

AGENDA: TSC 11/7/16

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to establish NO RIGHT TURN 7-9AM 3-6PM MON-FRI for westbound traffic on 15th Street at Elmwood Street, Summit Street, Prospect Avenue, Prairie Avenue, Brook Street and Maple Lane.

Staff Report:

1. Part-time turn restrictions have been used at several locations including 23rd Street between Louisiana Street and Massachusetts Street, and, on Tennessee Street at 23rd Street
2. Part-time turn restrictions have the potential to solve a cut-through traffic problem without using more expensive traffic calming devices. .

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of numerous e-mail's concerning the request.

Public Comment:

Dickie Heckler, 1217 Prospect Avenue: I vote "no" on this item; I don't think this is the answer.

Byron Wiley, 1200 Almira Avenue, Vice-President of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association: This is an attempt to address cut-through traffic during the busy times of the day; ideally, we would want to have speed humps; we will be having a neighborhood meeting in February to discuss this issue.

Julie Mitchell, 1231 Brook Street: Some of it is cut-through traffic, a lot of it is local traffic; a lot of the speeders are neighbors; this has not been discussed by the neighborhood; it doesn't make sense for residents to have to back-track through the neighborhood at peak times, it isn't logical; we do have a problem with speeding, we have a problem with people running the 4-way stop; however, this is not the answer; I would ask that you deny the request.

Jennifer Meyer, 1227 Brook Street: This isn't going to work; this isn't the answer; we have cut-through traffic, we have people speeding; we have people ignoring the 4-way stop; this isn't the answer.

Sharon Vaughn, 1242 Prairie Avenue: I don't think that signage is the answer, people ignore the signs we already have; I am a proponent for speed humps, they do slow

people down; this would route all the traffic to 15th & Haskell and exacerbate the problem there.

Andrea Repinsky, 1222 Almira Avenue, member of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Board: This is negatively affecting the Association; we do need traffic calming; I would suggest tabling this request, it hasn't been well thought-out.

Michael Almon, 1311 Prairie Avenue: I fully support these restrictions; I'm willing to live with the temporary inconvenience, for the safety of our children and pedestrians and bicyclists; we still like the idea of speed humps, but, they would be expensive, as would chicanes; the least intrusive, the least expensive would be the turn restrictions; we would like this done on a temporary trial basis; I think a roundabout at 15th & Haskell would solve our problems; we all agree on the problem, how we solve it is where we disagree.

Beth Anne Mansur, 1217 Prospect Avenue: I don't think we should settle for signs, just because of cost, since we know signs don't work; it will be way too easy for people to ignore these signs too; why can't we be put on a list for speed humps.

Susan Miller, 1235 Prairie Avenue: I hope you deny this request.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Storm asked if the city had ever installed any similar No Right Turn restrictions; Woosley advised that he was not aware of any.

Commissioner Devlin: I think the No Right Turn is a solution looking for a problem.

Commissioner Harrod: I feel that there is a speeding and cut-through problem in the Brook Creek Neighborhood, but, there is no clear consensus within the neighborhood as to what to do about it.

Commissioner Koprince: I don't want to push something through prematurely.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO RIGHT TURN 7-9AM 3-6PM MON-FRI ON WESTBOUND 15TH STREET AT ELMWOOD STREET, SUMMIT STREET, PROSPECT AVENUE, PRAIRIE AVENUE, BROOK STREET AND MAPLE LANE: THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.



Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

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Ryan Devlin, Chair
Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission
Lawrence City Hall
6 East 6th St.
Lawrence KS 66044

24 October 2016

re: Request #1: cut-through speeder deterrence on Maple Ln., Oak Hill Ave. and adjacent streets

