

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
June 1, 2009-7:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Richard Heckler, Chair; Jim Woods, Vice-Chair; Robert Hagen; Scott Criqui, Dan Harden; Ken Miller; Jason Novotny; Robin Smith; and John J. Ziegelmeyer, Jr.

Anyone who wishes to be notified when their item will be heard by the City Commission must provide their name and a telephone number or an e-mail address.

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, May 4, 2009.

ITEM NO. 2: Reconsider NO PARKING along 10th Place, Randall Road and 10th Terrace.

Facts:

1. At the April 6, 2009 Traffic Safety Commission meeting, the Commission heard a request to establish NO PARKING along one side of 10th Place, Randall Road and 10th Terrace.
2. Two residents of the area spoke at the meeting; one in full support of the request and one in partial support of the request.
3. The Commission voted unanimously, 8-0, to recommend that NO PARKING be established along one side of 10th Place, Randall Road and 10th Terrace (between Randall Road and Randall Road); which side to be determined by consultation with the Fire Department.
4. Public Works Department staff met with Fire Department staff and determined that the restriction should be placed along the south side of 10th Place, the east side of Randall Road and the north side of 10th Terrace.

5. The City Commission concurred with the recommendation and approved an ordinance at their meetings on May 12 and May 19.

ITEM No. 3: Discuss the City's Traffic Calming Policy.

ITEM NO. 4: Video: Establishing Speed Limits in Kansas.

ITEM NO. 5: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 6: Commission Items.

Elect Traffic Safety Commission Chair for 2009-2010.

Elect Traffic Safety Commission Vice-Chair for 2009-2010.

ITEM NO. 7: Miscellaneous.

City Commission action on previous recommendations:

Concurred with the recommendation to construct traffic calming devices on Ousdahl Road between 25th Street & 26th Street;

Concurred with the recommendation to deny the request for a multi-way stop at the intersection of 21st Terrace & Maple Lane;

Concurred with the recommendation to establish no parking along one side of 10th Place, Randall Road and 10th Terrace; and

Concurred with the recommendation to established reserved parking for persons with disabilities adjacent to 802 W. 22nd Terrace.

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission
May 4, 2009 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Heckler, Chair; Jim Woods, Vice-Chair; Scott Criqui; Robert Hagen; Dan Harden; Ken Miller; Jason Novotny; Robin Smith; and John Ziegelmeyer, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Hagen; Ken Miller; and Jason Novotny

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

Chair Richard Heckler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, April 6, 2009.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 6, 2009; THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 (Harden).

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish STOP signs or SPEED HUMPS on New Hampshire Street at 20th Street, 21st Street and 22nd Street.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

None.

Commissioner Harden asked if all criteria had to be met; Woosley advised that only one of the criteria had to be met to consider traffic calming.

Commissioner Woods felt that two of the three crashes should not qualify; Woosley advised that the crashes did not meet the criteria, however, the existing speeds did.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer noted that if a traffic calming project is approved, once it is funded, city staff meets with the neighborhood to determine what type and location of traffic calming devices to use.

Commissioner Smith noted that he had an issue with traffic calming devices installed that prevent drivers from driving the legal speed limit.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS ON NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET AT 20TH STREET, 21ST STREET AND 22ND STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET BETWEEN 19TH STREET AND 23RD STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED 4-2 (Smith: I don't believe traffic calming devices should be used to impede lawful drivers from driving the established speed limit; Woods: I don't see the need to put in speed humps on New Hampshire Street).

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to establish a SCHOOL REDUCED SPEED ZONE on George Williams Way adjacent to Langston Hughes Elementary School.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

Carrie Mandingo, 1600 Bobwhite Drive: Thank you for reviewing this and checking the speeds for us; I understand that we don't meet the requirements; we are still trying to figure-out how to best get our kids to school walking.

Commissioner Criqui: It doesn't meet the criteria so it seems pretty clear-cut.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CRIQUI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL REDUCED SPEED ZONE ON GEORGE WILLIAMS WAY ADJACENT TO LANGSTON HUGHES ELEMENTARY; THE MOTION CARRIED 5-1 (Heckler: I think the city needs to look harder at this to determine if there is a way to accomplish what the parents are looking for).

ITEM NO. 4:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 5:

Commission Items:

Commissioner Smith requested a future agenda item to discuss the city's policy on traffic calming devices.

