The meeting was called to order by Chair 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, October 3, 2016.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 3, 2016; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 2:
Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Arkansas Street between 24th Street and 27th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.
Public Comments:

Julia Radley, 2542 Arkansas Street: When 23rd & Iowa was closed, there was a ton of traffic; I suspect some people figured-out to use our street at that time; people go fast; it's dangerous; please consider it even if the numbers aren't exactly right, they don't quite tell the whole story.

Jarrod Holt, 2448 Arkansas Street: I don't think they're necessary, but, I don't have small kids; I was just curious as to what is proposed; I'm only two houses from the corner, so, I don't see as much speed.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Storm noted that city staff received one (1) telephone call from residents supporting the request.

Commissioner Crawford asked if there was parking on both sides of the street; he was advised that parking is not permitted on the east side of the street.

Commissioner Koprince: I think our hands are tied by the policy, so, I would have to reluctantly move to deny the request.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON ARKANSAS STREET BETWEEN 24TH STREET AND 27TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 3rd Street between Lyon Street and North Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report, and, noted receipt of two (2) e-mail's in opposition to the request.

Public Comments:

Kenneth Coffey, 745 N. 3rd Street: I can sit in my living-room and see cars come by at 50 or 60 miles per hour; I’m all for someone trying to do something to slow traffic down.
Kathy Coffey, 745 N. 3rd Street: This does happen; it escalates during the summer; whenever N. 2nd is shut-down, all the traffic uses N. 3rd; there are no sidewalks on either side of the street, the only place for people to walk is in the street; there are problems here.

Sean Ingram, 727 N. 3rd Street: There are many children living on Maiden Lane that ride their bikes and use 3rd Street; the high speed goes both ways; this is used as a walkway for the neighborhood.

Aimee Polson, 721 N. 3rd Street: There’s a lot of pedestrian traffic on 3rd Street, and, no sidewalks; it’s a multi-use street, it’s for cars, parking and people.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince noted that it may meet the criteria for 80% of two (2) or more of the criteria.

Commissioner Harrod: I would be inclined to recommend this to the City Commission.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC CALMING ON 3RD STREET BETWEEN LYON STREET AND NORTH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request for a MULTI-WAY STOP at the intersection of 21st Street and Tennessee Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Jones: Sometimes the street is very busy and sometimes there is not a sole on it; I can certainly understand if we can do something preventative, it would be advantageous to do so, at minimal cost.

Commissioner Koprince: It seems like the crash history speaks for itself, a lot or crashes at the same intersection in a short period of time.
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A MULTI-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 21ST STREET AND TENNESSEE STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

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.

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.

ITEM NO. 6:

Consider request to establish NO LEFT TURN 7-9AM 3-6PM MON-FRI for southbound traffic on Haskell Avenue at 12th Street and 13th Street.

This request was withdrawn prior to the meeting.
ITEM NO. 7:

Consider request to establish a 20MPH SPEED LIMIT on East Glenn Drive between Harper Street and Maple Lane.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Sharon Vaughn, 1242 Prairie Avenue: I would like to support the neighbors on East Glenn, I would like to support this proposal; not only does East Glenn not have sidewalks, but, this whole area does not have sidewalks.

Ronald Bishop, 1601 East Glenn Drive: Part of the problem is cut-through; there are no sidewalks; it's a dragstrip sometimes; there are four (4) families with kids under five (5) in the center of the block; there are three (3) other families with teenagers; most of the rest of the people on the block are retired; it is a traffic hazard; we also have a lot of foot traffic through the neighborhood.

Beth Anne Mansur, 1217 Prospect Avenue: I used to walk that street many years ago and there wasn't much traffic; however, when I've been by it lately, I am surprised how much traffic there is and how fast, and, I would support the neighbors on this.

Melissa Fahrenbruch, 1322 Maple Lane, President of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association: I definitely support the East Glenn reduction in speed.

Dickie Heckler, 1217 Prospect Avenue: I support the 20 mph speed limit in this neighborhood.

Andrea Repinsky, 1222 Almira Avenue, member of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Board: I support the people from the East Glenn Drive area.

