City of Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission 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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David Woosley

From: JD Cleavinger [mailto:jdc@hatfieldappraisals.com]

Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:33 AM

To: David Woosley Subject: Crestline Traffic

JD Cleavinger @ 213 N Crestline Dr Will not be able to attend the 7PM meeting to support measures to calm traffic along the stretch of Crestline between Peterson Rd and Princeton Blvd

I do support a believe there is a need for some sort of measure to slow drivers along this stretch. This stretch is without long sight lines. Young Kids and us old Geezers that live along this stretch need to have slow cars in our daily life. Since the building started on the north side of Peterson Rd. this stretch seems to be a cut through and drivers seem to be in a hurry without noticing surroundings. THANKS for your consideration

David Woosley

From: Nick Stevens [mailto:stevens.nicholas@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 3:47 PM

To: David Woosley

Subject: Support for Traffic Calming on Crestline Dr.

Traffic Safety Commission-

We live at 300 N Crestline Dr., between Peterson and Princeton. We have regularly noticed that individuals use our street as a connection between Princeton and Peterson. In and of itself this is not a problem. However, the speed individuals drive seems somewhat excessive, especially during rush hour when individuals are in a hurry.

We are writing to say that we fully support the traffic calming initiative that will be discussed this evening at the committee meeting. Unfortunately we are unable to make it to the meeting tonight, so we wanted to write and express our support.

Thank you for your consideration, Nick and Aime Stevens

-Sent from a mobile device



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Date: 7 March 2016

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