ITEM NO. 6:

Miscellaneous:

The Commission discussed Roberts Rules of Order and determined that no changes needed to be made in the practices of the Commission.

The Commission acknowledged City Commission action on previous recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 1, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

Transportation/Traffic Engineer

David Woosley

From: teresamartell@netzero.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 4:25 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Parking restriction on W.10th Terr, Place and Randall

Subject: Parking at two street corners: West 10th Place at Randall Road; West 10th Terrace at Randall Road

Dear Traffic Safety Committee,

We wish to appeal the decision by the City Commission on 12 May 2009 to limit parking to just one side of the street in our neighborhood: West 10th Place at Randall and West 10th Terrace at Randall. There should be further discussion to explore other remedies (alternatives) to enable long wheel-base vehicles to negotiate the two street corners. This restriction will not alleviate the problem of accommodating long wheel-base vehicles at the two corners in question. This restriction will, however, destroy the quiet, peaceful, residential atmosphere of the neighborhood which is already threatened by the fairly recent change in type of occupancy of at least two houses – one at each of the corners in question. These two houses have literally been turned into student dormitories which has increased the on-street parking at the two corners three and four hundred per cent. Presently, parking on both sides has eliminated the need for speed bumps (dips); parking on just one side of the street will result in an unsafe as well as undesirable condition necessitating speed bumps. At least some of the residents in our neighborhood would be amenable to purchasing the industrial grade paint to apply to the curbs at these corners as well as the stenciling of lettering on the curbs, such as: EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS – NO PARKING – TOW AWAY ZONE.

Something else that needs attention: the curb at the corner of Randall and West 10th Place having been repeatedly run-over (by mostly short wheel-base vehicles) has disintegrated. When this curb is replaced, using a longer radius would effectively pull the curb back resulting in more room and even better access at the corner.

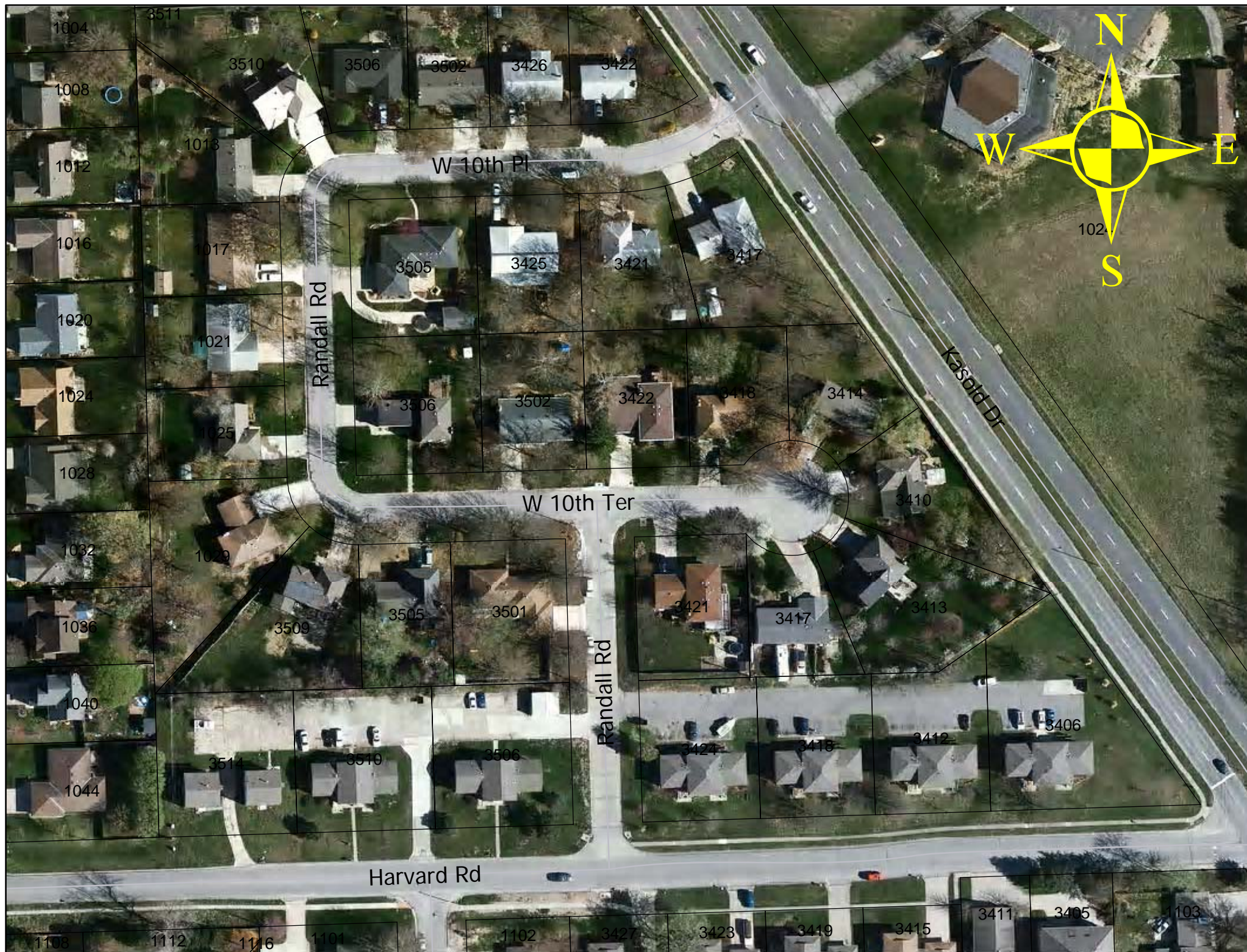
We will be happy to attend your meeting and answer any questions or give more information.

