

City of Lawrence  
Traffic Safety Commission  
December 5, 2016 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Storm, Chair; Steven Koprince, Vice-Chair; Dave Crawford; Ryan Devlin; Travis Harrod; and, Tony Jones  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Hoskinson; and, John Ziegelmeyer, Jr.  
STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department  
David Cronin, Public Works Department  
PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Storm at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, November 7, 2016.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 2016; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to prohibit parking along one side of Kensington Road between 25<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of an e-mail in opposition to the request.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin asked if it was correct that there was not a lot of traffic for a "collector" street; Woosley advised that was true; however, most of the traffic does occur during the 30 minutes prior to the beginning of school at Prairie Park Elementary.

Commissioner Storm: My concern is that removing parking will likely increase the speed of traffic.

Commissioner Devlin: Parking on both sides of the street is a natural deterrent to slow cars and traffic down.

Commissioner Koprince: The requester may not understand that removing parking could increase the speed of traffic.

Commissioner Jones: Without further input from the people that live in that area, it seems counterproductive to make any changes based upon one (1) individual in favor, and one (1) individual in opposition to the request.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ALONG ONE SIDE OF KENSINGTON ROAD BETWEEN 25<sup>TH</sup> TERRACE AND 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

ITEM NO. 3:

Select a member of the Traffic Safety Commission to serve on the Transportation Commission.

David Cronin, City Engineer, advised the Commission that they could recommend an individual to represent the Commission for the first year of the Transportation Commission.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

After considerable discussion, the Commission, without objection, recommended that the Chair, Chris Storm, represent the Commission during the first year of the Transportation Commission.

ITEM NO. 4:

Public Comment.

No Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 5:

Commission Items.

No Commission items.

ITEM NO. 6:

Staff Items:

David Woosley presented each member of the Commission with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service on the Traffic Safety Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. This was the last Meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Woosley*

David E. Woosley, P.E.  
Transportation/Traffic Engineer

## David Woosley

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**From:** Jessica Bullock <jessicabullock2009@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 6:55 PM  
**To:** David Woosley  
**Subject:** Considering request to prohibit parking along one side of Kensington Road

To Whom it may concern,

I do not see a need for parking only on one side of Kensington Road. The traffic survey was taken before the SLT was open. The SLT being open now should have put more traffic to the Haskell SLT exit instead of 23rd and Harper St, creating less traffic going down Kensington. Parking on one side of the street would prohibit residents on that side from backing out of their driveway's safely. The side of the street I live on has the sidewalk. When cars are parked over the sidewalk in the North and South driveways, and also when cars are parked in the street, it is impossible to back out of the driveway. Please also consider that the street is a hill as well, which creates a blind-spot. This also creates an unsafe situation when cars are parked along one side of the street. It is literally impossible to back out.

My suggestion is to leave it the way it is. It will be a major hassle and safety issue for one side of the street. The problem with the parking is primarily on the weekends. There is a parking problem, but making parking only on one side of the street is not going to fix it.

Thank you for the speed limit signs that were put on on our street. It's greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Jessica Bullock