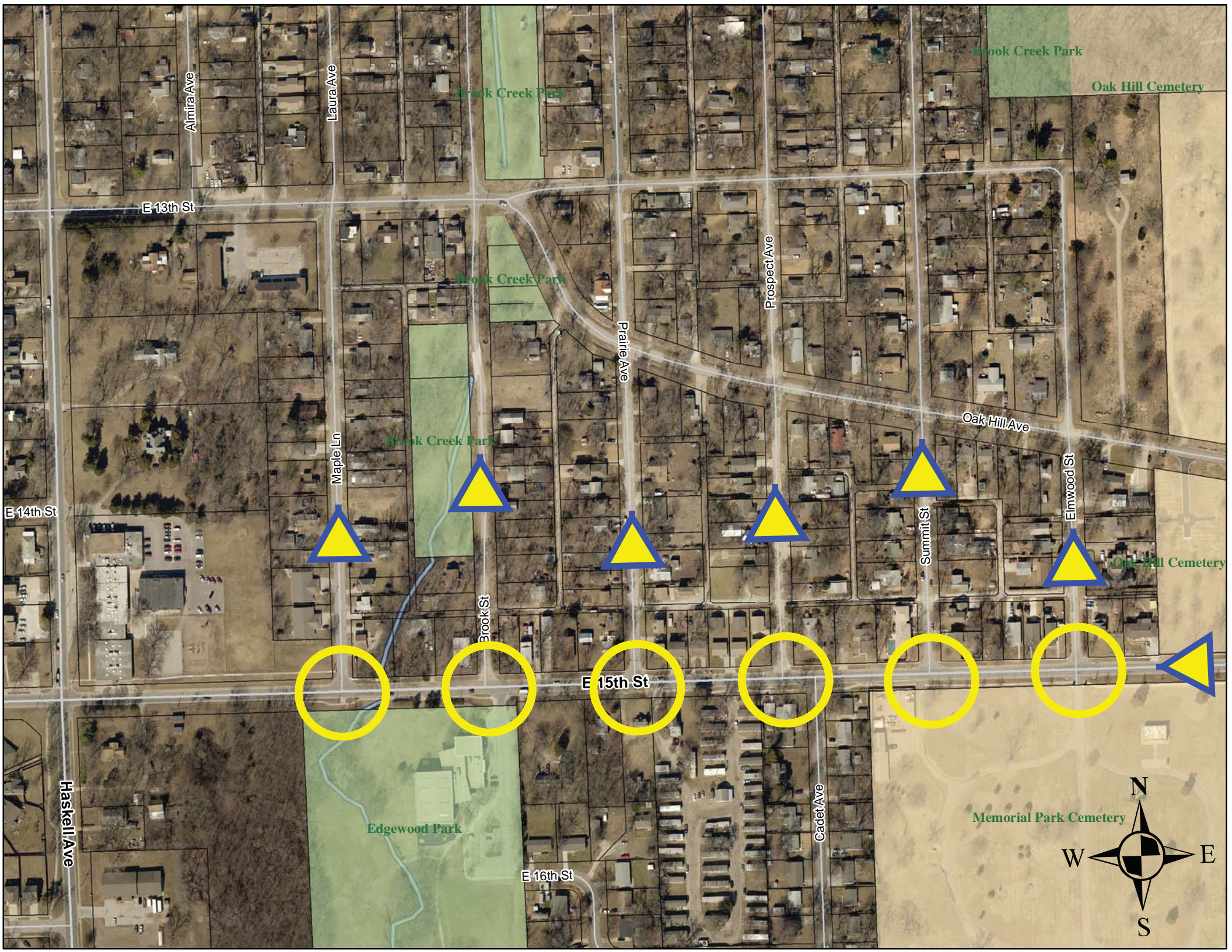
Dear Mr. Devlin:

The Brook Creek Neighborhood Association is requesting consideration for traffic control devices to deter cut-through speeding commuters on Oak Hill Ave. and the north-south streets off of 15th St., east of Haskell Ave. Many westbound commuters use this route as a shortcut to avoid the Haskell & 15th St. intersection. At the instruction of the City Commission, we have met with David Woosley to explore the options, and we agreed that the most practical and cost-effective solution would be "designated-hour no-turn signs" at all the corners of 15th St. and the aforementioned streets.

Therefore, we are requesting signs be posted at the corners of 15th St. and Elmwood St., Summit St., Prospect Ave., Prairie Ave., Brook St., and Maple Ln. that would read "No Right Turn, M-F, 7-9am, 3-6pm". This would keep the westbound commuters on the Collector street of 15th, and prevent them from cutting through and speeding on our residential streets. For any one of these signs to be effective, all signs need to be in place as a whole system control.

Thank you very much,

Melissa Fahrenbruch, President
Brook Creek Neighborhood Association



David Woosley

From: Richard Heckler <rheckler2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 10:07 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Brookcreek Neighborhood Concern

Traffic Calming for Brookcreek Neighborhood Assoc:

Now that we have studied the item on the December 7 Traffic Safety Commission Agenda some thoughts on the item have surfaced:

The no right turn approach off 15th street does not seem the most workable.

It forces those that live in the neighborhood to 15th and Haskell at rush hour which is not necessarily the best option. 15th and Haskell at rush hour is a nightmare no matter what. Why add a few more neighborhood cars to that nightmare?

The no right turn approach off 15th street is only as effective as enforcement allows. LPD cannot effectively enforce this traffic calming device 24/7. It's that simple. It stands to reason that this traffic calming device will be violated frequently. Not only that there is no other way for Brookcreek residents to enter the neighborhood until 13th and Haskell which in and of itself is also a rush hour nightmare.

Are game day drivers going to obey this obstacle? Most likely no although some will but that is not enough.

What to do?

Speed bumps had previously been approved for this area. We believe this is the most effective tool because it provides the neighborhood with 24/7 impact. Cut through traffic is not restricted to rush hour. Let's get real. Game days do bring on fast and reckless cut through traffic, no question about it.

Speed Bumps YES! Why not place speed bumps on : Elmwood/Summit/Prospect/Prairie/Brook/Maple/Oak Hill/ 13th Street as the neighborhood is entered at Haskell?

Yes speed bumps can be annoying if one is in a big hurry which is exactly the type of annoyance Brookcreek needs to improve our quality of life.

Let's get the speed bumps back on the table!

In the interest of safety and quality of life,

The Heckler/Mansur household
1217 Prospect - Lawrence 66044

David Woosley

From: marilyn wiggins [<mailto:marilyn.wiggins@sbcglobal.net>]

Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2016 9:04 PM

To: David Woosley

Subject: Brook Creek Neighborhood Traffic Calming Requests

I have been living in the Brook Creek neighborhood for thirty seven years and in all those years have not seen as much cutting through as the neighborhood association claims. Granted there is some but the majority travel on Oak Hill which goes by the home of the man that is pushing this agenda. We are getting ready Wednesday to open the new bypass and that will reduce traffic on 23rd st. Which will cause more drivers to stay on 23rd. The Brook Creek Association should have contacted some of the home owners and asked how they feel about such a change. They have a very few in Brook Creek group that seems to think they can speak for the majority. I and many of my neighbors and friends are completely against a move to restrict traffic flow. They want to use 23rd st. as a example for no left turns on Louisiana, Massachusetts and Tennessee streets. Cut through was not the problem there it was the backup on 23rd which was the problem We could agree on the AM proposal but completely disagree with the PM proposal. The PM idea will create more pass through traffic than the Am idea with people trying to get back to their homes off 15th. Can anyone tell me how creating more traffic at the 15th st intersection can help anything? Traffic is backed up for a block each of the four ways during those time periods. Which is one of the reasons drivers cut through the neighborhood.

We will see you Monday evening.

Thanks

Russell Wiggins
1223 Laura Lawrence Ks.

David Woosley

From: superior printing <1ryan.hutton@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 2:32 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: "traffic calming"

Hi,

I am the owner of 1306 E 13th St. I would like to vote against the proposed traffic calming plan that our sneaky neighbor Michael came up with.

Regards,

Ryan Hutton
785.331.9360

David Woosley

From: Douglas Miller <dgsbmiller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 10:42 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Opposed to the signage for the Brook Creek Neighborhood

I am Douglas G. Miller at 1235 Prairie Avenue.