Thank you for your time: we look forward to hearing from you soon

Sincerel,

Michael & Teresa Martell

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TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

Resolution No. 6602, August 23, 2005

1. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may include but are not limited to Traffic-Calming Circles, Speed Humps and Speed Cushions, Speed Tables, Partial Diverters, Full Diverters, Center Island Narrowing, Chokers, and Road Closures; however, roundabouts are traffic management devices and are not subject to this policy.
2. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may be permitted on "local" streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, and under any one of the following conditions:
 - A. The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
 - B. The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 1000, or
 - C. Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
 - D. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B or C above are satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more of the stated values.
3. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES (except SPEED HUMPS) may be permitted on "collector" streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, under any one of the following conditions:
 - A. The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
 - B. The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 3000, or
 - C. Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
 - D. More than 50% of the frontage of the roadway consists of residential lots with the houses facing the roadway in question, or
 - E. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B, C or D above are satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more of the stated values.
4. Traffic data will be collected with city personnel using city equipment only. In the event that a requested location does not meet the minimum requirements as stated in 2 or 3 above, subsequent requests will not be considered for a minimum of one year.
5. The Lawrence-Douglas County Fire & Medical Department, the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Traffic Safety Commission must review all requests for TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES before being presented to the City Commission.
6. If a project is approved by the City Commission, the City Commission will determine financing of the construction. The City Commission may require 0-100% of the costs to be paid by the group or neighborhood making the request.
7. After a project is approved and funded by the City Commission, TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES will only be constructed at a location if 70% or more of the property owners within 300 feet measured along the centerline of the street in each direction approve of the installation or if directed by the City Commission. The individual, group or neighborhood making the request shall be responsible for obtaining the property owners' and residents' approval in writing and submitting it to the city.
8. Once installed, TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may only be removed at a location if more than 70% of the property owners and residents within 300 feet measured along the centerline of the street in each direction approve of the removal or if directed by the City Commission. The individual, group or neighborhood making the request shall be responsible for obtaining the property owners' and residents' approval in writing and submitting it to the city.
9. TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES may initially be landscaped (if appropriate) by the city, provided that the group or neighborhood making the request agrees in writing to maintain the landscaping or pursuant to the payment of a landscape maintenance fee. No privately installed landscaping is permitted unless approved by the city in writing.

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STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, May 4, 2009; THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0-3 (Hagen, Miller, Novotny).

ITEM NO. 2:

Reconsider NO PARKING along 10th Place, Randall Road and 10th Terrace.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

Stan Trekell, 1017 Randall Road, reminded Commissioners of his previous testimony and efforts to get NO PARKING established based on stories he heard from neighbors and his first-hand experience. Trekell's interest is for the purpose of public safety, by providing sufficient room for emergency vehicles to enter, pass-through, and exit the neighborhood. Trekell also reminded

Commissioners of a petition provided from a majority of the neighborhood residents in support of NO PARKING (attached). In addition, new photographs depicting the problem were presented (copies attached).

Commissioner Criqui noted that the person making the request for reconsideration had contacted him with concerns that there would be very little parking for large family gatherings.

