

AGENDA: TSC 5/7/12

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to prohibit parking along one side of Stone Creek Drive between Harvard Road & Legends Drive.

Facts:

1. Stone Creek Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area and is paved 26 feet wide.
2. Police Department records show there have been two (2) reported crashes involving parked vehicles on Stone Creek Drive during the past three (3) years.

MINUTES: TSC 5/7/12

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted that a number of e-mail's (attached) had been received concerning this item and forwarded to each Commission member.

Public Comment:

Sarah Dinges, 1223 Stonecreek Drive: Visibility is very limited when vehicles park on both sides of the street, especially around the curves; when vehicles meet in the middle, someone has to back up; every house on the street has a two or three-car garage, plus a driveway, so there is no hardship asking for parking on only one side of the street; it is dangerous on game-days and when people have events at their home; if you don't consider the entire street, I would ask that you consider around the curves; it is a young neighborhood, there are a lot of children and pets.

Donna Johnson, 1373 Stonecreek Drive: I am against the proposal; most of us do a good job, we live on the street, we know it is full of kids; I do agree around the walking path may not be a bad idea; it really isn't a big problem.

Aaron Miller, 1227 Stonecreek Drive: I am opposed as well; if safety is an issue, we need to decrease the volume of traffic; putting parking on one side will increase traffic and increase speed and make safety more of an issue.

George Hughes, 1215 Stonecreek Drive: I oppose it too; it will destroy things; it will increase speed; the only time they slow down is for the parked vehicles.

Heather Hughes, 1215 Stonecreek Drive: I am also opposed to this; moving parking to one side of the street will increase the speed; speed is the issue on our street.

Joe Fike, 1313 Stonecreek Drive: I'm opposed to the change; I think it will increase the speed; the speed is already too high.

Ed Noll, 1309 Stonecreek Drive: I'm opposed to it as well; I'm not sure there is anything to be gained by it.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Ziegelmeier: I would like to see some traffic and speed counts; I drive that street almost every day and I do think that speed is an issue there.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG ONE SIDE OF STONE CREEK DRIVE BETWEEN HARVARD ROAD & LEGENDS DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

From: Sarah Dinges [mailto:sdinges@sunflower.com]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 5:49 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: A traffic restriction for Stone Creek Dr

To whom it may concern,

I would like to request a parking restriction on Stone Creek dr, so that people can park on only one side of the street. Cars will easily be accommodated by a one-side restriction.

Currently, despite the availability of a two-three car garage plus a driveway for every house on the street, there are cars parked everywhere on the street. The combination of turns in the roadway plus cars parked on both sides often restricts traffic and makes the street feel like an obstacle course.

The street is wide enough that it can accommodate one-side parking and two-way driving at the same time. With the current system of everyone parking where they feel like, the street is often restricted to one-way driving in places where it can be difficult to see oncoming traffic. Drivers are forced to stop and maneuver to allow oncoming traffic to pass because parked cars have constricted the roadway by parking on both sides.

I would like to reiterate that all of the cars that park on Stone Creek will be accommodated by one-side parking, but that the overall safety of the street will be increased immensely.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: [David Woosley](#)
To: 'Sarah Dinges'
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 7:52 AM
Subject: RE: A traffic restriction for Stone Creek Dr

Hi Sarah,

What portion of Stone Creek Drive are you referring to? The street stretches from Legends Drive northerly to Branchwood Drive.

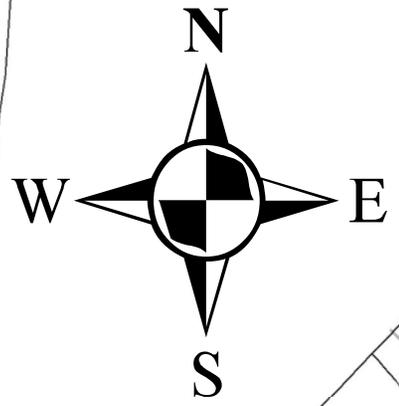
Thanks,



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From: Sarah Dinges [<mailto:sdinges@sunflower.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 10:07 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Re: A traffic restriction for Stone Creek Dr

