

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
December 3, 2012-7:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Dan Harden, Chair; Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Jason Novotny; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm; 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, November 5, 2012.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 27th Street between Iowa Street & Louisiana Street.

Staff Report:

1. 27th Street is classified as a "collector" street and is paved 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is prohibited along the south side of the street; parking is prohibited along the north side of the street between Arkansas Street & Missouri Street; and parking is prohibited along the north side of the street, 7am-6pm Except Sunday, between Alabama Street & Louisiana Street.
3. The posted speed limit on 27th Street is 30mph.
4. The city's *Traffic Calming Policy* (attached) provides that traffic calming devices may be provided on a "collector" street if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit or if the 24-hour two-way volume of traffic is greater than 3000.
5. Traffic data obtained for a 24-hour period November 12-13 found the overall 85th percentile speed of traffic to be 38.1mph and the average volume of traffic to be 3315.
6. Therefore, this roadway appears to meet the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming devices.

ITEM NO. 3: Public comment.

ITEM NO. 4: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 5: Miscellaneous.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Chris Storm; and John Ziegelmeyer, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Harden; Cody Howard; Jason Novotny; and Tracy Russell

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Landra Fair; Bonnie Johnson; Betty Alderson

Vice-Chair Edwin Rothrock 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, November 5, 2012.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONERS STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2012; THE MOTION CARRIED, 4-0-1.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 27th Street between Iowa Street & Louisiana Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Landra Fair, 1113 W. 27th Street: I have talked to a lot of residents of the Indian Hills Neighborhood and the consensus is that most of the people have been concerned about the speed and the amount of traffic on 27th Street; most people would like to see something done to make the traffic move slower or even make people think twice about using 27th Street; it's a residential street, there is nothing commercial on it, but yet, everyone uses it to get across town.

Bonnie Johnson, 2601 Belle Crest Drive, Chair, Indian Hills Neighborhood Association: Our boundaries are 25th Street to the north, 31st Street to the south, Louisiana Street on the east and Naismith Valley Park on the west; traffic on 27th Street has been a perennial issue for our neighborhood for at least 10 years; in 2006, a traffic calming plan was presented to the neighborhood at an open house, 78 residents attended and only 11 wanted to leave the street as it is, the others all different variations of traffic calming devices; the most popular option was a raised crosswalk at the trail crossing in the park; the second most popular item was some sort of speed cushion or hump; other options included decorative street lights, sidewalks on both sides of the street; street trees, bulb-outs and pedestrian refuge islands; we are pleased that this is being brought-up for discussion.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Rothrock: I live in this neighborhood and it is clearly used as a cut-through; it is the fastest way from Louisiana to Iowa; it has gotten significantly worse in the last three years; see vehicles being passed all the time.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: This situation is just like Lawrence Avenue from 6th Street to 15th Street; I don't think there is any question that this should be strongly looked-at for some type of traffic calming.

Commissioner Boley asked about the possibility of a stop sign at Missouri Street; Woosley advised that it could be evaluated in accordance with the criteria in the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON 27TH STREET BETWEEN IOWA STREET & LOUISIANA STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Public Comment:

Betty Alderson, 1400 Lilac Lane: 27th Street is the only connecting street from Iowa to Louisiana; it's the only street that goes straight through; it is a problem.

ITEM NO. 4:

Commission Items:

None.

ITEM NO. 5:

Miscellaneous:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, January 7, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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