

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
October 4, 2010-7:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Ken Miller, Chair; Jason Novotny, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Dan Harden; Richard Heckler; Edwin Rockrock; Jim Woods; and John Ziegelmeyer Jr.

Anyone who wishes to be notified when an 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, August 2, 2010.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Sawgrass Drive from 26th Terrace, north to the cul-de-sac.

Facts:

1. Sawgrass Drive is classified as a "local" residential street and is paved 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of Sawgrass Drive.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the north side of Brett Drive between Berwick Way & Haversham Drive/Stowe Drive.

Facts:

1. Brett Drive is classified as a "local" residential street and is paved 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both side of Brett Drive.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider establishing NO PARKING along the south side of 11th Street between Kentucky Street & Tennessee Street.

Facts:

1. 11th Street is classified as a "minor arterial" and is paved approximately 44 feet wide.
2. This area is marked as a lane of traffic for eastbound 11th Street.
3. NO PARKING signs are currently in place and have been for some time; however, it doesn't appear that they were established by ordinance.

ITEM NO. 5: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 6: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 7: Miscellaneous.

City Commission action on previous recommendations:

Concurred with the recommendation to modify the ONE-WAY designation on Elm Street between 2nd Street & 3rd Street;

Concurred with the recommendation to modify the NO PARKING restrictions on Elm Street between 2nd Street & 3rd Street;

Concurred with the recommendation to establish NO PARKING along the south side of 19th Terrace between Naismith Drive & Ousdahl Road;

Concurred with the recommendation to rescind the NO PARKING BUS STOP ZONE on the north side of 10th Street, east of New York Street;

Concurred with the recommendation to construct a MID-BLOCK SIGNALIZED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on Kentucky Street between 12th Street & 13th Street;

Concurred with the recommendation to construct TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES on 9th Street between Locust Street & Walnut Street;

Concurred with the recommendation to rescind the RESERVED PARKING ZONE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES in front of 1505 Vermont Street;

Concurred with the recommendation to establish a YIELD sign on Melrose Lane at 25th Street;

Concurred with the recommendation to not establish a YIELD sign on Crestline Drive at 24th Terrace; and

Concurred with the recommendation to construct TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES on 25th Terrace between Kensington Road & Surrey Drive.

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Traffic Safety Commission
October 4, 2010 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Miller, Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Dan Harden; Richard Heckler; Edwin Rothrock; and Jim Woods

MEMBER ABSENT: Jason Novotny and John Ziegelmeyer Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

Chair Ken Miller 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, August 2, 2010.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, August 2, 2010; THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-2.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Sawgrass Drive from 26th Terrace, north to the cul-de-sac.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Commissioner Boley asked how many parking spaces were available on the east side of the street; Woosley advised that there were probably not more than a half dozen.

Commissioner Woods asked why it wasn't extended all the way to 27th Street; Woosley advised that the problem appeared to be with one household in the subject area.

Commissioner Harden asked if the Commission could act on more than the request; Woosley advised they could not.

Public comment:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SAWGRASS DRIVE FROM 26TH TERRACE, NORTH TO THE CUL-DE-SAC; THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the north side of Brett Drive between Berwick Way & Haversham Drive/Stowe Drive.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report and noted the receipt of an e-mail from one of the residents supporting the request.

Public comment:

Jerry Karasek, 2324 Brett Drive: The concerns we have are snowplows not being able to plow the street and delivery vehicles not being able to get through. Last Christmas, it took four days before a snowplow could get down one side of the street. We are at the last resort; we have been working with city staff concerning rental property in the area. There have been several instances of vehicles being backed into; with vehicles parked right up against the driveways, as well as across the street, it is next to impossible to get out. The rental properties are the problem; there have been as many as three cars in each driveway and eight cars parked on the street at one time. The reason I requested the north side is because the sidewalk is on the south side of the street and that is the side where the rental properties are; I think they should park in front of their own homes. We are working with code enforcement concerning the number of unrelated individuals living in the rental properties, but in the meantime, we are requesting the parking restriction. I really don't want to do this, but I don't see any other option right now.

Elaine Penny, 2320 Brett Drive: Recently they have started parking in front of the fire hydrant in front of my house; I don't know that establishing the parking restriction will change their behavior, and it may inconvenience us as much as

anyone, but at least it will help us back out into the street. We appreciate any help we can get.

