

## AGENDA – TSC 6/7/10

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to construct TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Locust Street & Walnut Street.

Facts:

1. 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Locust Street & Walnut Street is classified as a “local” street.
2. The city's *Traffic Calming Policy* (attached) provides criteria for permitting traffic calming devices on “local” streets.
3. The statutory speed limit on 9<sup>th</sup> Street is 30mph; traffic data collected May 25-26, 2010 found an average of 463 vehicles per day traveling at an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 36.8mph.
4. Therefore, this location meets the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming devices.

## MINUTES – TSC 6/7/10

### ITEM NO. 4:

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David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Commissioner Harden asked if the entire right-of-way was within the city; Woosley advised that the city limits went down the center of the roadway; however, the city maintains the entire roadway and the county director of public works advised that they would probably not have any problem with traffic calming as long as they were notified.

Public comment:

Will Robarge, 305 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street: The traffic on 9<sup>th</sup> Street is a huge issue with us and our children; the clientele from the establishment down the street tends to drive faster than normal; the study conducted during the week shows a high volume of cars exceeding the speed limit; on a weekend, the number of vehicles could easily double and that speed definitely would go up; we have had accidents there and incidents where pedestrians have almost gotten hit from drag-racing; my request is to construct speed humps and I would be willing to pay the costs.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked what time the counts were taken; Woosley advised they were taken for 24 hours.

Commissioner Woods: The speeding and drag-racing may or may-not be helped with a traffic calming device.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked how many humps would be needed for the long stretch of roadway; Woosley advised that at least two would be needed and possibly three.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, TO RECOMMEND CONSTRUCTING TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN LOCUST STREET & WALNUT STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.**

**David Woosley**

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**From:** Will Robarge [wrobarge@TreanorArchitects.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2010 10:40 AM  
**To:** David Woosley  
**Cc:** David Woosley  
**Subject:** Traffic Calming Request

Sir / Ma'am,

I am writing to you in regards to my increasing concern for the activities surrounding the Pink Flamingo Gentlemen's Club (located in North Lawrence City, off 9th Street.) I am a resident in the vicinity to this club, and for the 4 years in which I have lived here, I have witnessed car accidents (most due to drunk driving), property damage due to swerving/speeding vehicles, speeding vehicles coming from the club parking lot and heading down 9th Street and onto Maple & Locusts streets which are residential streets with children playing and pedestrian traffic adjacent to the road, night time motorcycle groups riding by at high speeds and at late hours, night & day time drag racing both car and motorcycles along N 9th street and down Locust St., a wide variety of food and clothing items thrown in my yard during the day and over the late hours of the night, the list goes on and on. I've even had my truck bed used as a trash can and my cab broken into as well. I believe you get the picture. I have contacted Keith Dabney with the County Zoning & Codes Dept. in regards to these issues, and he indicated that the City of Lawrence is who I should contact. I then contacted Mr. Scott McCullough with Planning and Development, who then referred me to Mr. David Woosley with the Public Works Department. Mr. Woosley provided me with this email address to officially submit a request for a speed hump to help alleviate the speeding issues and the danger it is presenting to our neighborhood.

So I am writing to request a traffic calming device be installed (speed hump) along N 9th Street, between Walnut and Locust streets. It's my perception that the device most ideally suited for this type of application would be a speed hump or two. Please let me know if this email is all that needs to be done for a request, or if there is a form that needs to be filled out.

Thank you,  
Will

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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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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.





Locust St

N 9th St

Elm St

Walnut St

