

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission
May 2, 2016 Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Chris Lempa; and, Vicki Pepperdine

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, March 7, 2016.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, MARCH 7, 2016; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-1.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING in the 2300 block of Vermont Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Storm asked who requested the recount; Woosley advised that some of the residents requested it; in addition, it was requested that a cut-through study be conducted.

Commissioner Koprince asked how long the neighborhood would have to wait to submit another request, if this request is denied; Woosley advised that the city policy states they would have to wait one (1) year.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE 2300 BLOCK OF VERMONT STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Edgehill Road near Louisiana Street.

This Item was deferred indefinitely.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the east side of Ousdahl Road between 19th Street & 20th Street..

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Jones: I'm not sure why traffic would be a problem there.

Commissioner Storm: I think that the concern is that Ousdahl will be a main entrance to KU.

Commissioner Koprince: I don't see how this solves the problem that is being raised.

Commissioner Devlin: If you have No Parking on both sides, you're asking for speeding.

Commissioner Storm: I don't know what the point is in restricting parking on Ousdahl.

Commissioner Jones: If we take parking out of there, where is it going to go?

Commissioner Harrod: I would be inclined to deny this until someone came forward and articulated a problem.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO PARKING ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF OUSDAHL ROAD BETWEEN 19TH STREET & 20TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request to establish a MULTI-WAY STOP at the intersection of 19th Terrace & Ousdahl Road.

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

Public Comments:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A MULTI-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 19TH TERRACE & OUSDAHL ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 6:

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

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of three (3) emails in support of the request.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Jones asked if parking was permitted on either side of the street; Commissioner Devlin noted that parking was permitted on both sides of the street based on the aerial picture.

Commissioner Koprince: It seems to me that it meets the criteria and several residents have indicated support for the request; so, I would be inclined to grant the request.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING ON ARKANSAS STREET BETWEEN 8TH STREET & 9TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 7:

Consider request for a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on Haskell Avenue at 16th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report

Public Comments:

Chris Lempa, 1215 Delaware Street, representing the Housing Authority: We have a lot of families that try to cross Haskell at peak times to catch the bus, they have a really hard time crossing; over 25% of our tenants are elderly and disabled; this would really be beneficial for the area, going to 15th or 19th to cross isn't realistic; I ride my bike to work and I even have a hard time crossing; we have had people miss appointments because they couldn't get across the street in time to catch a bus.

Vicki Pepperdine, 829 E. 13th Street: My son likes to ride his bike to Edgewood a lot and it is difficult for him to get across the street and I don't like him trying to cross without a light.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Hoskinson: I think with all the origins and destinations, this location makes sense, I wouldn't go to 15th or to 19th to cross; however, if we have a crosswalk, we do need to have a pedestrian hybrid beacon too.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WITH A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON ON HASKELL AVENUE AT 16TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 8:

Public Comment.

No public comment.

ITEM NO. 9:

Commission Items:

No Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 10:

Staff Items:

No Staff Items.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, June 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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Transportation/Traffic Engineer

David Woosley

From: Michael Arp <meakans@sunflower.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:36 AM
To: David Woosley; rhd851@gmail.com; dcraw4d@hotmail.com; skoprince@petefishlaw.com; jjzieg@sunflower.com; Jason.hoskinson@bgcons.com; tbharrod@gmail.com; chrisstorm@sunflower.com
Cc: Michael Doudoroff; Boone Bradley
Subject: 800 block Arkansas calming (item 6)

I'm writing in support of Agenda Item 6, a traffic calming plan for the 800 block of Arkansas Street. I'm writing instead of appearing personally due to business travel that requires me to be out of town [on Monday, May 2](#).

I've lived at [828 Arkansas Street](#) for over 15 years. I've noticed a steady increase in traffic speeding down the street, apparently heedless of the 20 mph speed limit posted at both ends of the block. I contacted the police department about six months ago to ask what might be done to better enforce the current speed limit. They pledged to increase patrols and ticketing in the area.

I've seen no decrease in traffic speeding up and down the street. It appears from my observation that the majority of cars passing my house are speeding, sometimes fairly dramatically.

I contacted Mr. Woolsey on March 15 and he agreed to initiate a process to collect traffic data. I see from the results that my anecdotal observation of speeding traffic is borne out by the data.

It's my hope that the Traffic Safety Commission will forward a recommendation to the City Commission to pursue a traffic calming device for the 800 block of Arkansas.

Two of my neighbors, Michael Doudoroff (832 Arkansas) and Boone Bradley (833 Arkansas) asked to sign on to this request. I've copied them on this email.

I appreciate the Traffic Safety Commission and the Public Works Department's help in exploring remedies to this problem in our neighborhood.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Michael Arp

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[785-766-7961](#)
[meakans@sunflower.com](#)

David Woosley

From: Chad Foster [<mailto:chad.c.foster@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2016 7:17 PM

To: David Woosley

Subject: Letter of support

Please include my name in the list of supporters of this initiative. My experiences are similar to Mike's; vehicle speed is very frequently extremely excessive.

Chad Foster
804 Arkansas

From: Michael Arp <meakans@sunflower.com>

Date: April 27, 2016 at 9:35:58 AM CDT

To: DWoosley@lawrenceks.org, rhd851@gmail.com, dcraw4d@hotmail.com, skoprince@petefishlaw.com, jjzieg@sunflower.com, Jason.hoskinson@bgcons.com, tbharrod@gmail.com, chrisstorm@sunflower.com

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David Woosley

From: Ann Carlin Ozegovic <acozegovic@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 5:32 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Traffic calming

I would like to put in a very last minute email of support for a speed bump in the 800 block of Arkansas.

Thank you.

Ann Carlin Ozegovic
815 Arkansas Street

842-7542