Dawn Crump, 2309 Brett Drive: We just moved here this summer; where we lived before we had only one side of the street parking and it wasn't any better, it was actually worse; neighbors were fighting over parking spaces and leaving nasty notes on cars and damaging cars. If this is established, the renters will probably be parking in front of our house, so we won't be able to use it. I would suggest no parking at certain times.

Dennis Crump, 2309 Brett Drive: I think restricting the parking puts a band-aid on the real situation. I am concerned about how far away a guest of ours would have to park. I don't think it is appropriate for this street.

Betty Alderson, 1920 Maine Street: I do not live in this neighborhood, but I have a great deal of empathy and sympathy for what they're doing. I certainly support their request to have parking taken-off one side of the street; they need to be able to get in-and-out of their driveways. This points-out that we do not have a parking regulation for rentals in single-family neighborhoods; we do in multi-family neighborhoods; a certain number of off-street parking spaces are required for tenants. That is not true in single-family areas and it is a problem all over town.

Commissioner Rothrock: I know it's a band-aid approach, but I was out there today and parked opposite another vehicle and a large van had trouble getting through.

Commissioner Devlin: I am concerned about emergency services if this is a continual problem.

Commissioner Harden: I was thinking about giving the city 90 days to determine if there is a zoning violation and handle it that way with a parking restriction as a fallback position.

Commissioner Heckler: This isn't going to fix the problem, but I would support removing parking from one side of the street, mainly because of emergency vehicle concerns.

Commissioner Boley: I think it's imperative that emergency vehicles be able to get through, that is a top priority, and I don't see anything else happening right away to make that possible.

Commissioner Woods: I'm against this band-aid approach; I don't think it will do any good.

Commissioner Miller: What about tabling this until the neighborhood has had a chance to have a neighborhood meeting? Having said that, I feel that emergency vehicles take precedence.

Commissioner Rothrock: My concern is if we delay this, it could be next spring before any action was taken.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF BRETT DRIVE BETWEEN BERWICK WAY & HAVERSHAM DRIVE/STOWE DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (Woods: This is a band-aid approach; it is not going to help).

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider establishing NO PARKING along the south side of 11th Street between Kentucky Street & Tennessee Street.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF 11TH STREET BETWEEN KENTUCKY STREET & TENNESSEE STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Public Comment:

Betty Alderson, 1920 Maine Street, expressed concern about the traffic control on the University of Kansas West Campus at the intersection of 19th Street & Constant Drive; Woosley advised that the intersection was under the control of the university and not under the city's jurisdiction.

ITEM NO. 6:

Commission Items:

Commissioner Woods invited everyone to the Annual Crime Stoppers fund raiser, Tuesday, October 5, 5:30-9:30, at Henry T's.

ITEM NO. 7:

Miscellaneous:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

Transportation/Traffic Engineer

David Woosley

From: CHARLES LOMSHEK [charleslomshek@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 11:11 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Accident hazard

