

# City of Lawrence

## Traffic Safety Commission

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May 4, 2015 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Ziegelmeyer Jr., Chair; Ryan Devlin, Vice-Chair; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Tony Jones; Steven Koprince; and Chris Storm

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**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, April 6, 2015.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 26<sup>th</sup> Street and on Atchison Avenue.

Staff Report:

1. Traffic data obtained during April found traffic volumes below 1000 vehicles per day; however, 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds ranged from 37.1-40mph on 26<sup>th</sup> Street and from 28.6-45mph on Atchison Avenue; therefore, both streets meet the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request for MARKED CROSSWALKS at the intersection of 27<sup>th</sup> Street & Lawrence Avenue.

Staff Report:

1. Crosswalks can be marked across the north and east legs of the intersection.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request for MARKED CROSSWALK across Lawrence Avenue to Holcomb Park.

Staff Report:

1. Since Lawrence Avenue is classified as a "collector" street, if this request is approved, it is recommended that the crosswalk be installed mid-block between Yellowstone Drive and 26<sup>th</sup> Street, with a pedestrian refuge island, at the point where the sidewalk extends out of Holcom Park. This would better serve pedestrians arriving from both the north and the south.

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of 26<sup>th</sup> Street and along one side of Atchison Avenue.

Staff Report:

1. Both 26<sup>th</sup> Street and Atchison Avenue are classified as "local" streets in a residential area; 26<sup>th</sup> Street is paved approximately 30 feet wide and Atchison Avenue is paved approximately 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of 26<sup>th</sup> Street and along both sides of Atchison Avenue.
3. Parking can be restricted to one side only; however, it should be noted that restricting parking can have an unintended consequence of increasing the speed of traffic.

ITEM NO. 6: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 7: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 8: Staff Items.

## David Woosley

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**From:** nancy huckeba <narehu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:08 AM  
**To:** David Woosley  
**Subject:** Lawrence Avenue, 26th St. Atchison Ave.

Dear Mr. Woosley:

I realize you are quite busy so thought perhaps this would be a better way for us to communicate than by phone.

In our neighborhood of Prairie Meadows what we are most concerned with now is the "cut through" traffic. My neighbors and I hope that no tragic accident will occur. We have a diverse close knit community. This is what we want you to know, we talk about this problem often. We are out walking and biking and doing yard work. This is an older established neighborhood near Holcomb Park, there are young families with small children, and older & disabled people in a nearby group home. There are strollers, bicycles, walkers, and wheel chairs in use. Many neighbors walk for exercise.

Atchison Avenue to 26th Street, and Lawrence Avenue is a "cut through" route. My kitchen window faces the corner of 26th & Flint Dr. I can hear and see vehicles accelerating as they turn the corners to use the a fore mentioned route. This is not a rare occurrence. I recently heard a vehicle before I saw it speed by, the driver was on his cell phone, I estimate the speed was over 50 mph. I was almost hit head-on by a speeding driver on Atchison Ave, weaving in and out between vehicles that were parked along Atchison on both sides. Her head was bent over a cellular devise until I honked. She flipped me off as she sped by!

We ask for your consideration of this request:

- 1-2 speed humps along 26th & Atchison each
- marked pedestrian crossings at the 3 way stop( Lawrence Ave. & 27th)
- marked crossing & crossing sign with arrows, sidewalk to sidewalk across Lawrence Ave to Holcomb where the handicapped accessible curbs are
- parking only on one side of Atchison & 26th

Thank you for giving this matter your attention Mr. Woosley.  
We are willing to put together a petition, if that is what you advise.  
I look forward to your response to share with our neighbors.