I am opposed to establishing no right turns for westbound traffic on 15th Street at Elmwood Street, Summit Street, Prospect Avenue, Prairie Avenue, Brook Street and Maple Lane. This would unnecessarily increase traffic at 15th and Haskell and would be inconvenient for those residents that drive and live in this area.

I am opposed to establishing no left turns for southbound traffic on Haskell at 12th and 13th Street. This would unnecessarily increase traffic at 15th and Haskell. This would also create a traffic hazard because the east bound traffic on 15th St. would then have to turn in front of the increased west bound traffic on 15th Street.

I hope that you will deny these two proposed traffic changes. Sincerely, Douglas G. Miller

David Woosley

From: JILL JEVENS <jevensjill@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 3:59 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: The Brook Creek Neighborhood traffic calming measures

I am writing to object to the current proposal for traffic calming measures in the Brook Creek Neighborhood.

I own my house, which is 1301 Prospect Ave, at the corner of 13th and Prospect in the Brook Creek Neighborhood. I have lived there for 17 years.

Traffic can certainly be a problem in our neighborhood, and I've long worried about the amount, speed, and sometimes general recklessness of those who pass through but do not live there, especially considering we have no sidewalks for pedestrians and lots of children around.

However, I don't think the current proposal blocking certain turns into the neighborhood at certain times is the answer. This becomes a problem for those of us who live there to get to our homes, too, and it doesn't really take care of the biggest aspects of our traffic problem. Traffic is dangerous in our neighborhood at all hours. Many times in the middle of a Saturday or later on a weekday evening, I see cars fly through like they don't care at all that it's someone's neighborhood.

The traffic calming we need must be based on slowing traffic down anytime it's in our neighborhood. Those of us who live there do not speed through, so this will be no inconvenience to us, unlike the turn limiting measure being considered right now.

Also, I want to mention that those from the Brook Creek Neighborhood Associate are NOT really speaking on behalf of the neighborhood in general. Our neighborhood association has been highjacked by a minority of individuals with their own personal agendas.

Please DO NOT pass this traffic calming measure as it is planned right now.

(Would you please reply whether or not you received this in time for this evening's meeting?)

Thank you.

Jill Jevens
785-831-3621

David Woosley

From: ryan wise <wiseisswell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 6:22 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Brook Creek Traffic Calming Request

Hello,

My name is Ryan Wise. I live at 1226 Prairie Ave, Lawrence KS, 66044. I am emailing to state that my household is staunchly opposed to the new traffic calming measures in Brook Creek. Particularly the no right and left turns off of Haskell between certain times. We feel like this would further back up Haskell as well the four way at 15th and Haskell.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sent from my iPhone

David Woosley

From: Shelby Miller <slmiller@ksu.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 7:45 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Brook Creek Neighborhood

To whom it may concern,

We are AGAINST the proposal of the calming requests that will be brought to your attention this evening. This would make getting to our place after work extremely difficult. I do not approve of the implications that David Woosley is wanting to see happen. This will cause such a huge headache for anyone living in this area and do not believe it will be worth the time of the city to make this happen. People in the neighborhood are not pleased by this proposal.

-Shelby

David Woosley

From: Jim Martin <pteravisions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 10:18 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Brook Creek Neighborhood Traffic Calming Request

Hello,

I would like to oppose this proposition. I live on 1140 E 13th St. and do not see the need to establish a no right or left turn within the given hours in our neighborhood. I understand why the request was made, although the hours set in this request conflict with my weekly work/school hours. If the proposition should become law, it will add needless time to my drive home when picking my son up from school and returning home, and also cause directional confusion for my Airbnb guests, whom arrive at various times throughout the day/evening.

Also, I was not properly notified by my Neighborhood Association about this request, nothing in the mail, no door to door relay of information. I find this upsetting, as I am not in favor of this proposition.

I am in favor to establish a 20mph limit throughout the neighborhood. Not just on East Glenn Drive between Harper St. and Maple Lane, but for 12th, 13th and neighbouring cross streets.

I will be at the meeting tonight to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jim Martin