Torrie Brinson, 1502 East Glenn Drive: I’m one (1) of the families with young kids and I also support it.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince: It looks like we have consensus on this item.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVILN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JONES, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT ON EAST GLENN DRIVE BETWEEN HARPER STREET AND MAPLE LANE; 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:

   David Cronin, City Engineer, briefed the Commission on the new Transportation Commission and how to apply for a position.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, December 5, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

David E. Woosley, P.E.
Transportation/Traffic Engineer
Re: TSC Item 3, 11/7/16 agenda

I have reviewed the 4 warrants to be considered for implementation of traffic calming devices on local streets. It is my understanding the city's study of this .3 mile stretch of street indicates none of the 4 warrants have been met.

I live at the corner of Lyon and N. 3rd St. The amount of traffic on N. 3rd Street is incredibly small, in comparison to the amount of traffic on Lyon St. Because N. 3rd St. is truncated by stop signs at Lyon and North streets, the speeds of the vehicles are nominal, especially in consideration of the speeds on Lyon Street.

Therefore, I trust the Traffic Safety Commission will agree with my position that any traffic calming devices on N. 3rd St. between Lyon and North streets are not warranted and would be a waste of taxpayer funds. I encourage the Traffic Safety Commission to agree with the city position that such devices are unwarranted at this time.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bob Moody
703 N. 3rd St.
Lawrence, KS

785 841-5946
8:00am, October 31, 2016

Telephone message from Mr. & Mrs. Jones, 2607 Arkansas Street; in favor of traffic calming on Arkansas Street.

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Mr. Devlin:
The Brook Creek Neighborhood Association has decided to withdraw next Monday's agenda item #6, which was our request for turn restrictions at Haskell Ave. and 12th St and Haskell Ave. and 13th St.

We still want the Traffic Safety Commission to hear our two other requests, item #5 and item #7.

thank you,

Michael Almon, Secretary
Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
David Woosley

From: Steve Rector <rector123@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 12:43 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: TSC Item 3, 11/7/16 agenda

Dear Mr. Woosley,

I live at the corner of N 3rd  and Lyon Streets. Bob Moody forwarded the warrants for traffic calming devices and I, too, fail to see where any such device is warranted. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 20 years and traffic volume on N 3rd street is relatively light. Since N 3rd Street was blocked on the north end many years ago (near the Lawrence sign on N 2nd), I do not feel speeding or traffic volume are issues on this section of N 3rd Street. I am probably more cognizant of traffic than the average citizen having previously served as a police officer, sheriff's deputy, and traffic accident reconstructionist.

If I felt the traffic situation on N 3rd Street was unsafe I'd be the first to support such a measure, but I can not do so in this case. To be quite honest, I am baffled that anyone would make such a request. I do not support this request. It does not appear to meet any of the criteria for a traffic calming device, and would be a waste of city time and taxpayer money. I encourage the Traffic Safety Commission to follow the city position and deny the request for traffic calming devices on N 3rd Street between Lyon and North Streets.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Steve Rector
702 N 3rd Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

(785) 764-3663
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
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.
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
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 and those concerned,

I wanted to voice my concern about restrictions on southbound Haskell traffic at 12th and 13th st. I am an owner of Struct/restruct with office/shop at 1146 Haskell. We are getting started with the development of nine residential lots just east of Haskell on 12th st, behind our office. Under these proposed restrictions residents of these properties could not turn directly onto their street when headed south on Haskell. They would have to go to 15th before entering the neighborhood. This restriction would actually serve to increase traffic through the neighborhood as they would not be able to turn directly onto 12th. The examples on 23rd street where time restrictions are in place seem quite different from the situation in Brook Creek. On 23rd if a vehicle waits to turn across traffic it can create significant traffic backups. Those restrictions seem to be in place to keep traffic flowing, not to restrict traffic from access to adjacent neighborhoods. I have not witnessed significant delays in traffic flow due to vehicles waiting to turn across traffic in the Brook Creek Neighborhood. 13th is already a four way stop so everyone gets a turn, creating no dramatic backups. I believe keeping traffic flowing smoothly is more important than restricting access to neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Matt Jones
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
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
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.

-Sherby
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
My husband and I live at 1228 Laura Ave. We have not seen an influx of traffic on our street due to commuters avoiding 19th and 23rd to get to K-10. We vote NO on "no left turns off Haskell between 12th and 15th streets".

Wendy Traul
"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle."