

City of Lawrence

Traffic Safety Commission

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November 3, 2014 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Ziegelmeyer Jr., Chair; Ryan Devlin, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Steven Koprince; Edwin Rothrock; 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, October 6, 2014.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Lyon Street between 7th Street & 9th Street.

Staff Report:

1. Lyon Street is classified as a "collector" street in a residential area and is paved approximately 20 feet wide without a sidewalk along the street.
2. Parking is not permitted along Lyon Street.
3. The posted speed limit on Lyon Street is 30mph.
4. The City's Policy permits TRAFFIC CALMING on a "collector" street if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit or if the 24-hour 2-way traffic volume is greater than 3000.

5. Traffic data collected August 7-8, 2014, found approximately 140 to 350 vehicles in a 24-hour period and the 85th percentile speed ranged from 29.78mph to 40.63mph; therefore, this portion of Lyon Street meets the minimum criteria for consideration of TRAFFIC CALMING.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to change the YIELD sign to a STOP sign on southbound Haskell Avenue at 11th Street.

Staff Report:

1. 11th Street west of Haskell Avenue and Haskell Avenue south of 11th Street are classified as "minor arterial streets."
2. Haskell Avenue north of 11th Street is classified as a "collector" street.
3. During the past three (3) years, there has been one (1) reported crash at the intersection involving a southbound vehicle; on 16 December 2013, a southbound vehicle stopped at the Yield sign, then proceeded south and struck an eastbound vehicle entering the intersection.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish a MULTI-WAY STOP at the intersection of 4th Street & Illinois Street.

Staff Report:

1. 4th Street and Illinois Street are both classified as "local" streets in a residential area; the speed limit on both streets is 30mph as established by state law.
2. A review of accident records reveals that there have been no accidents at this intersection reported to the Police Department within the last 3 years that are susceptible to correction by stop signs.
3. Speed counts conducted on October 9-10, 2014 show that the average speed on all four approaches are below the 30mph speed limit. However the 85th percentile speed for eastbound and westbound traffic on 4th Street at Illinois Street is 33.21mph and 31.36mph respectively.

4. This intersection does have the potential of school children crossing 4th Street to get to Pinckney Elementary School; however, a pedestrian count taken October 23-24 found no students crossing during either the morning or afternoon crossing periods.
5. There are no sight distance obstructions at this intersection. There is a clear line of sight in all directions.
6. None of the minimum requirements for stop signs as provided in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) are currently met; in addition, the MUTCD states that STOP signs should not be used for speed control.

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Quail Creek Drive between 22nd Street & Augusta Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Quail Creek Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential/commercial area and is paved approximately 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of Quail Creek Drive.

ITEM NO. 6: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Tennessee Street for approximately 50-75 north of the exit from Melrose Court, 1605 Tennessee Street.

Staff Report:

1. Tennessee Street is classified as a "minor arterial" street in a residential area.
2. Parking is currently permitted along the west side of the street.
3. Sight distance is severely restricted when vehicles are parked adjacent to the driveway at 1605 Tennessee Street.

ITEM NO. 7: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 8: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 9: Staff Items.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: John Ziegelmeyer, Jr., Chair; Ryan Devlin, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; and Steven Koprince

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edwin Rothrock; Tracy Russell; and Chris Storm

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department
David Cronin, Public Works Department
Zachary Baker, Public Works Department
Nicholas Voss, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brent Atwater

The meeting was called to order by John Ziegelmeyer, Jr. 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, October 6, 2014.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 2014; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Lyon Street between 7th Street & 9th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Koprince: The 85th percentile speed is well above the minimum required.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING ON LYON STREET BETWEEN 7TH STREET & 9TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to change the YIELD sign to a STOP sign on southbound Haskell Avenue at 11th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Hoskinson: Seems to me that it is operating pretty well.

Commissioner Boley: I kind of hate to stop people there if we don't need to.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: The one accident that happened there could easily have happened with a stop sign as with a yield sign.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO CHANGE THE YIELD SIGN TO A STOP SIGN ON SOUTHBOUND HASKELL AVENUE AT 11TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request to establish a MULTI-WAY STOP at the intersection of 4th Street & Illinois Street

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Comments:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A MULTI-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 4TH STREET & ILLINOIS STREET, THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Quail Creek Drive between 22nd Street & Augusta Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report. .

Public Comments:

Brent Atwater, 2111 Kasold Drive: The issue only comes about when Arterra is having a function; when parking occurs on both sides of the street, it becomes a one-lane road and first responders cannot get through.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Koprince asked why the request was for no parking at any time if it was only a problem during events; Atwater advised that he thought it would help with enforcement.

Commissioner Boley asked if he had a preference for which side of the street; Atwater advised that his preference would be the east side so motorists entering and exiting the apartment complex would have a clear line of sight of any traffic that might be coming.

Commissioner Koprince asked how often there was a problem; Atwater advised 1-3 times per week.

Commissioner Boley noted that removing parking from the east side would affect more parking spaces than removing it from the west side.

Commissioner Devlin asked if he had seen a lot of emergency vehicles in the area; Atwater advised that unfortunately, he had.

Commissioner Hoskinson noted that even if parking is removed, the demand will still be there and wondered where the parking would go.