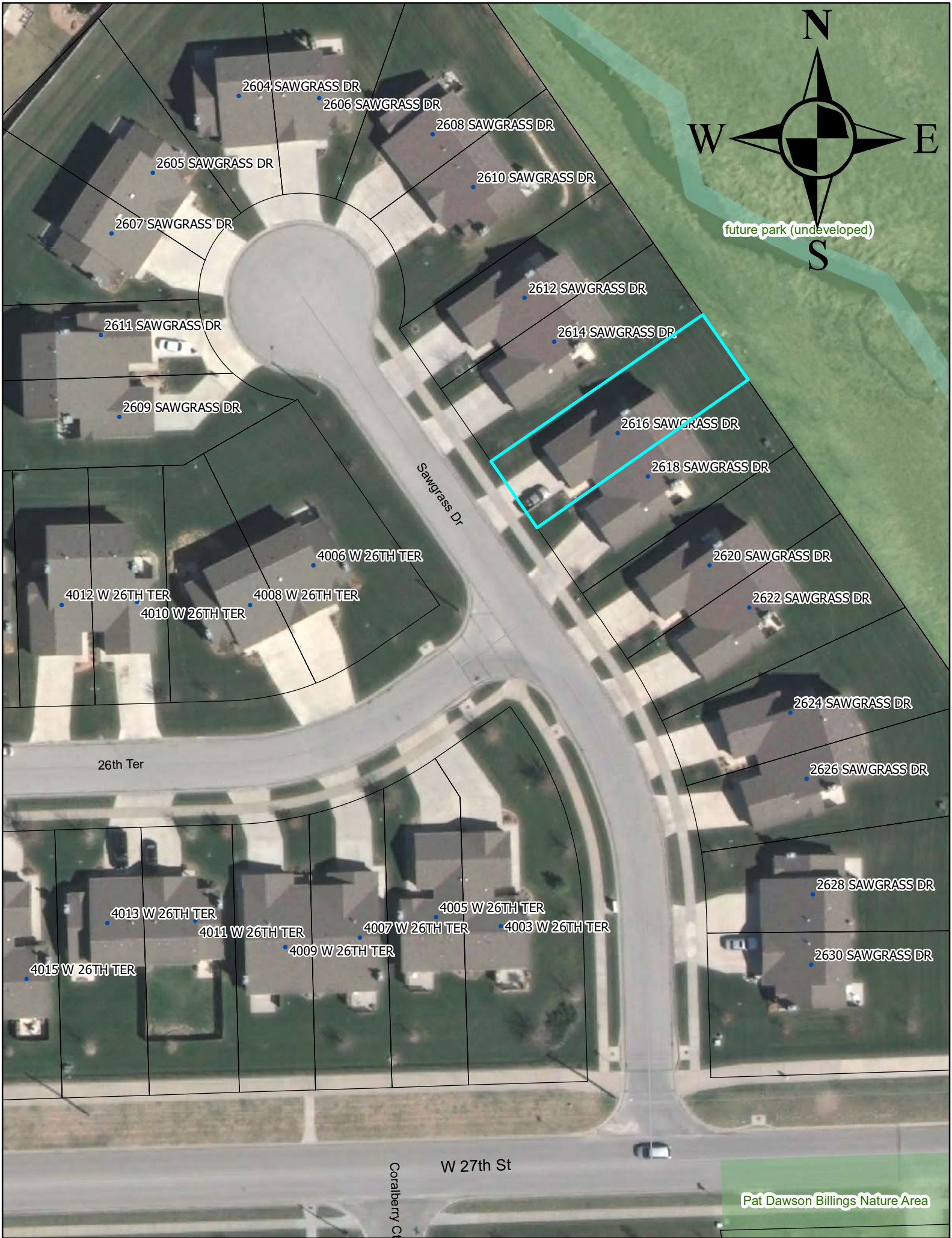
To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have lived at 2616 Sawgrass Drive here in Lawrence for five years now, and in the course of that time we have backed in to cars that are parked across the street from our driveway. We, along with other residents believe that the street is too narrow for parking on the west side opposite the driveways on the east. We have placed courteous notes on peoples cars asking them to refrain from parking to no avail.

If you could please have your committee to review this accident hazard, we would certainly appreciate it.

We look forward to your consideration and your reply hereto.

Charles Lomshek
830-8863



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Pat Dawson Billings Nature Area

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David Woosley

From: Jerry Karasek [JKARASEK@kumc.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 8:23 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: No Parking on Brett Drive