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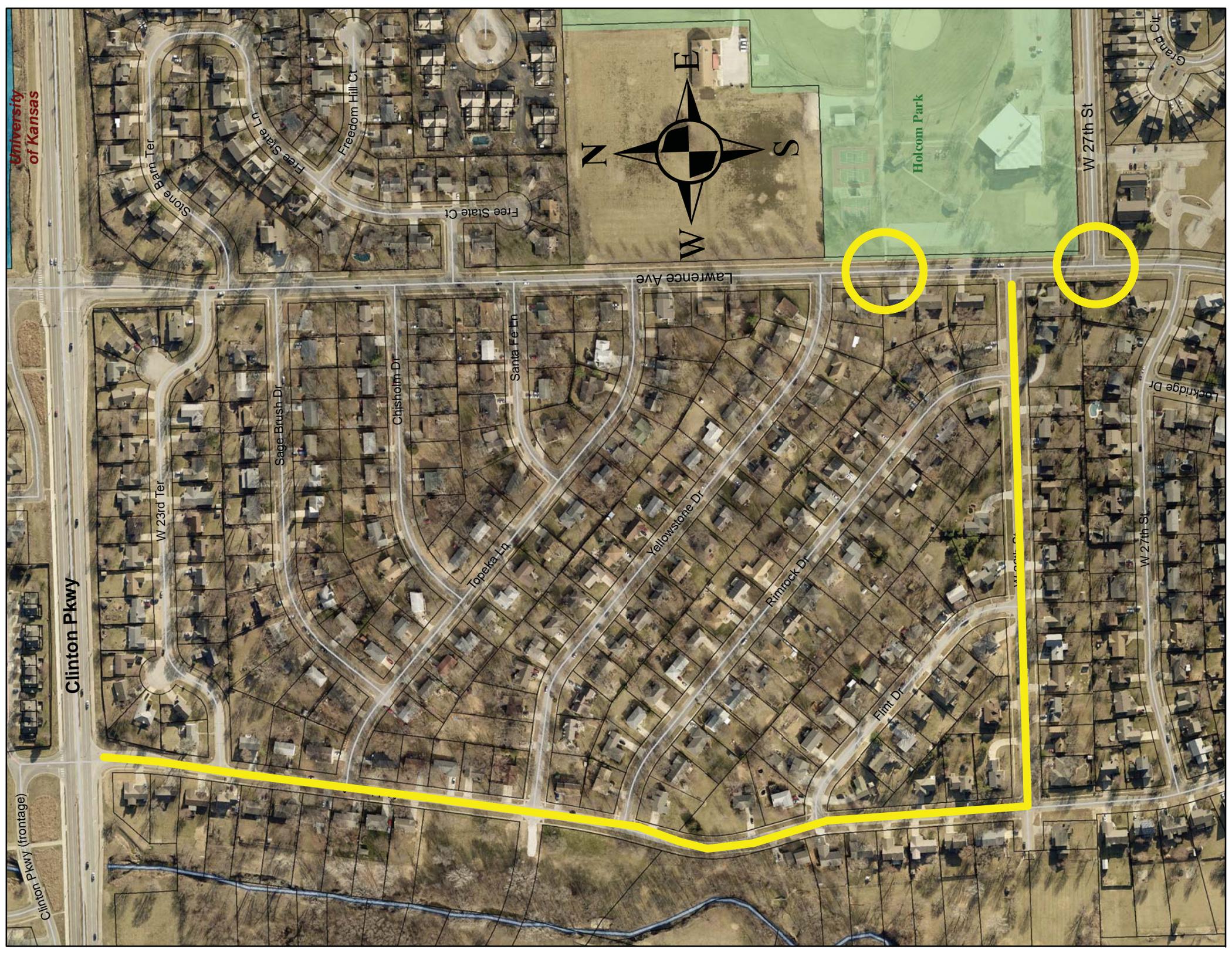
Nancy Huckeba  
3004 Flint Dr.  
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# TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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.



University of Kansas

Holcom Park



Clinton Pkwy

Clinton Pkwy (frontage)

W 23rd Ter

Sage Brush Dr

Chisholm Dr

Topoka Ln

Santa Fe Ln

Yellowstone Dr

Rimrock Dr

Flint Dr

Lawrence Ave

W 27th St

W 27th St

Lockridge Dr

Grand Cir

City of Lawrence  
Traffic Safety Commission  
May 4, 2015 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Ziegelmeyer, Jr., Chair; Ryan Devlin, Vice-Chair; Dave Crawford; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Tony Jones; Steven Koprince; and, Chris Storm

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Betty Alderson, Pamela Baughman, Kermit Cottrell, Kevin Doyle, Nancy Huckeba, Stan McMechan, Susan Ralston, and Mary Roach

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The meeting was called to order by John Ziegelmeyer, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, April 6, 2015.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 6, 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-0-3.**

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 26<sup>th</sup> Street and on Atchison Avenue.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted additional correspondence received on this item.

Public Comments:

Pamela Baughman, 2432 Atchison Avenue, asked what type of devices were being considered. Woosley advised that that is determined by consultation with the adjacent property owners once funding is available.

Kermit Cottrell, 3104 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street: 26<sup>th</sup> Street is a very quiet street, it doesn't go anywhere, there is very little traffic; traffic calming is unnecessary.

Kevin Doyle, 2431 Atchison Avenue: My concern is the speed of traffic on Atchison; we've had three (3) street trees replaced from out of control vehicles; the speeds are inappropriate for a residential neighborhood; I fully endorse traffic calming, but, I discourage the removal of parking.

Mary Roach, 3101 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street: I have, on occasion, seen a car go fast on 26<sup>th</sup>; I wonder about the expense of calming devices; I'm not opposed, but, I don't see that they're needed on 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

Susan Ralston, 3005 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street: I don't see a big need for traffic calming on 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

Jason Wiegert, 2309 Atchison Avenue: The volume and speed of traffic is quite alarming; I would suggest some type of calming; I would support parking removal.

