

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
January 6, 2014-7:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Edwin Rothrock, Chair; John Ziegelmeyer Jr., Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Dan Harden; Cody Howard; Steven Koprince; Tracy Russell; and Chris Storm

Anyone who wishes to be notified when an item will be heard by the City Commission must provide their name and a telephone number or an e-mail address.

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, December 2, 2013.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO PARKING 7AM-5PM MON-FRI along the south side of Stratford Road between Iowa Street & Sunset Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Stratford Road is classified as a "local" street in a residential area paved 25 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently unrestricted along the south side of Stratford Road between Iowa Street & Sunset Drive.
3. Parking is currently prohibited along the north side of Stratford Road between Iowa Street & West Campus Road
4. Parking is currently prohibited 7AM-5PM MON-FRI along the south side of Stratford Road between Sunset Drive & West Campus Road.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to install a PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON on Maine Street at 5th Street.

Staff Report:

1. Maine Street is classified as a “collector” street, paved 30 feet wide and a posted speed limit of 30mph.
2. Traffic data collected 12-13 December 2013, found approximately 6390 vehicles in a 24-hour period with an 85th percentile speed of approximately 34.2mph. In addition, this is one of the main routes to the Emergency Room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.
3. Based on the speed of traffic, the width of the street and a walking speed of 3.5 feet/second, there would need to be a gap in traffic of approximately 600 feet in each direction from the intersection (shown as a dotted yellow line) for a pedestrian to safely cross the street.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to install a PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON on Haskell Avenue at Pinecone Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Haskell Avenue is classified as a “minor arterial” street, paved 30 feet wide and a posted speed limit of 30mph.
2. Traffic data collected 12-13 December 2013, found approximately 11,045 vehicles in a 24-hour period with an 85th percentile speed of approximately 37.4mph.
3. A comprehensive study of approximately 2000 crosswalks nationwide found that under existing traffic conditions, there is no statistical difference in the crash rate of a marked vs. unmarked crosswalk.
4. Based on the speed of traffic, the width of the street and a walking speed of 3.5 feet/second, there would need to be a gap in traffic of approximately 660 feet in each direction from the intersection (shown as a dotted yellow line) for a pedestrian to safely cross the street.

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the north side of Steven Drive between Lawrence Avenue & Wellington Road.

Staff Report:

1. Steven Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area is paved approximately 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of Steven Drive.

ITEM NO. 6: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 7: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 8: Staff Items.

City of Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission January 6, 2014 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Dan Harden; Cody Howard;
Steven Koprince; Tracy Russell; and Chris Storm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edwin Rothrock; and John Ziegelmeier, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Robert Hughes; Priscilla McKinney; Bob Mikesic; Tena
Santaularia, Aaron Weigel; Drew White; Mitch Young

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Ryan Devlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, December 2, 2013.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL,
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING,
JANUARY 6, 2014; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-0-2.**

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING 7AM-5PM MON-FRI along the south side of Stratford Road between Iowa Street & Sunset Drive.

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

Public Comment:

Priscilla McKinney, 1919 Stratford Road: I'm concerned about my safety as I try to back-out of my driveway; sometimes it's difficult because the students will park in this area that is unrestricted to the point where it is difficult to see backing-out of a driveway on the south side of the street and hoping that a vehicle isn't speeding down the street from Iowa; my situation is particularly acute because vehicles park between my drive and my neighbors even though there isn't sufficient room; everyone in this stretch is handicapped trying to back-out of their driveway safely; I would like to have a parking policy that is consistent for our stretch of the street with what is in place already from Sunset east to West Campus Drive, which is the No Parking 7am-5pm Mon-Fri; it seems to me that would be fair for this whole stretch of Stratford from Iowa to West Campus Drive.