Legends to Harvard



DeVictor Park

Stonecreek Dr
Harvard Rd

Plymouth Dr

Rankin Dr
Waverly Dr

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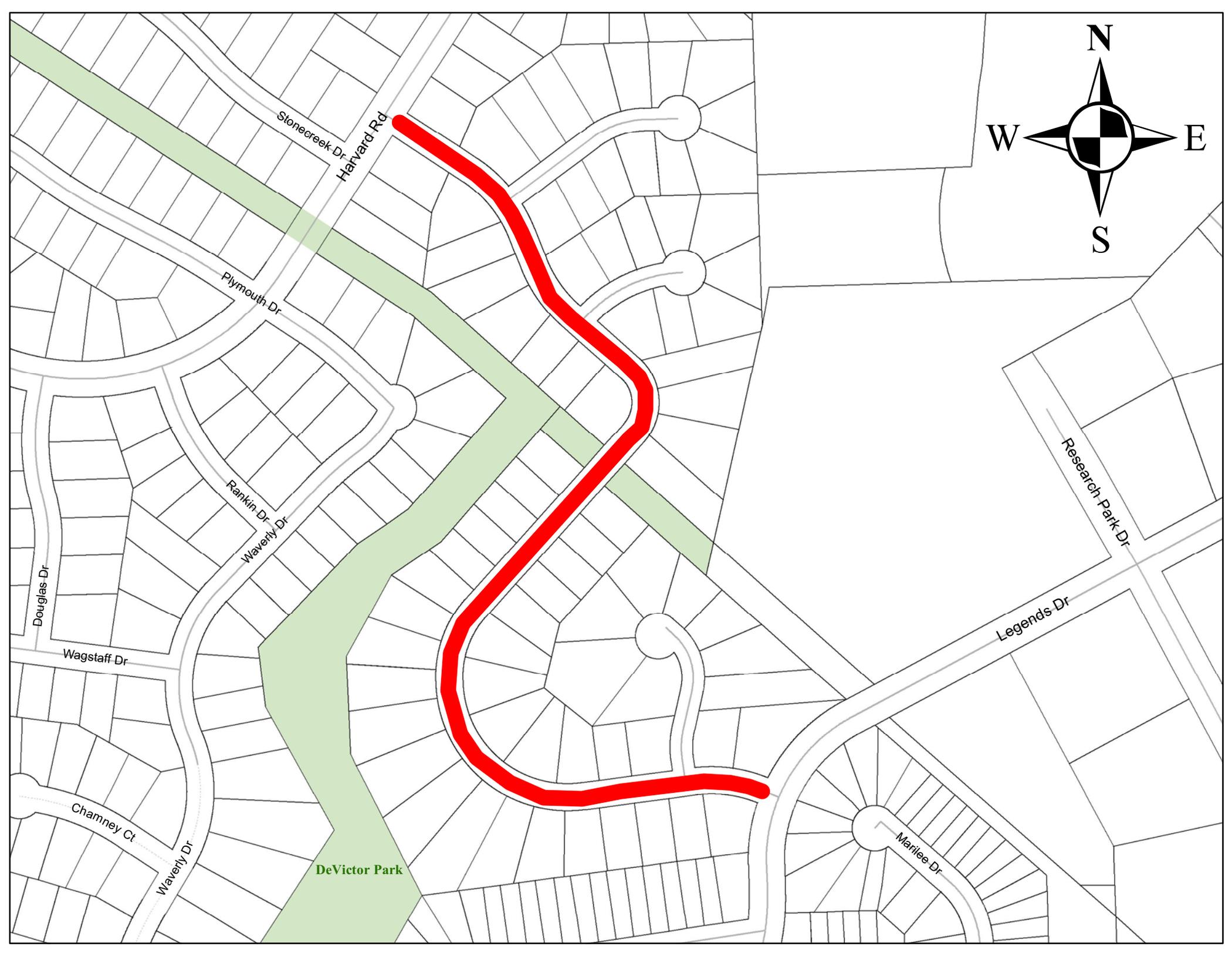
Chamney Ct

Waverly Dr

Research Park Dr

Legends Dr

Marilee Dr





Stonecreek Dr

Harvard Rd

Stonecreek Ct

Plymouth Dr

Thorn Tree Ct

Rankin Dr

Waverly Dr

Stonecreek Dr

DeVictor Park

Wagstaff Dr

DeVictor Park

Morgan Ct

Legends Dr

Chamney Ct

Waverly Dr

Marilee Dr

Research Park Dr



David Woosley

From: Greg Pavlyak [pav@traderpav.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:15 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Stone Creek Drive Parking

Dear Traffic Safety Commission,

Thank you for alerting the residents of Stone Creek Drive that you will consider a request to prohibit parking along one side of our street. We live at 1240 Stone Creek Drive, near the area that's typically congested.

While it is an occasional nuisance to navigate through the parked cars, we would like to offer an opposing viewpoint:

We appreciate the slowing effect that the parked cars have on the through traffic transiting our residential street. The greatest safety concern is not so much the parked cars, but rather the excessive speed that non-residents attain while using our street as a through-way. We do not consider the parked cars a safety threat at all when drivers practice considerate, defensive operation of their vehicles at a proper speed.

For this reason, and others we oppose any restrictions to parking on Stone Creek Drive, in spite of any nuisance it may be.

We are additionally opposed to the eyesore and expense of the signage which would be required to prohibit parking. However, we would support the expense of adding speed humps to the crosswalk areas on this street.

Thank you for considering our opinion.

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David Woosley

From: katy@drivinuniversity.com [katy@drivinguniversity.com]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 3:45 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: May 7 Agenda

Thank you for mailing us the notice of the May 7 Meeting. In reference to Item No. 3, I offer the following comment:

In the interest of the safety of all the residents as well as walkers, bikers & drivers who travel on Stone Creek Drive between Harvard Rd & Legends Drive, I support the idea of parking on one side only of this street. As you are aware, Stone Creek Drive is a winding street with many blind areas. When vehicles are parked on both sides of the street it is impossible for two-way traffic to continue – one driver must stop behind the parked vehicle – if you were able to see the other vehicle coming toward you around that blind curve. Many residents in the neighborhood have lawn care service & those trucks with trailers and equipment make it extremely difficult to navigate through the neighborhood, since they may be parked on either side of the street & cars may be parked on the opposite side.

This same condition exists on Harvard Road between Stone Creek Drive & Waukarusa.

Thank you for considering this situation, hopefully safety can be improved for the majority without inconveniencing a minority.

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David Woosley

From: Don Zimmer [kanza@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:36 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: parking on Stonecreek

I live at 1317 Stonecreek Dr. and would be opposed to prohibit parking along one side of Stonecreek Dr.

Parking along both sides helps to keep the speed down for cars driving thru and in my opinion is safer.

I would also be opposed to speed bumps and round a bouts as a solution for speeding. Allowing parking on both sides is a simpler and less expensive solution.

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