



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 3, 2003

The Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the City Commission Room in City Hall with Chair Paul Graves presiding and Commissioners Steve Blackwell, Caroljean Brune, Danny Drungilas, Robert Hagen, Caleb Morse and John Ziegelmeyer Jr. present. Commissioner Brian Edwards was absent. Staff members David Woosley (Public Works Department) and Officer Mike Monroe (Police Department) were present.

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, October 6, 2003.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAGEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2003, TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 (Blackwell).

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request from Donna Mathena-Menke, Lawrence Funeral Chapel, 3821 W. 6th Street, to establish NO PARKING along one side of 7th Street between Comet Lane and Monterey Way.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

George Waters, 1203 Iowa Street, manager of the Jacksonville Apartments along the south side of 7th Street spoke in opposition to the request. No parking will hurt the residents during evening hours; the apartments have the minimum number of spaces which aren't enough for tenants and visitors. Employees at Stone Creek restaurant also use the street.

Commissioner Morse asked if emergency access was a concern. Woosley advised that the Fire Department has consistently voiced concern when parking is allowed along both sides of the street; equipment can usually get through, but they are not able to access the sides of the equipment if they have to work in the area.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked if we could establish NO PARKING adjacent to the driveway. Woosley advised that since there were few driveways, it would still be possible for drivers to have to backup when encountering another vehicle.

Commissioner Brune suggested that NO PARKING be established 8am-5pm Mon-Fri. Waters indicated that that would work for the apartments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING 8AM-5PM MON-FRI ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF 7TH STREET BETWEEN COMET LANE AND MONTEREY WAY. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to establish an ADULT CROSSING GUARD at Kennedy Elementary School for the school crossing on the south leg of the intersection of Davis Road & Harper Street.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Landra Harwood, 1801 Hampton Street, spoke in support of the request. A guard is needed particularly in the morning; this is a route out of town to K-10; drivers don't watch for children and don't obey the flashing lights. There are two trailer parks east of Harper with a number of children that cross at this intersection. School staff and parents have had to help the children cross the street. If approved, the guard would need to be there early enough for the breakfast that begins at 7:30.

Commissioner Morse asked if all the students from the trailer parks use the crossing. Harwood advised that most of them do.

Commissioner Brune asked who set the time for guards to work. Woosley advised that the City's policy states that guards and speed zones are in effect for 45 minutes prior to the beginning of school and 30 minutes after school.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked Officer Monroe if speeding was a problem in this area. Monroe advised that it is and the traffic unit monitors this school zone frequently.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRUNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORSE, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING AN ADULT CROSSING GUARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF DAVIS ROAD AND HARPER STREET. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request fro Betty Scribner, 4821 Quail Crest Place, to establish NO PARKING along one side of Quail Crest Place.

David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Commissioner noted that this was a very long cul-de-sac.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer stated that the number of cars parked on the street when he visited the area shocked him.

Staff was asked which side would be the best. Woosley advised that the south side would accommodate more vehicles because there are fewer driveways.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAGEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLACKWELL, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF QUAIL CREST PLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 5: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM NO. 6: Commission Items.

Commissioner Morse distributed the draft of a possible policy setting-out Traffic Safety Commission guidelines that could be provided to citizens making requests. After considerable discussion, it appeared to be the consensus of the commissioners that they would not want to deter anyone from making a request and that a strict policy might do that. Commissioner Morse retracted his proposal and advised that he would prepare a substitute document describing Traffic Safety Commission procedures.

David Woosley presented the Commission with a walk-on item, a request from the University of Kansas to relocate a bus zone on the

north side of 15th Street west of Naismith Drive. Woosley advised that the University had already physically made the change due to reconstruction of sidewalks in the area, but the City Code would have to be changed in order to prosecute any tickets that would be given for parking in the zone.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAGEN, TO RECOMMEND REMOVING THE EXISTING BUS ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 15TH STREET, WEST OF NAISMITH DRIVE, AND ESTABLISHING A NEW BUS ZONE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF 15TH STREET, FROM 330 FEET WEST OF NAISMITH DRIVE, WEST 35 FEET. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ITEM NO. 7: Miscellaneous.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the latest 12-month Attendance Summary.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the report on stop sign violations from the National Safe Kids Campaign and suggested that it be made available to individuals making requests for stop signs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, December 1, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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