



## TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

### MINUTES

March 4, 2002

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

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, February 4, 2002.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BLACKWELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PARSONS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 4, 2002. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 5-0-1 (Heckler).

ITEM NO. 2: Re-consider request from Jane Frydman, 1616 Stratford Road, to establish additional NO PARKING along the west side of Sunset Drive, between Cambridge Road and Harvard Road.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Commissioner Blackwell asked if the residents in the area had been notified. Woosley advised that all properties adjacent to the block in question and the two neighborhood associations had been notified.

Tony Walton, 1620 University, President of the West Hills Homeowners Association, presented a memorandum outlining a compromise position for a limited amount of additional NO PARKING (approximately 40-50 feet) along the west side of Sunset Drive, north of Cambridge Road.

Janette McCullough, 1035 Sunset Drive, spoke in favor of the compromise submitted.

Missy Hamilton, 1031 Sunset Drive, spoke in favor of the compromise submitted.

Frank Baron, 1108 Sunset Drive, spoke in favor of the compromise submitted.

Jane Frydman, 1616 Stratford Road, spoke in favor of the compromise submitted.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO ESTABLISH APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET OF ADDITIONAL NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SUNSET DRIVE, NORTH OF CAMBRIDGE ROAD. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider establishing a 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT on Harper Street, between 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, TO ESTABLISH A 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON HARPER STREET BETWEEN 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Miscellaneous.

Doug Bowen, 2424 Melrose Lane, spoke in opposition to roundabouts and pedestrian islands. He said he had yet to find one person who liked the concept of roundabouts and pedestrian islands. He said they were an impediment to traffic and was concerned about snow removal and emergency access. He asked that the City not build anymore.

Betty Alderson, 1920 Maine Street, spoke in favor of roundabouts and pedestrian islands. She has seen many people including students using the islands on Louisiana Street.

Commissioner Henderson introduced the newest member of the Traffic Safety Commission, Robert Hagen.

David Woosley introduced the City's new Public Works Director, Chuck Soules.

David Woosley provided a chart from the Federal Highway Administration publication, "Safety Effects of Marked vs. Unmarked Crosswalks at Uncontrolled Locations," showing the pedestrian crash rate at various types of roadway crossings. In addition, two copies of the full report are available for anyone interested.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, April 1, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Woosley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'W'.

David E. Woosley, PE  
Transportation/Traffic Engineer