AGENDA - TSC 1/4/10

ITEM NO. 5:

Re-consider request to establish a STOP sign on Crestline Drive at 24th Terrace and consider request to establish a STOP sign on Melrose Lane at 25th Street.

Facts:

- 1. 24th Terrace, 25th Street, Crestline Drive and Melrose Lane are all classified as 'local' streets in a residential area.
- 2. Both intersections are 'T' intersections which seldom require traffic control unless there is a history of crashes; the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* states "Crash records indicate that three or more crashes that are susceptible to correction by the installation of a STOP sign have been reported within a 12-month period, or that five or more such crashes have been reported within a 2-year period.
- 3. In fact, during the planning process, developers are encouraged to develop residential areas with 'T' intersections to reduce the potential for crashes, reduce to need for traffic control and to reduce energy consumption and air pollution.
- 4. Police Department records show there have been 0 reported crashes at the intersection of 24th Terrace & Crestline Drive during the past three (3) years, and 1 reported crash at the intersection of 25th Street & Melrose Lane during the past three (3) years.
- 5. State law establishes that, "When two vehicles enter an intersection from different roadways at approximately the same time the driver on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right" (see attached page 21 from the *Kansas Driving Handbook*.)

MINUTES - TSC 1/4/10

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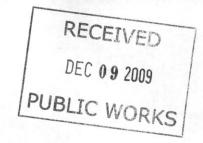
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David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A STOP SIGN ON CRESTLINE DRIVE AT 24TH TERRACE AND REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A STOP SIGN ON MELROSE LANE AT 25TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.



Traffic Safety Commission Attn: David Woosley P.O. Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear David and Commission.

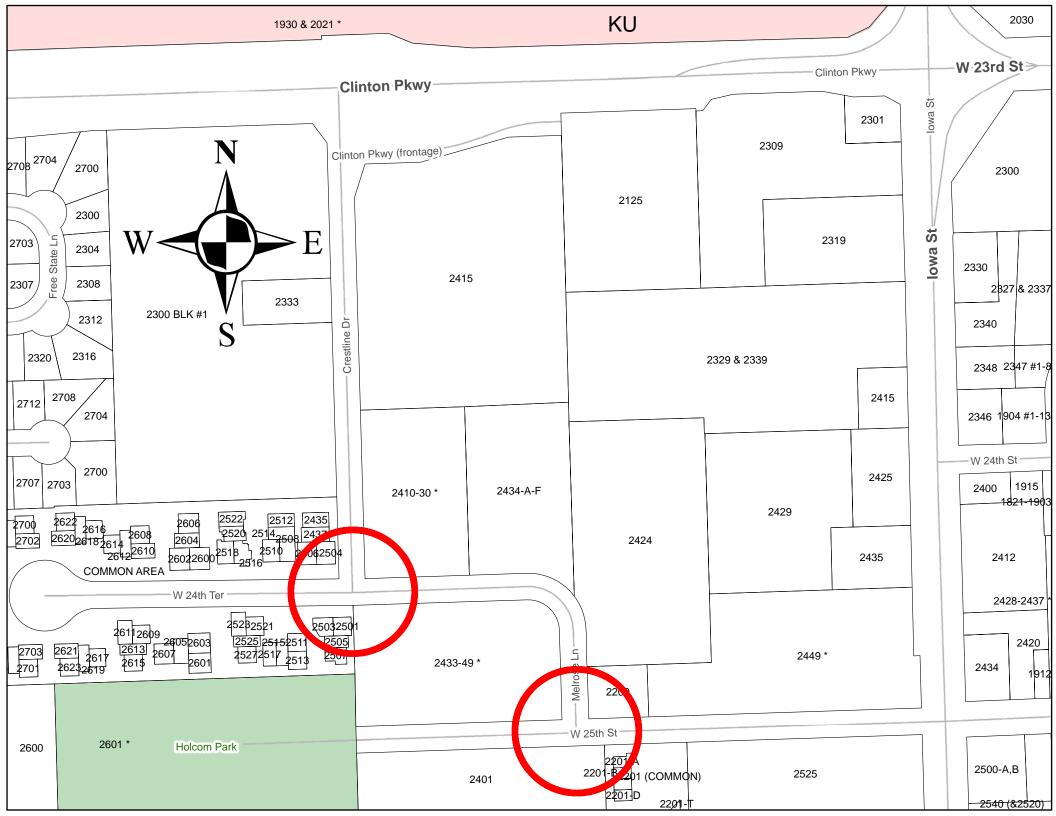
I have 2 items to submit for the agenda next month. I did not realize that I needed to be there at the meeting to advocate for this decision. Dickie Heckler let me know that that was necessary.

We need a stop sign at the corner of 25th Terrace and Crestline coming south. The subdivision of 40+ households west on 24th Terrace empties out at this intersection and Crestline turns/merges with Melrose here. It is unclear who has the right of way. A stop sign should do the trick.

The second item is a stop sign on Melrose as it intersects 25th Street coming

south. There is no indication which car has the right of way at that point. The rect my the Thanks for your consideration in these matters. Please let me know your decision by contacting me at the number or address below.

> **Bob Garrett** President Hills West Home Owner's Association 2511 W. 24th Terrace Lawrence, KS 66047 (785.838.4697)



BACKING UP

Before backing your vehicle it is a good practice to walk completely around the vehicle to be sure no person or obstacle is behind you.

Before backing you should look to the front, sides and rear, and continue to look to the rear while backing. Do not depend on your mirror. Backing slowly into the proper traffic lane with a minimum of movement. Follow the same rules when backing into traffic lanes after being parked at an angle. Except for backing into a parking space, it is never advisable to back up on a public street or road. If you back out of a driveway, always back into the nearest lane and proceed from there. NEVER back across other traffic lanes.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

Right-of-way rules are an aid to safe and smooth traffic flow. They emphasize courtesy and common sense.

- The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle which has already entered the intersection from a different highway.
- When two vehicles enter an intersection from different roadways at approximately the same time the driver on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.
- If you are entering a through street or highway at which there are stop signs, you must stop completely and proceed when you can do so without interfering with other traffic.
- 4. Emergency vehicles, such as police cars, fire engines and ambulances, have the right-of-way when they are displaying a red light in front or when they signal with a siren or bell. At such times, other vehicles should immediately drive to the right and stop until the emergency vehicles have passed. NEVER follow such vehicles. When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle from the rear that is using flashing warning lights on a street or highway with two or more lanes in each direction, a driver shall proceed with due caution and move to a lane that is not adjacent to the stopped emergency vehicle. If driving on a street or highway where it is not possible to change lanes, the driver shall reduce speed and proceed with due caution.
- 5. The driver of a vehicle turning left shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles approaching from the opposite direction which are within or so near as to constitute a hazard. If both cars enter the intersection at the same time, the car going straight through has the right-of-way.
- Vehicles on a public street or highway have the right-of-way over vehicles entering from a private drive or side road.
- 7. The driver of a vehicle within a business or residential district emerging from an alley, driveway or building, shall stop their vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway or driveway, and shall yield the right-of-way.
- 8. Cars controlled by a yield sign need stop only when necessary to avoid interference with other traffic that has the right-of-way, including pedestrians.

PARKING

Parking is NOT allowed at the following places:

- 1. Within an intersection.
- 2. Within a pedestrian crosswalk at an intersection.
- 3. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- 4. In front of a driveway.
- 5. On a bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a tunnel.
- 6. In "No Parking" zones designated by official signs.
- 7. Double or, "two-deep" along the curb or side of street.
- 8. On narrow streets or roads where parking would interfere with regular traffic.