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To: David Woosley
Subject: RE: Street Width Question

From: Sarah Martin <sjackson77@yahoo.com>
Date: May 2, 2014 at 11:17:12 AM CDT
To: David Woosley <DWoosley@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Fw: Street Width Question
Reply-To: Sarah Martin <sjackson77@yahoo.com>

Hi David -

FYI - I received this response from the Fire Marshal.

Sarah

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: James King <jking@lawrenceks.org>
To: 'Sarah Martin' <sjackson77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2014 10:29 AM
Subject: RE: Street Width Question

Good Morning Sarah,

The 2012 International Fire Code, as adopted by the City, has provision under Appendix D that allow fire department access roads between 20 and 26 feet wide to be signed as "no parking, fire lane" on both sides. From a practical standpoint this is not always feasible so we may request that parking be removed on one side. Most of the City streets are 26' wide curb to curb so the removal of parking on one side provides the 20' width required for our trucks to set up and operate safely.

It has not been unusual for us to pursue parking changes in a neighborhood whether it is initiated by a citizen such as yourself or us departmentally. We have had the greatest success by working through the Traffic Safety Commission. It is rare that a proposal that receives there endorsement is declined by the City Commission.

Good luck with your presentation. If I may assist you further please let me know.

Respectfully,

James King
Fire Marshal



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From: Sarah Martin [<mailto:sjackson77@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 9:20 AM
To: James King
Subject: Street Width Question

Hi Mr. King -

I have a proposal in front of the City Commission to limit parking in the 1100 block of Hilltop Drive. (It's on the current agenda under Regular Agenda Items - D-

1: http://www.lawrenceks.org/assets/agendas/cc/2014/05-06-14/05-06-14_cc_agenda.html)

My concern has long been the fact that parking is allowed on both sides of this approximately 25-foot wide street. There is a lot of parking at certain times on this block, and I'm seeking to limit parking to 1-side of the street during the week.

With this in mind, my question for you is: Is there a standard minimum width of roadway required for passage of our city's firetrucks and ambulances?

Thanks for your assistance,
Sarah Martin, 1108 Hilltop Drive

Carolyn Hicks

To: Charles Soules
Subject: RE: What is the RUSH? Traffic Safety Items on City Commission Agenda for April 15, 2014

From: David D Willig [<mailto:dwillig@kc.rr.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 8:22 PM
To: Charles Soules
Subject: RE: What is the RUSH? Traffic Safety Items on City Commission Agenda for April 15, 2014

Charles, there are many questions that remain, even from my last e-mail (scope?) and in our original letter. I think I have raised many valid questions, including construction, and the delta of changes made just this fall in parking I believe... I reached out to your staff about traffic studies or involvement in the planning process of the building addition (again more heads better than just 497's). Traffic studies if even back of envelope don't seem to be in the cards.

The petitioner complained about people parking over the curbs and documented it with pictures. This is a direct result of our non-existent curbs. Drainage is often basically the fronts of our yards.. (Course it doesn't rain here anymore it seems!)

I appreciate your time and insights going forward !

David

From: Charles Soules [<mailto:csoules@lawrenceks.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 5:31 PM
To: 'David D Willig'
Subject: RE: What is the RUSH? Traffic Safety Items on City Commission Agenda for April 15, 2014

Mr. Willig,
We are notifying the residents along Hilltop, the neighborhood Assn, the school, and the Alzheimer's Facility. The school would have to notify the PTO and the Alzheimer's Facility will need to notify their families, we do not have that information.
Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thanks,
Charles Soules

From: David D Willig [<mailto:dwillig@kc.rr.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 9:40 PM
To: Charles Soules; Carolyn Hicks
Cc: David Woosley; Jason Randall; 'Michelle Davis'; 'Tammy Becker'; renocraft@sunflower.com
Subject: RE: What is the RUSH? Traffic Safety Items on City Commission Agenda for April 15, 2014

Thanks Mr. Soules/Ms. Hicks:

I would hope USD 497, its staff (building principal & HQ admin) and gasp parents might be in the loop – they haven't been to date.

You say that we are opposed. Read our letter again – we are as much opposed to the process or lack thereof, the lack of involvement of all impacted parties in this rushed process.

The lack of information.

What side of the street, (just listed definitively on Friday) What times? (ditto) Why all day if the elementary school is the primary focus? Why not 7:30 – 9am 2:30 – 4pm? Define a school day? Is it USD 497 days? Is it KU in- session days? Or Is it whenever enforcement decides it is a day to write tickets? (why do I and my checkbook fear the later)

The school bond issue is expanding and altering the school and it's footprint, also parking patterns were changed this fall by the school, none of this has been taken into account.. Hillcrest Elementary is our neighbor they should be involved... So is the Alzheimer group home families that visit their loved ones.. If the petitioner has people parking by her house on school days, I have them all year, that's ok but now it will be reduced by 50% available space...

