

Commissioner Smith asked why the curb-cuts were not installed when the street was constructed; Woosley advised that the Parks & Recreation Department may not have had a master plan for park area at that time and there may not have been any funding for the park at the time.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MILLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A TRAIL CROSSING ON STONECREEK DRIVE SOUTH OF THORN TREE COURT; THE MOTION CARRIED (8-0).

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request for a SIGNALIZED MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on 9th Street between Highland Drive & Sunset Drive.

Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

Dana Lattin, 801 Broadview Drive: A lot of the homes in the neighborhood have recently changed hands and there are a lot more pedestrians now; we have families with children, we have people middle-aged and older and some original owners who are elderly; we have to cross the street to get to Hillcrest School and we have a number of KU faculty that cross to go to work; we also have people that want to walk to go to The Merc, the bank and other businesses in the area; last year we went to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee to request sidewalks along the north side of 9th Street to get to Iowa which would be an improvement, but once you get there, there is nowhere to go.

Sean Williams, 711 Sunset Drive: People on 9th Street go flying over the hill both directions and at Sunset it is scary; it's very difficult to see my six-year-old child trying to cross the street; there is a lot of traffic coming-out of the commercial area and a lot of traffic headed downtown; something needs to be done to slow the traffic down.

Commissioner Smith asked how many children live in the neighborhood and attend Hillcrest; Lattin advised there were approximately 13-20.

Commissioner Harden asked what the traffic volume was along 9th Street; Woosley advised it was approximately 17,000 vehicles per day.

Commissioner Harden asked what the traffic volume was on Massachusetts Street at the pedestrian crossing at South Park for comparison purposes; Woosley advised it was approximately 16,000 vehicles per day.

Commissioner Smith: There are a couple of issues here; children getting to-and-from school, and general pedestrian traffic in the area.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A SIGNALIZED MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON 9TH STREET BETWEEN HIGHLAND DRIVE AND SUNSET DRIVE AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CITY COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PRIORITY FUNDING; THE MOTION CARRIED (8-0).

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request for a STOP sign on Maple Street at 3rd Street.

Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN ON MAPLE STREET AT 3RD STREET BE DENIED; THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request to for an ADULT CROSSING GUARD at the intersection of Bob Billings Parkway & George Williams Way.

Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report and added that the measured sight distance at the crossing is approximately 400 feet.

Public comment:

Paula Pepin, 1109 Stoneridge Drive: This is kind of a "chicken and egg" thing, parents don't feel comfortable allowing their children to cross, so even though we know there are upwards of 30 children whose parents have committed to let