Tena Santaularia, 2002 Stratford Road: I own two house on Stratford Road in that same block and I have also encountered problems backing-out from the north side of the street when there are cars on the south side.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin asked if this was a problem during class hours and on game days; McKinney advised that game days are a given, but it is a problem all day during class hours.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING 7AM-5PM MON-FRI ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF STRATFORD ROAD BETWEEN IOWA STREET & SUNSET DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to install a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon on Maine Street at 5th Street.

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

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Boley noted that there was a School Zone at this location and asked if there was a crossing guard; Woosley advised that there is a crossing guard at the intersection.

Commissioner Boley asked if emergency vehicles would have an over-ride; Woosley advised that had not been provided at any other similar locations, but that it could be included.

Commissioner Harden asked what our criteria are: Woosley advised that the City has not adopted criteria.

Commissioner Howard: I think given the nature with the park right there and the school, I could certainly support this; given two high pedestrian traffic generators.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, TO RECOMMEND INSTALLING A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON ON MAINE STREET AT 5TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request to install a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon on Haskell Avenue at Pinecone Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Drew White, 637 North Street: I have a disability and have to walk from 20th & Haskell to 19th to cross the street and walk back up to 20th to catch the bus on the east side; I cannot walk across the street to the bus stop because I don't want to get hit by passing cars that won't slow down for people that cross the street; people ride the bus to come to Independence Inc. and people from Pinecone Townhomes also cannot cross there to walk their dogs; cars just fly by without watching out for people who are crossing the street to Independence; people have to walk down to the corner to cross the street where the light is at 19th & Haskell; that's why I am asking for a crosswalk so that people can cross safely without getting hit; I have seen many crosswalks all over town; people with disabilities need one by Independence Inc.; we have people that come to us for our services in wheelchairs, and many other people; so, I would like to get this approved, if possible.

Bob Mikesic, 2620 Kensington Road: I work at Independence Inc.; in addition to the people that leave our center and need to take the bus; even though the safest route is to go down to 19th, not everyone does; there are people that just wait for an opening and that's a pretty high rate of speed for traffic on Haskell; also, that's a high population area of people that live in the Pinecone Townhomes and there is a natural interest to cross the street and go west; there's good sidewalk on 21st Street and a way to get to the Burrough's Creek Trail.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Russell: I think this is a no-brainer.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, TO RECOMMEND INSTALLING A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON ON HASKELL AVENUE AT PINECONE DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the north side of Steven Drive between Lawrence Avenue & Wellington Road.

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

Public Comment:

Mitch Young, 3041 Steven Drive: I would like to withdraw my request, but, I would like to consider no parking on the north side adjacent to Pamela Court and Lawrence Avenue; that would solve most of our problem.

Aaron Weigel, 3046 Steven Drive: I support having a safer neighborhood, but, I have concerns with eliminating parking all along the north side of the street because there is limited parking in the neighborhood; however, I would support no parking from Pamela west 50 feet on the north side and from Lawrence Avenue east 50 feet on the north side; I think it should include from Pamela east 50 feet too; that would still leave enough parking for the residents.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince: It would be my preference to amend the request, get notice out to everyone affected and bring this back next month; we seem to have gotten astray from the original request.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG BOTH SIDES OF STEVEN DRIVE FROM LAWRENCE AVENUE EAST 50 FEET AND NO PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF STEVEN DRIVE FROM 50 FEET EAST OF PAMELA LANE TO 50 FEET WEST OF PAMELA LANE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-2 (Koprince and Russell; re-notification of the neighbors and not sure this will solve the stated problems).

ITEM NO. 6:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 7:

Commission Items:

None.

ITEM NO. 8:

Staff Items:

Consider request to extend the NO PARKING along the west side of Louisiana Street to the north property line of 1713 Louisiana Street.

Woosley reviewed the request from William Stallworth, 1713 Louisiana Street.

Public comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin: Louisiana Street is very busy.

Commissioner Howard: I don't have any issue with it since it is right by his house.

Commissioner Koprince: I would agree with that.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF LOUISIANA STREET FROM 18TH STREET, NORTH 320 FEET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, February 3, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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