If you benchmark, in some Kansas cities, 50% of the adjoining property owners must petition for such a change...

Thanks for the heads up!

David Willig

p.s. Note my original letter about the street/curb and lighting conditions if you could!

From: Charles Soules [<mailto:csoules@lawrenceks.org>]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 9:17 AM

To: 'David D Willig'; Carolyn Hicks

Cc: David Woosley; Jason Randall; Michelle Davis; 'Tammy Becker'; renocraft@sunflower.com

Subject: RE: What is the RUSH? Traffic Safety Items on City Commission Agenda for April 1, 2014

Mr. Willig,

Postcards were mailed out on February 25th to residents notifying them of the Traffic Safety Item regarding the request for no parking.

Your email in opposition of the request was received March 2nd and included for the Traffic Safety Commissions consideration.

The Traffic Safety Commission heard the request on March 3 and made recommendation for approval.

The item was placed on the Commission agenda for April 1st.

You were notified that this item is being considered by the City Commission by email on Friday, March 28th. We do not want to send out notification of items being on the City Commission agenda until it is confirmed. The Commission agenda is published on the Thursday evenings the week before the City Commission mtg.

Your email opposing the parking restrictions were included for the for the Traffic Safety Commission and will be included for the City Commission.

We do want the public's input on items that affect their neighborhoods. We are deferring this item from the April 1st Commission meeting.

This item will be placed back on the City Commissions Agenda on April 15th.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,

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From: David D Willig [<mailto:dwillig@kc.rr.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 2:52 PM
To: Carolyn Hicks
Cc: David Woosley; Jason Randall; Charles Soules; Michelle Davis; 'Tammy Becker'; renocraft@sunflower.com
Subject: What is the RUSH? Traffic Safety Items on City Commission Agenda for April 1, 2014
Importance: High

So once again we get **three days'** notice of a meeting – chilling!!! One or two persons petitions for a change, (because they had to renew their 50 year old driveway or have challenges backing out for 15 minutes a day) They Never bother to discuss or involve the rest of the neighborhood ,and this gets a rubber stamp on the Traffic Safety Committee... No input with fellow residents, no notice or working with the Hillcrest Neighborhood Association. No input or involvement with the school district or the building principal for Hillcrest School, it's parent's or PTA... No idea, if the pending Bond building renovation will involve any traffic or parking changes, a traffic study by professional city staff. No input from the Alzheimer's Group Home Owner (will people be able to visit their loved ones' weekdays?) One or Two minds evidently better than the many..

I find the city process a “ *Ready, Shoot and Aim*” process.. Perhaps they petitioner has more political pull than the rest of us it seems...

Your note is the **FIRST** time we have even been informed as to what side of the street is to be regulated on Hilltop.. This is NOT very representative government. I work nights, your notice does not afford me any time to make arrangements to change my schedule...

Please include my previously submitted correspondence (letter – not e-mail) to the commission's and this e-mail if you please. When you give the people 3 days' notice to these meetings you don't get much citizen involvement..

David Willig
1127 Hilltop Drive

From: Carolyn Hicks [<mailto:chicks@lawrenceks.org>]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 2:04 PM
Cc: David Woosley; Jason Randall; Charles Soules
Subject: [?? Probable Spam] Traffic Safety Items on City Commission Agenda for April 1, 2014

Good Afternoon,

At the March 3, 2014 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting you showed interest, sent correspondence, or spoke on one or more of the items discussed at the meeting. The following items are on the upcoming City Commission Agenda.

NOTE: All matters listed below on the Consent Agenda are considered under one motion and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on those items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately .

9. Concur with the following recommendations of the Traffic Safety Commission:

- a) Establish No Parking along the south side of Harvard Road, from Centennial Drive, west 100 feet; and adopt on first reading Ordinance No. 8972, establishing the No Parking (TSC item #2; approved 8-0 on 3/3/14). Staff Memo Background Materials

- b) Establish No Parking 7am–5pm Monday–Friday along the west side of Hilltop Drive between Harvard Road and Oxford Road; and adopt on first reading Ordinance No. 8973, establishing the No Parking (TSC item #3; approved 8-0 on 3/3/14). Staff Memo Background Materials

The agenda in its entirety can be viewed at: http://www.lawrenceks.org/assets/agendas/cc/2014/04-01-14/04-01-14_cc_agenda.html

City Commission Meeting
Date: April 1, 2014
Time: 6:35 p.m.
Place: City Hall, 1st Floor
6 E. 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Thanks,
Carolyn



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