Commissioner Hagen questioned whether there should be a city-wide ban on parking along one side of all residential streets; Woosley advised that parking is not a problem on all residential streets and it is more economically feasible to establish NO PARKING only where it is needed.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO RECONSIDER NO PARKING ALONG 10TH PLACE, RANDALL ROAD AND 10TH TERRACE; THE MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Discuss the City's Traffic Calming Policy.

Commissioner Smith stated that he was concerned about traffic calming devices impeding motorists driving the legal speed limit. Smith noted it didn't appear to be a problem with the actual policy, but with the implementation of the policy. As an example, he pointed-out the raised crosswalk on Louisiana Street at 18th Street where you must slow down to 10-15 mph even though the legal speed limit is 25 mph, but was also concerned about all the traffic calming devices throughout the city that force motorists to slow below the legal speed limit.

Commissioner Hagen noted that the raised crosswalk was a connection between the neighborhood and a city park and that sometimes going slow is necessary.

Commissioner Smith asked who determined the design of the traffic calming devices; Woosley advised that it was determined by public works department staff and based on accepted practices from across the country.

Commissioner Smith asked if it was intentional on the part of the public works department to slow traffic down below the speed limit; Woosley advised that was the intent in order to get mid-block speeds near the speed limit. Woosley noted that traffic calming came into existence because of the disregard for speed limits and the

impracticality of police departments to enforcement speed limits throughout a community 24 hours a day.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer also noted that one of the reasons traffic calming is used in Lawrence is to reduce the amount of cut-through traffic in neighborhoods by making it an inconvenience to that traffic. Traffic calming is for the neighborhoods in order to make them safer. It is an inconvenience for all motorists, but is only used where it is requested and supported by the residents; they have worked and the residents are happy with them.

Commissioner Heckler noted that traffic calming devices do not bring you to a halt, but keep traffic moving.

ITEM NO. 4:

Video: Establishing Speed Limits in Kansas.

The Commission viewed the video produced by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

ITEM NO. 5:

Public Comment:

Betty Alderson, 1920 Maine, advised that there may be some future requests from the Centennial Neighborhood for traffic calming in the neighborhood with the expected increase in traffic due to sporting events. I happen to like all the traffic calming devices; they slow traffic down and make it easier to get around some of the neighborhoods.

ITEM NO. 6:

Commission Items:

Elect Traffic Safety Commission Chair for 2009-2010.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MILLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, TO ELECT COMMISSIONER WOODS CHAIR OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY

COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 2009-2010; THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0-1 (Woods).

Elect Traffic Safety Commission Vice-Chair for 2009-2010.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NOVOTNY, TO ELECT COMMISSIONER MILLER VICE-CHAIR OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 2009-2010; THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0-1 (Miller).

ITEM NO. 6:

Miscellaneous:

The Commission acknowledged City Commission action on previous recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 6, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

Transportation/Traffic Engineer

David Woosley

From: Rich Barr
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 9:55 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: RE: Sunday, May 24, 2009

David, It would appear that our access is less than 20' when parking occurs on both sides of the street and will make access and operations more difficult should an incident occur. However, this occurs on many residential streets that have not been posted with No Parking on at least one side and are less than 30' in width curb to curb. We would certainly support a mass signing of all streets that are not wide enough to permit 20' of clear width when parking occurs on them.

Secondly, it is a Traffic Code violation for parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, so there is a violation of current code with those vehicles pictured in front of the fire hydrant.

Rich Barr
 Division Chief

From: David Woosley
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 1:25 PM
To: Rich Barr
Subject: FW: Sunday, May 24, 2009

Hi Rich,

Can you provide any official comments on issues your department may have with parking as shown in the attached pictures?

Thanks,



David E. Woosley, P.E., *Transportation/Traffic Engineer* – dwoosley@ci.lawrence.ks.us
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 P.O. Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044
 office (785) 832-3034 | fax (785) 832-3054

From: Stan Trekell [mailto:strekell@sunflower.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 6:34 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Sunday, May 24, 2009

David,

Here are some photographs of the intersection located at W. 10th Place and Randall Road which were taken at approximately 8:00 PM Sunday over the Memorial Day weekend. Of particular interest is the red sedan attempting to back into a nonexistent parking stall located in front of a fire hydrant. The adjacent mini van is already parked along W. 10th Place in front of the same fire hydrant.

