

AGENDA: TSC 12/2/13

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Walnut Street between 6th Street & 7th Street.

Staff Report:

1. Walnut Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area, paved approximately 20 feet wide, without curb & gutter or sidewalks, and a speed limit of 30 mph.
2. The City's *Traffic Calming Policy* provides that traffic calming devices may be provided if the 24-hour volume is greater than 1000 or if the 85th percentile speed of traffic exceeds the speed limit by 5 mph or more.
3. Traffic data obtained November 20-21 found approximately 275 vehicles in a 24-hour period and an 85th percentile speed of approximately 30.1 mph.
4. Therefore, it does not appear that this roadway meets the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming.

MINUTES: TSC 12/2/13

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON WALNUT STREET BETWEEN 6TH STREET & 7TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

From: marcos markoulatos [mailto:ejeeep01@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 9:28 AM

To: David Woosley

Subject: Traffic calming in north lawrence

My name is Marcos Markoulatos and my family and I live at 630 Walnut street in north lawrence. We regularly experience people speeding down our street and running the stop at 7th and Walnut street. Between us and our immediate neighbors there are 9 kids on the 600 block of walnut alone. There are no sidewalks on either side of the street and there is alot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in our neighborhood. We would all like to see the traffic slowed down on our street. Is this the proper channel to start the process for a traffic study?

Thanks for your consideration,
Marcos Markoulatos



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 85th 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 85th 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.



N 6th St



John Taylor Park

Walnut St

Ash St

Riverfront Park