

GLENDALE RAILROAD SAFETY & QUIET ZONE COMMITTEE

June 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 11, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Admin. Building.

June 20 attendance: Tom Breidenstein, Oliver Debikey, John Earls, Ralph Hoop, Becky Love, Jack Murray, Dave Schmid, Dr. Allen Zobay. Mayor Hubbard and three members of the public also attended.

Urgent Next Steps:

1. Continue to investigate if other communities around the country have established Quiet Zones under the new Federal Railroad Administration rules. At this point no QZ's established under the new FRA rules have been clearly identified. – Dr. Allen Zobay & Jack Murray
2. Continue to expedite the updating of the FRA National Inventory of Glendale rail crossings. The Risk Index for a potential Glendale Quiet Zone cannot be calculated officially until the data in the Inventory is current and accurate. – Councilwoman Debbie Grueninger and John Earls.
3. Via Mayor Hubbard, request the Village Solicitor to evaluate the Village liability that might be created if a Glendale Quiet Zone is established. Legal opinions presented to the League of California Cities in June 2006 should be investigated. – Ralph Hoop

Details of other comments made during the June 20 meeting are shown in a document titled Glendale Railroad Safety & Quiet Zone Committee Assumptions & Issues, Revision 1.

The Committee plans to call itself the Glendale Railroad Safety and Quiet Zone Committee in all communications rather than the Ad Hoc Quiet Zone Committee.

The Committee thanks Rachel Schmid for presenting an analysis of crossing safety options using a spreadsheet simulation of the FRA Risk Calculator. A summary of results is listed in Revision 1 of the Committee Assumptions & Issues document, Section III, Issue D.

Ralph Hoop will make a presentation to Village Council on July 2. Several other Committee members will attend.

Herb Wengler has resigned his membership on the Committee.

For the Committee

Ralph Hoop