

AGENDA – TSC 12/6/10

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the north side of 27th Street west of Kensington Road.

Facts:

1. 27th Street is classified as a “collector” street and is paved 30 feet wide.
2. There has been one (1) reported crash in this area during the past three (3) years; on June 28, 2010, a vehicle hit a vehicle parked on the north side of 27th Street, just west of Kensington Road and left the scene.

MINUTES – TSC 12/6/10

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David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Jason Barnhill, 2508 Kensington Road: There is a business in the residence on the northwest corner of the intersection, a daycare facility; I live just down the street on Kensington; when you are turning from Kensington to go westbound on 27th Street, there is a hill that prevents clear visibility of oncoming traffic; in addition, the house on the corner has so many vehicles that some of them park on 27th Street adding to the visibility problem; therefore, I am asking that this area become a no parking zone; when vehicles are parked there, you literally have to inch yourself around.

Commissioner Woods: If we establish NO PARKING here, then the vans will just move somewhere else and may cause a problem there.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I think it would be better if they parked further west or on Kensington because of the hill; it is somewhat of a safety hazard.

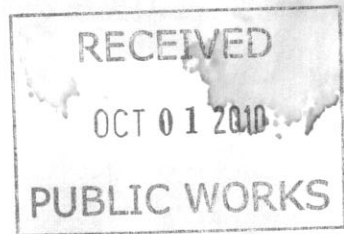
Commissioner Rothrock suggested that NO PARKING be established for half of the block.

Commissioner Heckler: I would like to see NO PARKING on either side of the crosswalk.

Commissioner Miller: I don't believe we can expand the area of consideration beyond the published request.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF 27TH STREET BETWEEN KENSINGTON ROAD & MAYFAIR DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED 7-1 (Heckler: the parking should be restricted near the crosswalk at Mayfair also).

Traffic Safety Commission
City of Lawrence ~ City Hall
6 E 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044



RE: Parked vehicles on the SW corner of 27th & Kensington Road

Dear Commission,

This letter is to request your assistance in evaluating the traffic safety area of 27th and Kensington Road here in Lawrence, KS. In short, the residence, I believe the address is 2629 Kensington Road, a blue house on the SW corner of 27th & Kensington Road, parks on average 7-9 cars both in its driveway and on the street on that corner. At times multiple vehicles have been parked on 27th street which in my opinion causes safety issues due to poor visibility at that intersection. Vehicles driving southbound on Kensington Road who want to turn westbound already face an uphill slope and now they must deal with large vehicles (vans). At the moment the only limitation in parking is on the opposite side of the street further west on 27th street which prohibits parking due to the school zone.

The pictures enclosed can better illustrate the situation.

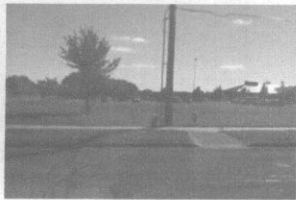
Thank you for your review of this matter.

Respectfully,

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Lawrence, KS 66046



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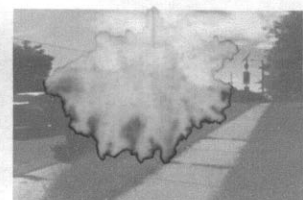
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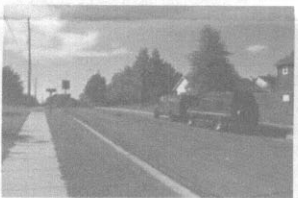
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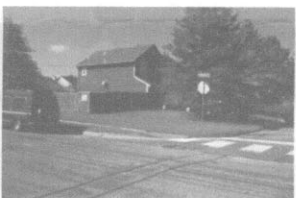
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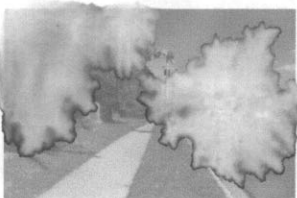
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