

City of Lawrence

Traffic Safety Commission

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November 2, 2015 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

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

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 5, 2015.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish a STOP sign on southbound Indiana Street at Sunflower Road; or, to establish Indiana Street as a ONE-WAY street northbound, between Sunflower Road and Sunnyside Avenue.

Staff Report:

1. There is currently no traffic control at the intersection of Indiana Street & Sunflower Road.
2. The predominant flow of traffic is northbound on Indiana Street, turning slightly left onto northbound Sunflower Road; and, southbound on Sunflower Road, turning slightly right onto southbound Indiana Street.
3. There have not been any crashes reported to the Police Department at this intersection during the past three (3) years.

ITEM NO. 3: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 4: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 5: Staff Items.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Jones

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: John Charlton; and Lou Mulligan

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Devlin 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 5, 2015.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 5, 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish a STOP sign on southbound Indiana Street at Sunflower Road; or, to establish Indiana Street as a ONE-WAY street northbound, between Sunflower Road and Sunnyside Avenue.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted the receipt of an email from an adjacent resident (attached).

Public Comments:

Lou Mulligan, 1616 Indiana Street, stated that he was strongly opposed to a ONE-WAY street; it would increase the likelihood of accidents; in addition, a STOP sign for southbound traffic could be confusing for motorists on Sunflower Road if it were visible to them.

John Charlton, 1624 Indiana Street, stated that he supported everything his neighbor had said; in addition, if the ONE-WAY is established, it would be impossible for large vehicles southbound on Sunflower Road to make the U-turn to go north on Indiana; and, in the event of snow or ice, it would be almost impossible for motorists to use Indiana until the street is cleared. He also noted that he had not seen an accident since he moved there in 1971.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince asked Mulligan if he had noticed any problems the way it is now; Mulligan stated he was aware of any.

Commissioner Harrod stated it was already tough enough to drive in the area without a ONE-WAY street.

Commissioner Hoskinson stated he was hesitant to put in a STOP sign.

Commissioner Koprince concurred that a STOP sign could cause problems.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A STOP SIGN ON SOUTHBOUND INDIANA STREET AT SUNFLOWER ROAD; OR, TO ESTABLISH INDIANA STREET AS A ONE-WAY STREET NOTTHBOUND BETWEEN SUNFLOWER ROAD AND SUNNYSIDE AVENUE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Public Comment.

No public comment.

ITEM NO. 4:

Commission Items:

No Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 5:

Staff Items:

No Staff Items.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, December 7, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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