

1 **Attachment-1 to September 24, 2019 PROA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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3 **Member/Residents Replies to Lions Paw Speeding Board Email Inquiry**

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5 **Original Board Email to Members/Residents**

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7 **From:** painters\_ridge\_hoa@centurylink.net [mailto:painters\_ridge\_hoa@centurylink.net]

8 **Sent:** Sunday, September 8, 2019 9:22 AM

9 **To:** Painters Ridge Neighbor

10 **Subject:** Speed monitoring on Lions Paw Street within Painters Ridge

11 **Importance:** High

12  
13 September 8, 2019

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15 Painters Ridge Members and Residents,

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17 Speeding above the posted 25-mph limit on Lions Paw is a continuing problem. Lions Paw is owned by  
18 the Town of Castle Rock and speed control is the Town's responsibility. The Board of Directors of the  
19 Painters Ridge Owners Association (PROA), **subsequent to conversations with several residents who**  
20 **believe this problem is especially acute and expanding**, requested Town staff to conduct speed  
21 monitoring on Lions Paw Street to gather accurate data upon which to base speed control measures and  
22 solutions.

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24 The Board is considering the purchase of electronic signs to be placed along Lions Paw with the  
25 cooperation of the Castle Rock Police Department, but before making such expenditure from limited  
26 Association funds the Board wants to determine if the signs will be effective. Therefore the Board  
27 requested that Town owned signs be employed as a test. The cost of each sign is \$3,000. Two Town  
28 owed signs are now conducting monitoring.

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30 The Town has suggested that the Town's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program may be our best first  
31 option. This program is a neighborhood led process that is used to identify the best and most effective  
32 solution for controlling speeds on a roadway shown to have a speeding problem as defined by the  
33 program's criteria. This option could open up available funding for alternative traffic calming devices  
34 beyond the radar signs if the data shows a speeding problem on Lions Paw. The process is initiated by  
35 submitting a petition with signatures from at least five (5) residents with addresses on the street of  
36 concern. If you are interested in signing such petition please indicate such in your response to this  
37 email.

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39 As solutions are explored, the Board requests that Painters Ridge Residents make a sincere effort to not  
40 exceed the 25-mph limit, and that Members/Residents submit suggestions re how to approach better  
41 speed control and cooperation. One idea already suggested is to lower the speed limit to 19-mph to  
42 better catch the attention of drivers. Please respond by "Reply All" so that all of the Directors, PROA  
43 Manager, and Members/Residents, are involved in the discussion. This matter will be on the September  
44 24, 2019 Board of Directors meeting agenda beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Pinnacle. Members/Residents  
45 are invited to participate in the discussion.

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47 Thanks and regards,

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49 Chuck Hackard, PROA Director/President

50 On behalf of the entire PROA Board of Directors

**Summary of Replies to PROA Board September 8, 2019 Email to  
Members/Residents**

**Reply - 1:**

While speed enforcement is the Town's responsibility, our HOA can, if it chooses, have a role in speed control, minimizing construction traffic and in general promoting safe driving through our neighborhood. Our HOA can and should be involved through action and/or investment in solving the speeding problem.

It is my opinion the electronic speed signs are near worthless other than maybe using them to document the speeding problem as it exists during a given week. The signs are overused in Castle Rock and elsewhere. Almost any speeder knows they don't do anything. Please don't waste our HOA funds on purchasing them.

I don't know what the results of the traffic survey will show but whether there are 3 or 30 flagrante speeders per day we have a speeding problem and it will, without question, get worst when Filing 13 is developed. The problem is best solved now before we have residents from 34 more homes speeding through our neighborhood and contesting any solutions we may pursue in the future.

The vast majority of the speeding problem is due to people who don't live in Painter's Ridge. As a result, the PR Board can't "plead" to these people to slow down nor would it be effective if they did.

I understand many of the reasons the Town wants the first step to be for the residents to figure out a solution, but this is ass backwards. The Town has many vague restrictions on what can't be done to control speeds, e.g., speed bumps and raised sidewalks. As a further example, in all probability they would nix a fake photo camera with a speed activated flash as was suggested by one of our residents. The Town has engineering expertise on facility solutions and needs to be involved up front. The Board needs to work with the Town traffic engineers to identify a list of possible solutions and approximate costs. Then we can decide what works best for us.

I remind the Board that the Town has a responsibility to fix the design flaws they allowed on Lions Paw. The "chicanes" that were built into Lions Paw don't work to control speed as they were intended because the road is too wide. Compare the width of Lions Paw to two lanes on CV Pkwy. Another example of poor design is the Desert Rose connection to Antelope Ridge. According to the Town, Desert Rose was built primarily for fire protection access and not as an outlet for Antelope Ridge. Their models were wrong and didn't predict Desert Rose being used as a faster exit. Add to the list of mistakes, they allowed having only one sidewalk insuring people would walk in the road.

