



## TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

### MINUTES

December 2, 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, Robert Hagen and John Ziegelmeyer Jr. present. Commissioners Brian Edwards and Stephen Parsons were absent. Staff members David Woosley (Public Works Department) and Mike Monroe (Police Department) were present.

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

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAVES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2002, TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-2 (Anderson, Brune).

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request from area residents to install a temporary partial diverter on Arizona Street between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Gerald Shewbart, 725 Arizona Street, spoke in support of a temporary partial diverter. It will be an inconvenience to the residents, but it will benefit the whole neighborhood.

Trina Langston, 712 Arizona Street, provided hand-written notes from residents of 706 and 711 Arizona Street supporting a temporary partial diverter, and spoke in support of a temporary partial diverter. Speeds on the street are unbelievable; it's like a drag strip. We have speeds as high as 55-60 mph.

Camille Dalager, 718 Arizona Street, spoke in support of a temporary partial diverter. There are no sidewalks along the street so a parent has to always be outside when any children are playing.

Darlene Mountain, 724 Arizona Street, spoke in support of a temporary partial diverter. We thought it would be a quiet street when we brought our home, but traffic is bad and it continues to get worse.

Commissioner Anderson stated that this looked like a good first step.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, TO RECOMMEND INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY PARTIAL DIVERTER ON ARIZONA STREET BETWEEN 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request from the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association to establish a crosswalk with appropriate signage at or near the entrance to the East Lawrence Recreation Center.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Commissioner Graves asked if there were any other options to make a safe crossing. Woosley replied that the city had installed several crossings with pedestrian refuge islands that seemed to make it safer for pedestrians.

Commissioner Brune asked if it would be possible to construct a raised crosswalk. Woosley advised that it could be done but could get very expensive in order to handle storm drainage.

Kirsten Roussel, 1305 Oak Hill Avenue, President of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, stated that residents of the neighborhood and students from Central Junior High and East Heights Elementary had to cross 15<sup>th</sup> Street near the recreation center since there is not a continuous sidewalk along the south side of the street. A safe place to cross needs to be provided and a pedestrian refuge island sounds like a wonderful idea.

Caleb Morse, 1733 Mississippi, spoke in support of a safe pedestrian crossing.

Commissioner Hagen asked if this was a situation where a traffic light might be needed. Woosley advised that it would not meet the minimum requirements for consideration of a traffic signal.

Commissioner Henderson asked where the best place would be for a pedestrian refuge island. Woosley advised that it would probably be best just west of Brook Street.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON, TO RECOMMEND INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND AND CROSSWALK ON 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET JUST WEST OF BROOK STREET. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request from the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association to remove the raised island that separates the East Heights Elementary School drop off/pickup area from Haskell Avenue.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Kirsten Roussel, 1305 Oak Hill Avenue, President of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, stated that there is a safety problem in the area, but the school district is not interested in having their contractor do any additional work at this time.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF THE REQUEST TO REMOVE THE RAISED ISLAND THAT SEPARATES THE EAST HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DROP-OFF/PICKUP AREA FROM HASKELL AVENUE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request from the University Place Neighborhood Association for traffic calming within the neighborhood.

Leslie Tuttle, 1652 Illinois Street, presented a proposal from the University Place Neighborhood Association for traffic calming within the neighborhood.

Susan Craig, 1717 Indiana Street, spoke in opposition to too much traffic calming in the neighborhood, particularly at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street & Indiana Street.

Wayne Richardson, 1729 Louisiana Street, spoke in support of the traffic calming plan and provided a sketch of the proposed access to the new KU Recreation Center.

Lisa Barnett, 1737 Mississippi Street, spoke in support of the traffic calming plan.

Aline Hoey, 1818 Indiana Street, spoke in support of the traffic calming plan.

Caleb Morse, 1733 Mississippi Street, spoke in support of the traffic calming plan and submitted a survey of cut-through traffic along 18<sup>th</sup> Street that he had conducted.

Matt Hyde, 1800 Mississippi Street, spoke in support of the traffic calming plan.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the plan. Woosley advised that city staff comments would be solicited and the plan would be placed on a future agenda (January or February 2003) as an action item.

ITEM NO. 6:

Review the City's Truck Routes/Truck Delivery Routes.

David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Caleb Morse, 1733 Mississippi Street, representing the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, spoke in support of designating the South Lawrence Trafficway as a truck route, but did not support designating Clinton Parkway or Wakarusa Drive as truck routes. In addition,

Caleb Morse, 1733 Mississippi Street, requested that Indiana Street be deleted as a recommended truck delivery route and that the number of truck delivery routes in east Lawrence be reduced. In addition, the city ordinance should be more restrictive and easier to enforce, and all routes should be adequately marked.

Wayne Richardson, 1729 Louisiana Street, spoke in support of Morse's requests.

Jim Black, 3510 W 10<sup>th</sup> Place, stated that it was difficult to comment without specifics being proposed. In addition, notice should be sent to all interested parties before recommendations are. Mr. Black volunteered to help prepare a list of interested parties.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO PLACE AN ITEM ON THE NEXT AGENDA DESIGNATING THE SOUTH LAWRENCE TRAFFICWAY AS A TRUCK ROUTE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO PLACE AN ITEM ON THE NEXT AGENDA DESIGNATING FOLKS ROAD (NORTH OF 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET), OVERLAND DRIVE (WEST OF FOLKS ROAD), 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET (WEST OF WAKARUSA DRIVE) AND GEORGE WILLIAMS WAY (NORTH OF 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET) AS RECOMMENDED TRUCK DELIVERY ROUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 7: Public Comment.

Jim Black, 3510 W 10<sup>th</sup> Place, advised the Commission that the problem on Arizona Street is due to congestion at the traffic signal on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Kasold Drive and the improvements next year should solve the problem.

ITEM NO. 8: Commission Items.

Commissioner Brune announced that she had brought treats for the Commissioners and staff.

ITEM NO. 9: Miscellaneous.

None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, January 6, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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David E. Woosley, PE