Nancy Huckeba, 3004 Flint Drive: I don't think anyone wants to see parking on only one side of 26<sup>th</sup>; Atchison is where something needs to be done because it is a bike route; something needs to be done on Atchison.

Stan McMechan, 2511 Atchison Avenue: I have an issue with parking on only one side or the other.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince: I would be inclined to support Atchison, but not 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Storm: I've lived in the area for over 15 years; I would agree.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO RECOMMEND APPROVING TRAFFIC CALMING FOR ATCHISON AVENUE AND DENYING TRAFFIC CALMING FOR 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request for MARKED CROSSWALKS at the intersection of 27<sup>th</sup> Street & Lawrence Avenue.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Mary Roach, 3101 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street: I think it's a very good idea.

Commission Discussion:

None.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND MARKED CROSSWALKS ACROSS THE EAST AND NORTH LEGS OF THE INTERSECTION OF 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET & LAWRENCE AVENUE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request for a MARKED CROSSWALK across Lawrence Avenue to Holcomb Park.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Kermit Cottrell, 3104 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street: I would be in favor of a crossing at that location.

Mary Roach, 3101 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street: I totally agree with this too.

Commission Discussion:

None.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, TO RECOMMEND A MARKED CROSSWALK, TOGETHER WITH A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND AND CURB RAMPS ACROSS LAWRENCE AVENUE AT THE EXTENSION OF THE SIDEWALK FROM HOLCOMB PARK; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of W. 26<sup>TH</sup> Street and along one side of Atchison Avenue.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Pamela Baughman, 2432 Atchison Avenue: When servicing our RV, we have to park on our side of the street; we're happy to work with any neighbors, but we don't want to do away with parking on our side of the street.

Mary Roach, 3101 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street: There are not a lot of cars parking on the street; I do not see any reason to limit parking to one side of the street or the other

Kevin Doyle, 2431 Atchison Avenue: I would agree that it makes no sense to limit parking on 26<sup>th</sup>; the parking on Atchison provides some traffic calming; it is rare to find cars parked across from one another; I would prefer that parking be allowed on both sides.

Susan Ralston, 3005 W 26<sup>th</sup> Street: I am not in favor of eliminating parking on one side; I don't think it is necessary.

Kermit Cottrell, 3104 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street: There is a house for hospice care that needs the parking.

Nancy Huckeba, 3004 Flint Drive: I agree with what my neighbors have said; the cut-through traffic is the problem.

Stan McMechan, 2511 Atchison Avenue: On occasion, throughout the year, all of us on Atchison have an event when the parking is needed; I'm against limiting parking to one side of the street.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin: I keep hearing most people's arguments against the no parking on one side and I would like to point-out that removing parking could increase speeding.

Commissioner Jones: I don't really see any reason to restrict parking to one side or the other.

Commissioner Storm: The only reason I would consider removing the parking is because of the bike route, but, until traffic calming can be provided, the best thing to do is allow parking on both sides.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD,  
TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO PARKING ALONG  
ONE SIDE OF W. 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND ALONG ONE SIDE OF ATCHISON AVENUE;  
THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 6:

Public Comment.

None.

ITEM NO. 7:

Commission Items:

Commission Chair Ziegelmeier noted the addition of two new member to the Commission, Dave Crawford and Tony Jones; each one introduced themselves.

ITEM NO. 8:

Staff Items:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, June 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Woosley*

David E. Woosley, P.E.  
Transportation/Traffic Engineer

## David Woosley

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**From:** Kermit Cottrell <kermitc@live.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 02, 2015 10:31 AM  
**To:** David Woosley  
**Subject:** May 4 Traffic Safety Commission

I got your letter regarding the requests for 26th street and Atchison Ave.

I would be interested in knowing the source of these requests.

I live on 26th street and do not see the need for 'Traffic Calming or NO Parking on one side of 26th street. I also tried to go to your website and was not able to get it to pull up.

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**785 691-7222**

## David Woosley

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**From:** Robert Simmermon <rgsimmermon@sunflower.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 1:52 PM  
**To:** David Woosley  
**Subject:** Tonight's traffic safety meeting

Since I will be unable to attend tonight's meeting, I would like to comment on Item's 2 and 5.

Item 2. I have lived on Atchison Avenue since October, 2003 and have NOT noticed any problem with traffic exceeding the normal speed limits. Consequently, I would be against any "traffic calming" measures being installed on this street.

Item 3. On the other hand, I would be in favor of establishing "no parking" along one of the sides of Atchison Avenue.

Thank you.

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