large Penalty Solution for Questionable Benefits**. I believe this 6<sup>th</sup> Ave solution has questionable benefits for the Residents of Oakdale Street at a large penalty for those of us who want to use the public streets to access 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Pain of the solution is outsized for the size of a traffic growth nuisance that does not affect my neighborhood. This seems like a “nuclear option” for a few concerned Oakdale residents when something more surgical would work, and not remove the traffic rights of the local Windermere residents and divide the Town to stop a few weekday cut thru divers.
6. **Normal but increased Traffic On my Street** For 34 Years I have watch traffic on 7<sup>th</sup> / Bessie. Except for the occasional speeding neighbor and stop sign running, I accept it and I do not believe it is a nuisance for my typical residential street. Most Bessie traffic is normal residents and home service vehicles which is why we need these streets open. I would like Zero traffic, but this is not an option. We all would like more Police issuing tickets for Stop Sign running and speeding.
7. **LRPC wants to do something** - I understand the LRPC is weary of this issue, and they said in the workshop that they just want to get something done. They work diligently to solve problems and unfortunately, I believe they are trading a small traffic growth issue for a large unwelcome road closure issue. If they do anything, they need to implement the Main Street closure alternatives that keep the traffic impacts in the affected Oakdale Street area.

