

City of Lawrence

Traffic Safety Commission

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March 7, 2016 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, December 7, 2015.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for an INTERSECTION REPAIR PROJECT at the intersection of 10th Street & New Jersey Street.

Staff Report:

1. Intersection painting is permitted by the Federal Highway Administration, as long as none of the design encroaches within the crosswalk area.
2. Letters of support have been received from Lawrence Public Schools, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association and the Lawrence Organization for the Advancement of Visual Arts.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Kanza Drive between Harvard Road & Wagstaff Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Kanza Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area with a speed limit of 30 mph, as provided by state law.
2. The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices to be placed on local streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit; or, if the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic is greater than 1000.
3. Traffic data obtained during September 2015 found that the criteria for consideration of traffic calming was not met.
4. At the October 2015 Traffic Safety Commission meeting, the Commission requested that traffic data be collected again.
5. Traffic data obtained over a 72-hour period November 13-16, found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 39.7 mph and the daily volume of traffic to be approximately 350.
6. Therefore, this location meets the minimum criteria for consideration of TRAFFIC CALMING.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request for an ADULT CROSSING GUARD at the intersection of 6th Street & Schwarz Road.

Staff Report:

1. The current School Crossing Control Policy requires a minimum of 10 elementary school students using a crossing during either the morning or afternoon crossing period in order to consider an Adult Crossing Guard.
2. Currently, there are no elementary school students crossing at this intersection; however, next school year, some students living north of 6th Street will be attending Sunset Hill Elementary School.

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Crestline Drive between Peterson Road & Princeton Boulevard.

Staff Report:

- 1. Crestline Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area with a speed limit of 30 mph, as provided by state law.
 - 2. The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices to be placed on local streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit; or, if the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic is greater than 1000.
 - 3. Traffic data obtained January 26-27, 2016, found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 36.8 mph and the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic to be approximately 290.
- Therefore, this location meets the minimum criteria for consideration of TRAFFIC CALMING.

ITEM NO. 6: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Missouri Street between 8th Street & 9th Street.

Staff Report:

- 1. Missouri Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area with a speed limit of 25 mph.
- 2. The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices to be placed on local streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit; or, if the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic is greater than 1000.
- 3. Traffic data obtained January 27-28, 2016, found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 35.3 mph and the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic to be approximately 570.
- 4. Therefore, this location meets the minimum criteria for consideration of TRAFFIC CALMING.

ITEM NO. 7: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 8: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 9: Staff Items.

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March 7, 2016 Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Ziegelmeyer, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Katy Clagett, Jacob Brewer, Alicia Kelly, Richard Helt, Ron May, Matt Patterson, Karin Barrett, Jared Johanning

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, December 7, 2015.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

Commissioner Hoskinson arrived.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for an INTERSECTION REPAIR PROJECT at the intersection of 10th Street & New Jersey Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Jones indicated that he was a bicyclist and motorcyclist and is concerned with what type of paint will be used and if it will be slick after dew or a rain; Katy Clagett, 1310 New York Street, advised that they will be using a water-based paint with a clear top coat including hazelnut shells.

Commissioner Harrod asked what the longevity of the mural will be; Clagett advised that is not permanent, there will be degradation; but; they plan to evaluate it every year to determine if any touch-up is needed.

Commissioner Koprince asked where the funding was coming from; Clagett advised that they received a grant from the Cultural Arts Commission, as well as fundraising and donors.

Commissioner Jones asked how additional future locations for street murals would be determined; Clagett advised that any future locations would be determined by neighborhoods.

Commissioner Jones indicated that he was concerned about graffiti being added to the mural; Clagett advised that other cities they have talked with have not had any problem with graffiti.

Commissioner Jones asked if there were any guidelines for future projects; Clagett advised that any future projects would have to go through the same processes for approval.

Commissioner Hoskinson asked if all four (4) crosswalks would be marked; Clagett advised that the city would be marking the crosswalks.

Commissioner Koprince: I think this is great; I see no reason not to support it.

Commissioner Jones: I agree; I think it is a very cool idea.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JONES, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE INTERSECTION REPAIR PROJECT AT THE INTERSECTION OF 10TH STREET & NEW JERSEY STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Kanza Drive between Harvard Road and Wagstaff Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Richard Helt, 1118 Kanza Drive: We were here last fall and asked that additional data be collected; I think you see the difference with the speed over a weekend, as compared to a weekday; we are concerned for the safety of the children in the area.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Harrod advised that he is personally in favor of the request; I think it clearly needs to be done; but, I am concerned about possibly moving the traffic to Sawhill Drive. Helt noted that Sawhill Drive is only one block long and doesn't extend through the neighborhood.

Commissioner Hoskinson advised that he lived in the area and didn't think that motorists would move to Sawhill Drive.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING ON KANZA DRIVE BETWEEN HARVARD ROAD AND WAGSTAFF DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request for an ADULT CROSSING GUARD at the intersection of 6th Street & Schwarz Road.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Ron May, 110 McDonald Drive, Director of Administrative Services, USD497: Boundary changes have been made to relieve enrollment at some of our schools; one of the changes moves some students from Deerfield Elementary to Sunset Hill Elementary; therefore, students living north and east of the intersection of 6th & Schwarz will be attending Sunset Hill; it is estimated that approximately 35-50 students could be crossing 6th Street to walk; in addition, there is a significant number of middle school students in this area that walk to school; the

intersection of 6th & Schwarz was picked as a crossing point because there is less side street traffic and it is a direct route to Sunset Hill Elementary School and West Middle School.

An unidentified parent spoke in support of the request.

Commission Discussion:

Commission Harrod asked if the commission could recommend something that doesn't comply with a city policy; Woosley advised that they could since the city commission has the final word on any request of this nature.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JONES, TO RECOMMEND AN ADULT CROSSING GUARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF 6TH STREET & SCHWARZ ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Crestline Drive between Peterson Road & Princeton Boulevard

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted the receipt of email correspondence.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince: It seems to me that it meets the criteria; there appears to be neighborhood support, and there doesn't seem to be anyone against it; I don't see any reason not to add it to our list of recommended projects.

Commissioner Jones: I agree; any time we can slow down traffic on a residential street, it's probably not a bad idea.

Commissioner Crawford asked if parking was permitted on the street; Woosley advised that it was.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING ON CRESTLINE DRIVE BETWEEN PETERSON ROAD & PRINCETON BOULEVARD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 6:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Missouri Street between 8th Street & 9th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and reminded commissioners that traffic calming devices were just constructed in the 700 & 800 blocks of Maine Street, one block east of Missouri Street.

Public Comments:

Matt Patterson, 820 Missouri Street: Our neighborhood has been talking about this for a long time; we have always had a lot of cars speeding; we get a lot of cut-through traffic between 6th & 9th; with parking on the street, it hard to see oncoming vehicles when backing out of a driveway; there's a lot of kid traffic going up-and-down the street; we'd just like to get the cars to slow down a bit.

An unidentified resident: I would like to add something to what Matt said; since the street was resurfaced last summer, the street is nice and smooth to drive on.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Harrod asked if there was a stop sign at 8th & Missouri; Patterson advised that there is.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING ON MISSOURI STREET BETWEEN 8TH STREET & 9TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 7:

Public Comment.

No public comment.

ITEM NO. 8:

Commission Items:

No Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 9:

Staff Items:

No Staff Items.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, April 4, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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