

City of Lawrence

Traffic Safety Commission

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April 7, 2014 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Edwin Rothrock, Chair; John Ziegelmeyer Jr., Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Dan Harden; Cody Howard; Steven Koprince; Tracy Russell; and Chris Storm

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, March 3, 2014.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the east and south sides of Raintree Place and along the west side of Valley Lane.

Staff Report:

1. Raintree Place and Valley Lane are both classified as "local" street in a residential area, paved approximately 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently prohibited 8AM-4PM MON-FRI along the west and north sides of Raintree Place and along the west side of Valley Lane adjacent to the dumpsters at the intersection with Raintree Place.
3. If the request is approved, it is recommended that the existing restriction on Raintree Place be rescinded.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to establish NO PARKING on Tillerman Drive adjacent to Kasold Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Tillerman Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area paved approximately 26 feet wide; however, the street begins widening just east of Stonegate Court on the approach to the roundabout at Kasold Drive.
2. According to Police Department records, there have not been any reported crashes at this location during the past three (3) years.
3. If the request is approved, it is recommended that parking be prohibited along both sides of Tillerman Drive between Kasold Drive and Stonegate Court.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to mark and sign a CROSSWALK across the south leg of the intersection of 18th Street & Naismith Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Inasmuch as there are paved sidewalks and sidewalk ramps on both sides of Naismith, this location is classified as an "un-marked crosswalk" by state law.
2. A nation-wide study of pedestrian crash rates at this type of location (raised median, $\leq 15,000$ ADT, and 3-8 lanes) found no significant difference in crash rates at marked crosswalks when compared to unmarked crosswalks.
3. If the request is approved, it is recommended that the University of Kansas be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the appropriate traffic control signs and markings.

ITEM NO. 5: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 6: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 7: Staff Items.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Edwin Rothrock, Chair; John Ziegelmeyer, Jr., Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Dan Harden; Cody Howard; and Steven Koprince

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Russell and Chris Storm

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department
Todd Girdler, Metropolitan Planning Organization
James King, Fire & Medical Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Betty Alderson, Kistie Brunsell, Nilou Colistra, Guy Dresser, Victor Frost, Shawn McGarity, Kim Manz, Gayle Matchett, Erin Paden and Steve Shanks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Edwin Rothrock 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, March 3, 2014.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, MARCH 3, 2014; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0-1.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the east and south sides of Raintree Place and along the west side of Valley Lane.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of an e-mail in support of the request.

Public Comment:

James King, Fire & Medical Department: We recently had a crew respond to an incident in this neighborhood; parking was occurring on both sides of the street and the truck could not access the street; even though this is a residential street, it is also a fire access road; if parking is restricted as requested, we will have adequate room to maneuver our apparatus and in the event of an emergency, be able to set-up and operate safely.

Guy Dresser, 1325 Raintree Place: I believe it is a good idea to remove parking from one side of Raintree Place and Valley Lane 24 hours a day; but, I would prefer to have it on the inside of the streets instead of on the outside; when I back out of my driveway, it is difficult with vehicles parked on the north side of the street.

Victor Frost, 1313 Raintree Place: I would speak in favor of the request; one side of the street should have parking open 24 hours a day.

Kistie Brunsell, 1304 Raintree Place: I would prefer parking at least on one side of the street.

Nilou Colistra, 1312 Raintree Place: I prefer parking on one side, at least available to residents; parking on one side is a natural calming effect for traffic.

Gayle Matchett, 1300 Raintree Place: If this is put in place, I would suggest that it be monitored.

Kim Manz, 1309 Raintree Place: I would like to see parking stay on one side of the street; my concern is that if all the parking is taken from Valley Lane, those cars will be on our street.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Rothrock: This is the first request from the Fire Department since I've been here; my strong inclination is to approve it as requested, with a clarification of the "eye-brow" area.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE EAST AND SOUTH SIDES OF RAIN TREE PLACE AND ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF VALLEY LANE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING on Tillerman Drive adjacent to Kasold Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Shawn McGarity, 3405 Tillerman Drive: When the roundabout was being designed, we were assured that we would be able to park there; if we can't park there, it reduces the value of our home; when you have company, you need to be able to park in front of the house; I would appreciate it being left open like it is.

Steve Shanks, 3401 Tillerman Drive: I strongly agree, we would like to continue to be able to park in front of our house; I haven't seen a problem, there haven't been any issues over the last three years; when the roundabout went in, we were assured that we could continue to park in front of our house; very rarely have I ever seen anyone parked on the north side of the street.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Boley asked if removing the parking on the north side would be a problem; Shanks said he didn't have a problem with it.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF TILLERMAN DRIVE BETWEEN KASOLD DRIVE AND STONEGATE COURT; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-1 (Koprince; a solution in search of a problem).

ITEM NO. 4:

~~Consider request to mark and sign a CROSSWALK across the south leg of the intersection of 18th Street & Naismith Drive. Deferred to the June 2014 meeting.~~

ITEM NO. 5:

Public Comment:

Erin Paden, Bicycle Advisory Committee advised the Commission that they will be inviting the Commission to discuss and coordinate bicycle and pedestrian safety at a future meeting.

ITEM NO. 6:

Commission Items:

Rothrock noted that this is the last meeting for two (2) Commissioners, Dan Harden and Cody Howard, and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each.

ITEM NO. 7:

Staff Items:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, May 5, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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