These photos illustrate better than I could ever explain to the Traffic Safety Commission of the ongoing problems associated with parking along W. 10th Place, Randall Road and W. 10th Terrace.

I am forwarding these photographs to you in advance of the next TSC meeting scheduled for June 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM. I would like to make an arrangement for these photographs to be projected on the overhead for all to see. Thank you for your time and consideration.

I look forward to seeing you again,

Stan Trekell
766-6969





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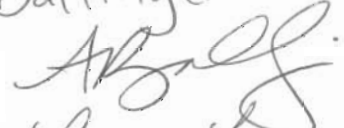


We, the undersigned neighbors of the Holiday Hills subdivision and living along W 10th Place, Randail Road and W 10th Terrace, do hereby support a proposed parking restriction that will assist emergency vehicles access throughout our neighborhood as evidenced by our signatures below:

Resident Name:

Street Address:

Are you the property owner? Y or N

	3421 W 10 th Place	yes
Glenn Robertson		
Krista Robertson	3421 W 10 th Place	yes
Krista Robertson	3422 W. 10 th Place	
Glenn Hink	3422 W. 10 th Place	Yes
Margie Hinkle	3422 W. 10 th Place	yes
Kara Schwerdt	3426 W 10 th place	no
Ron Murphy	3502 W 10 th Place	yes
(Ron MURPHY)		
Jon Kay Murphy	3502 W. 10 th Pl.	yes
Rich Ballinger	3506 W-10 th Pl	yes
Rich Ballinger		
Amy Ballinger	3506 W. 10 th pl.	yes
		
Andrea Wilson Lewis	3505 W. 10 th Pl.	yes
Christeen Thomas	3422 W. 10 th Terr	yes
Jane Schuyhart	3501 W 10 th Ter	Yes
Vance Schuyhart	3501 W. 10 th TERR	Yes
Marsha Schuyhart		
MARSHA SCHUYHART		

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We, the undersigned neighbors of the Holiday Hills subdivision and living along W 10th Place, Randall Road and W 10th Terrace, do hereby support a proposed parking restriction that will assist emergency vehicles access throughout our neighborhood as evidenced by our signatures below:

<u>Resident Name:</u>	<u>Street Address:</u>	<u>Are you the property owner? Y or N</u>
Kim Gouge		
Kim Gouge	1013 Randall Rd	yes
Teri Gouge		
Teri Gouge	1013 Randall Rd.	yes
Marcia Johnston	1021 Randall Rd	yes
MARCIA JOHNSTON		
Richard Johnston	"	yes
RICHARD JOHNSTON		
Lisa Kring	1025 Randall Rd.	yes
Brit Kring	1025 Randall	yes
Charles Rapp	3509 W. 10 th Terr	yes
CHARLES RAPP		
Karolee Kaleikini	3421 W 10 th	yes
Karolee Kaleikini		
Curtis K. Kaleikini	3421 W. 10 th Terr	yes
Curtis K. Kaleikini		
Lester D. Smith	3417 W. 10 th Terr.	Yes
Lester D. Smith		
PATRICIA H. SMITH	3417 W 10 th Terr.	yes
PATRICIA H. SMITH		
RANLENE GERKEN	3413 W. 10 th Terr.	yes
Ranlene Gerken		
ALBERT C. GERKEN	3413 W. 10 th Terr	yes
ALBERT C. GERKEN		

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Resident Name:

Street Address:

Are you the property owner? Y or N

LISA HATZENBUHLER 3410 W. 10th Terrace - Yes
Lisa Hatzembuhler

DAVE HATZENBUHLER 3410 W. 10th Terrace - Yes
Dave Hatzembuhler

Sharon Mitchell Sharon Mitchell
3414 W 10TH Terrace - yes
Virginia L. Harris
Virginia L. Harris yes

WILLIAM T HARRIS William T. Harris
3418 W 10th TERR yes

Martin Thomas Martin Thomas
3422 W 10th Terrace yes.

Darren C Rausch Darren C Rausch
3502 W. 10th Terrace yes

Trena Rausch Trena Rausch
3502 W. 10th Terrace yes

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<u>Resident Name:</u>	<u>Street Address:</u>	Are you the property owner? <u>Y or N</u>
Ralph Holladay	3417 W 10 th Pl.	yes
Ralph Holladay	11	11

Traffic Safety Commission

1 June 2009

Please Print Your Name, Address, Telephone and E-mail Below

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