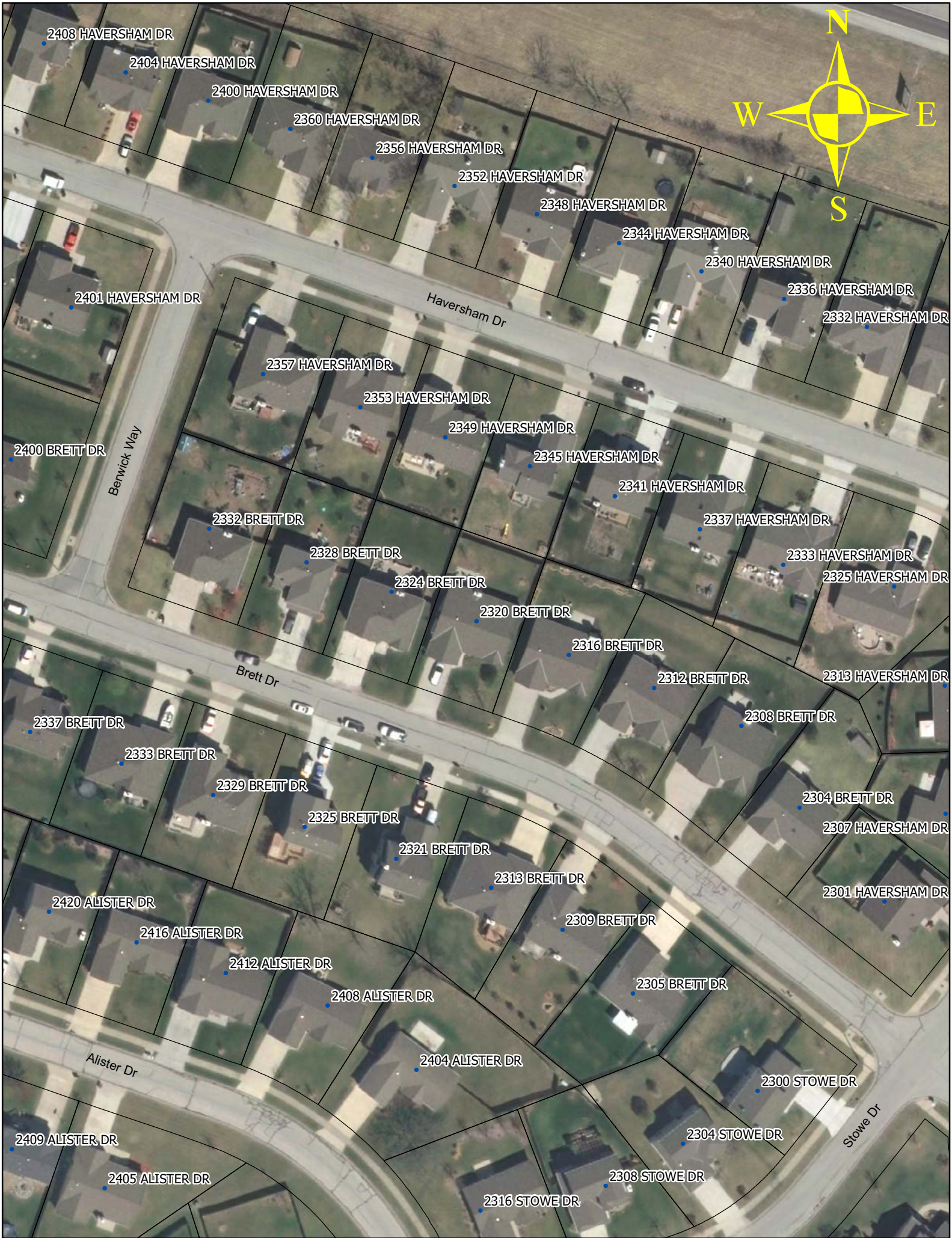
I would like to start the process of formally requesting NO PARKING on the North side of Brett Drive. If you look in the two subdivisions north of Peterson Road, you'll see that almost every street has no parking on one side of the street.....except for Brett Drive. This was never a problem before, as our street was all single families. However, in the past two years several houses (2321 and 2325 Brett) have become rentals with quite a few renters. We now have these two houses parking multiple vehicles on both sides of the street. In the past year, there have been no less than 3 occasions where cars have been backed into because of this parking situation. In addition, our streets were not able to be plowed effectively last winter because of cars on both sides of the street (ie...the plows couldn't get through).

I have already talked with Elaine Penny (2320 Brett Dr.) and Tony Sailor (2328 Brett Dr.) and we are all in support of there being NO PARKING on the North side of the street. They have also talked with several other neighbors who agree with this request. There is a fire hydrant already on the North side of Brett drive, and all of the cars parking in the street live on the south side (as stated above). For these reasons, I feel the no parking should be on the North side of the street, and the renters should park in front of their own house.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Thank You!

Jerry Karasek
2324 Brett Drive
cell - 218-1906



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David Woosley

From: David Hamby [davidh@bgcons.com]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 10:30 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Traffic Safety Commission Item #3 - October 4, 2010 Agenda

David,

Please forward this email to the members of the Traffic Safety Commission with my comments. Thank you.

Traffic Safety Commission Members:

My name is David Hamby and I live at 2329 Brett Drive. I am unable to attend the meeting tonight. As a former member of the Traffic Safety Commission I realize public comment is important in making these type of decisions. I am writing in support of the request made by Jerry Karasek to remove parking along the north side of Brett Drive. When vehicles are parked along both sides of Brett Drive, it is impossible for two vehicles to pass and difficult for one vehicle to proceed safely. Emergency vehicles would have a difficult (maybe even impossible) time accessing nearby properties in time of emergencies. Although the rental properties in the neighborhood are not in your jurisdiction, the residents have noticed a difference in the amount of on street parking since these single family homes have been converted to rental units. Please consider my comments when making a decision on this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

David Hamby, P.E.

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