The Board is free to use, or not, my suggestions, but I do ask that you represent my recommendation completely. I suggested a three part solution to the problem and you only mentioned one part of it (the reduced speed limit) in your notice. That alone won't solve the problem. My suggestions also included curtesy signs when you enter and leave our neighborhood reminding and thanking motorist to/for driving courteously and I also recommended a mini roundabout at Desert Rose which has already been discussed with the Town. It will take a comprehensive solution to solve the speeding problem on Lions Paw.

If the only solution the Board will pursue is the Town's "Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program" I will sign the petition but as I said before this approach is wrong and ass backwards. We have been discussing this problem for close to 5 years and it's time to move forward. In conclusion, our

101 underlying objective should be to stop the Town from allowing Lions Paw to function as a “collector  
102 road” rather than a residential street as it is designated.

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104 Thank you for your consideration.

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106 **Reply - 2:**

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108 We were not opposed to the signs "drive like your child lives here" at all. You would be amazed as to  
109 how many speeding cars, trucks and delivery vehicles that speed down to the cul-de-sac, turn around and  
110 speed off down Lions Paw.

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112 Someone is going to get hurt if this doesn't stop. What happens when the Lions Paw extension is built?  
113 Anything you can do to help slow traffic down is a good thing. And since we have the money why not  
114 spend it on something worthwhile.

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116 **Reply - 3:**

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118 Thank you all for giving consideration to the ever-present concern of speeding traffic. While we do not  
119 LIVE ON Lion's Paw, our family does WALK ON this street many times per week. We indeed are  
120 aware of dis-concerned drivers blowing through the neighborhood.

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122 The three of us would be in favor of measures to reduce the speeding problem, including the already  
123 proposed 19-mph limit. We look forward to hearing how this progresses, as well as to how we can be of  
124 help with this.

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126 **Reply - 4:**

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128 Speed limit should definitely be lowered. Nineteen mph might be an attention grabber—but need to  
129 address this issue now.

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131 **Reply - 5:**

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133 I like the 19-mph speed limit idea! Have seen it deployed elsewhere with good results.

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135 **Reply - 6:**

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137 The problem at the moment is that the signs only go to about Desert Rose. If you really want to test put  
138 one up by us. I think a speed bump is needed up by me. Our southern neighbors FLY by us. It is  
139 sometimes dangerous to even get out of our driveways and some cul-de-sacs. It seems that the only  
140 speed control anyone is interested in is by Desert Rose. I understand with people coming up from AR it  
141 is an issue as well but those of us in the middle of Lions Paw are having a major issue too.

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143 **Reply - 7:**

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145 I personally see speeding on Lions Paw as a minor issue and do not favor HOA money being expended  
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148 **Report from Officer Seth Morrissey, Castle Rock Police Department**  
149 **Regarding Speed Monitoring by Town Electronic Signs Placed on Lions Paw**  
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151 **September 19, 2019**  
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153 I wanted to touch base with everyone to provide a little bit of data that has been collected over the past  
154 14 days using two of our speed signs.  
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156 The sign that has been installed on Lions Paw at Desert Ridge for Southbound traffic collected the  
157 following data:  
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159 Average # of cars per day 294 (4120 total cars)  
160 85<sup>th</sup> percentile Speed: 23-mph  
161 50<sup>th</sup> percentile Speed 18-mph  
162 Number of violators (10-mph and over) 49  
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164 The sign that has been installed on Lions Paw at Ash Hollow for Northbound traffic collected the  
165 following data:  
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167 Please note that the batteries died after 10 days  
168 Average # of cars per day 363 (3630 total cars)  
169 85<sup>th</sup> percentile Speed: 26-mph  
170 50<sup>th</sup> percentile Speed 22-mph  
171 Number of violators (10-mph and over) 44  
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173 Hopefully this data makes sense, what it tells us is that while there are some cars that are speeding, a  
174 majority of them are going under the speed limit. The signs have now been turned on, so they are  
175 displaying messages. We will leave them up for about a week and then look at the data again.  
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177 **September 25, 2019**  
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179 It's been just under a week that the signs have been displaying messages, but due to my schedule the rest  
180 of the week I wanted to provide you with the data that has been collected.  
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182 Lions Paw and Desert Ridge for southbound traffic:  
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184 6 days of collection  
185 Average Volume per day 236  
186 Total volume 1416  
187 85th percentile speed 24-mph  
188 50th percentile speed 18-mph  
189 Number of violators (10-mph and over) 6  
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191 Lions Paw at Ash Hollow for northbound traffic:  
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193 6 days of collection  
194 Average Volume per day 246  
195 Total volume 1477  
196 85th percentile speed 24  
197 50th percentile speed 21

198               Number of violations (10-mph and over) 6

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200    So, I guess we need to find out who those 6 drivers are.

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202    The signs will most likely be moved the first of this next week. If your board would still like to look  
203    into purchasing some for their own use, I'd be happy to attend your HOA meeting to provide insight.