

City of Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission August 1, 2016 Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Travis Harrod; and, Jason Hoskinson

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ted Boyle; Kelly French; Alan Johnson; Luann Leiste, Robert Leiste; Brian Ondrgran; Tanner Poe; Claven Snow; and, Jack Todd

The meeting was called to order by Chris Storm 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, June 6, 2016.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 6, 2016; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-0-1.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 24th Street between Crossgate Drive & Kasold Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Brian Ondrgran, 3616 W. 24th Street: I just rent on the street, but, when I'm trying to back my boat in on a daily basis, there's four or five cars that are waiting and speeding past me; speed bumps would be nice or signs that say "not a through street" or something along those lines; with the amount of kids playing in their front yard, something's going to happen at some point; we've seen people speeding through there at up to 55 miles per hour, at any point during the day.

Tanner Poe, 3520 W. 24th Street: I realize that most of the people that are doing that don't live on the street, it's a cut-across; I've had to stop twice myself when a basketball came into the street with kids chasing it.

Robert Leiste, 3721 W. 24th Street: The traffic has gotten worse since the apartment complexes have been added; I've lost two truck mirrors; the only way we get them to slow down is to park on both sides of the street.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Crawford asked if parking was permitted on both sides of the street; a member of the audience advised that it was.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I think 1700 cars two-way traffic is significant.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON 24TH STREET BETWEEN CROSSGATE DRIVE AND KASOLD DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request for PARKING RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES at 832 Pennsylvania Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Crawford asked if there was an ADA accessible ramp anywhere; Woosley advised that there wasn't in front of the building in question.

Commissioner Koprince asked what the city's obligation was; Woosley advised that there currently is no requirement for on-street ADA parking spaces

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JONES, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PARKING RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AT 832 PENNSYLVANIA STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request for NO PARKING along the south side of Elm Street between 7th Street & 8th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of an email on 25 July.

Public Comments:

Jack Todd, 724 Elm Street, presented a petition from residents in opposition: I've lived there 45 years and have never seen a traffic problem; I think it should be left alone; without the parking, guests would have to walk 1/8 mile to get to the houses; there are two streets in North Lawrence we consider the main streets, Locust and Lyon, the other streets are residential streets, for use by the people that live there; we have no problem with Elm Street.

Kelly French, 725 Elm Street: There's already No Parking on the south; I'm opposed to the request; city ordinance prohibits parking in front of a public or private driveway; my alternative is to lower the speed limit or install speed bumps because there is a lot of kids; there is also an ordinance that permits towing if vehicles can't get through the street.

Ted Boyle, 310 Elm Street: Elm Street has been a very safe street in North Lawrence; we just installed a speed hump in the 300 block, and, we are going to request funding for one in the 700 block; I've never heard of any problems from the 700 or 800 blocks, No Parking is not warranted; I don't think the parking should be removed from Elm Street; the North Lawrence Improvement Association is opposed to any changes.

Claven Snow, 847 Elm Street: I agree that this should not be approved; there is some street parking, but, it is not excessive and not problematic; I also agree that some people drive very fast on Elm.

Alan Johnson, 723 Illinois Street, and owner of 842 Elm Street: There's rarely anybody parked on the street; this whole thing seems like a solution looking for a problem.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince: It seems to me this request should be denied; we would look vindictive if we establish it in front of just one property; we shouldn't get in the middle of a neighborhood dispute.

Commissioner Jones: I don't think it is necessary to cow-tow to one individual all the time and I'm concerned of what that may lead to.

Commissioner Storm: I'm going to vote to deny this request, I see no traffic safety reason to remove the parking.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF ELM STREET BETWEEN 7TH STREET & 8TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Public Comment.

No Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 6:

Commission Items.

No Commission items.

ITEM NO. 7:

Staff Items:

Woosley advised that staff would be installing a YIELD LINE for westbound right-turning vehicles at 6th Street & Massachusetts Street, based on comments in the letter of request for Item No. 4.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, October 3, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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Transportation/Traffic Engineer

As residents of 700 block of
Elm St., we are opposed to the
request for no parking south side
of street.

Delores Todd
Jack R Todd

724 Elm

721 Elm

Amy Rzagum

742 Elm

Tham J Teenor

707 Elm

Jana S

707 Elm

Barbara J. Merrill

716 Elm

Amelia Mallett-Kass

730 Elm

Pat Kass

737 Elm

David Woosley

From: Mae Drouin [<mailto:maedrouin@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 6:33 PM

To: David Woosley

Subject: Fw: ELM STREET

David,

I cannot make the commission meeting tonight on traffic issues though I wrote and asked that Elm between 7th-8th not allow any parking on either side due to narrowness. I would like, however, for you to understand that when I park in front of my home to clean my driveway of leaves and mow, my neighbor across the street complains of difficulty backing out her driveway and the same for me when she has parked on the north side at times, though no parking is allowed there. Please consider the NO PARKING ON EITHER SIDE heavily.

Thanks,

Mary

NORTH LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

September 6, 2016

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

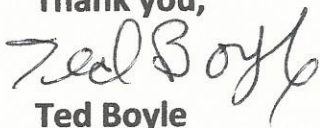
**David Woosley
Transportation/Traffic Engineer
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This letter is in reference to the request of Mae Drouin to restrict on-street parking on the 700 block of Elm Street . Parking along this street has never been a problem. Elm Street is one way east from North 2nd to North 7th with parking only allowed on the south side. Elm from North 7th to North 9th east is two way traffic also with parking only allowed on the south side of the street. The one exception of that is from the 7th street intersection to past the Ballard Center parking lot, presumably to discourage people from parking there to deliver their children for daycare and to encourage them to use the Center's parking lot for that purpose.

When Woodlawn School is in session there is a tightening of traffic in the five hundred block in the morning and after school when students are being dropped off and picked up. Also the school bus loading and unloading occurs on 5th Street between Elm and Walnut. Most residents that live in this area know to use Locust and Walnut during this time to avoid the extra traffic. Ms Drouin has also suggested that this block be changed to two way traffic. It is the NLIA's position that this would hinder traffic flow in that block as well as endanger Woodlawn School students and other pedestrians.

The North Lawrence Improvement Association supports the residents residing on Elm Street in North Lawrence in their request to keep the parking on that street as is currently designated.

Thank you,



Ted Boyle

North Lawrence Improvement Association