



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES

4 February 2002

The Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall with Chair Jeremy Anderson presiding and Commissioners Scott Henderson (Vice-Chair), Steve Blackwell, Carol Jean Brune, Paul Graves, and John Ziegelmeier Jr. present. Staff members David Woosley (Public Works Department) and Mike Monroe (Police Department) were present. Commissioners Richard Heckler and Stephen Parsons were absent.

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, January 7, 2002.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, JANUARY 7, 2002. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 6-0.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request from residents near the intersection of Crestline Drive & Century Drive, to install traffic calming circles at the intersection.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report, and distributed a rough sketch showing that due to the geometrics of the intersection, it would probably be necessary to install two traffic calming circles. In addition, speeds as high as 50 and 60 mph have been recorded on Crestline Drive in this area.

Commissioner Brune asked if there were any stop signs at the intersection. Woosley replied that there were not; the intersection did not meet any of the requirements of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* for stop signs.

Robert Still, 800 Crestline Drive, provided a copy of his remarks concerning the request (attached). In addition, there are children in the neighborhood and a school close-by. Something needs to be

done to deter the speed; I don't like the idea of a one-way street, and posting the speed limit won't do much without a policeman there. Traffic circles seem to be working and would enhance the neighborhood.

Commissioner Brune asked if there were any sidewalks in the area. Residents responded that there were none.

Larry Lovell, 722 Crestline Drive, stated that he moved into his house in 1984 and stopped counting the number of cars leaving the roadway and ending-up in this yard at 16. One incident involved a vehicle that hit a truck parked in the driveway, knocked it into a car in the driveway, and knocked it into the house. One vehicle hit the curb hard enough to disable the front end requiring it to be towed, and another one hit the curb and flower bed and became airborne. He added that he would appreciate whatever could be done to slow down the traffic.

Cheryl Wonnell, 805 Murrow Court, stated that roundabouts make her blood boil whenever she sees them. I think the traffic should be slowed-down, but it could be done with a four-way stop and cost a lot less money. I think the circles are a waste of money. I don't live on Crestline, but I would be concerned if I did live there.

Barbara Remlinger, 820 Crestline Drive, stated that there are no sidewalks in the area, but there are a lot of children that walk to the two schools nearby. In addition, there are a lot of college students that use Crestline Drive and 15th Street to get from the apartments on 6th Street to the campus. I would sign the petition three more times if it were legal; I wholeheartedly back the request for the traffic circles and because we need to slow down the traffic in the interest of our children.

Commissioner Brune stated that without sidewalks and without stop signs, the City owes the neighborhood something.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked if it would be possible to install something temporary similar to Harvard Road. Woosley replied that it will certainly be looked-at, but due to the geometrics of the intersection, it may not be possible.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer stated that he was very concerned about the speed of the traffic.

Commissioner Anderson asked if it would be difficult for drivers to understand with two devices so close together. Woosley replied that it would certainly take a period of time for the drivers to get used to it.

Commissioner Henderson stated that since he became a member of the Commission, he has learned that traffic signs don't stop traffic unless there is someone sitting there monitoring them.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, TO CONSTRUCT TRAFFIC CALMING CIRCLES AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTURY DRIVE AND CRESTLINE DRIVE. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 6-0.

Commissioner Ziegelmeier requested that a temporary installation be investigated in the interim until a permanent installation can be constructed.

Commissioner Henderson requested that staff involve the neighborhood in the design of the devices.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request from the University of Kansas to establish STOP signs on Westbrooke Circle at Westbrooke Street, and on Petefish Drive at Westbrooke Street.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLACKWELL, TO ESTABLISH STOP SIGNS ON WESTBROOKE CIRCLE AT WESTBROOKE STREET, AND ON PETEFISH DRIVE AT WESTBROOKE STREET. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 6-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Receive 12-month attendance summary.

The Commission acknowledged receipt.

ITEM NO. 5: Miscellaneous.

Betty Alderson, 1920 Maine Street, stated that she was interested in the City Commission agenda item for safety improvements at the intersection of 7th Street & Kentucky Street. Woosley advised that the City Commission would be looking at installation of a barrier on 7th Street, east of Kentucky Street that would prevent eastbound left-turns into the Post Office drives, and elimination of two parking spaces on the west side of Kentucky south of 7th Street to improve sight distance for eastbound vehicles at the intersection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, March 4, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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