

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
March 3, 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, January 6, 2014.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO PARKING on Harvard Road at Centennial Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Harvard Road is classified as a "collector" street and is paved 26 feet wide with a speed limit of 30 mph.
2. Parking is currently prohibited along the north side of Harvard and for 50 feet west of Centennial on the south side of Harvard.
3. Vegetation on the southwest corner of the intersection contributes to poor sight distance; however, the City's Environmental Division has contacted the property owner in order to bring that into compliance with the city code.
4. Prohibiting parking from Centennial, west to the first driveway would eliminate one additional parking space and approximately double the available sight distance.
5. Police Department records do not show any reported crashes at this intersection during the past three (3) years involving a northbound and eastbound vehicle.
6. This item was heard by the Commission in December; but was tabled to determine the effects of vegetation removal.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Hilltop Drive between Harvard Road and Oxford Road.

Staff Report:

1. Hilltop Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area paved approximately 25 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of Hilltop Drive.

ITEM NO. 4: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 5: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 6: Staff Items.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edwin Rothrock

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sarah Martin

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair John Ziegelmeyer, Jr. 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, January 6, 2014.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, JANUARY 6, 2014; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-1.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING on Harvard Road at Centennial Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Howard asked if it was the property owner with the vegetation that would be losing a parking space in front of their house; Woosley advised that it was.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer noted that even if the vegetation is trimmed to meet code, there will still be an obstruction from parking.

Commissioner Boley asked how the intersection is controlled; Woosley advised that there were STOP signs on Centennial since it is a local street and Harvard is a collector street.

Commissioner Harden asked what the length of the No Parking Zone was; Woosley advised that the existing is 50 feet and if it were extended to the west side of the driveway, losing one (1) parking space, it would be approximately 100 feet.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF HARVARD ROAD, FROM CENTENNIAL DRIVE, WEST TO THE FIRST DRIVEWAY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Hilltop Drive between Harvard Road and Oxford Road.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted the receipt of two (2) e-mail's concerning the request; one (1) in opposition and one (1) in support.

Public Comment:

Sarah Martin, 1108 Hilltop Drive: I won't rehash my letter, but most importantly, it has become a frustration getting into and out of my driveway; it's primarily the school traffic that's parking on this block on both sides; I fell like, at some point, I'm going to hit someone at the end of my driveway; I feel limiting the parking on at least one side would help, whether that's all the time or during certain hours of the day.

An unidentified resident of Hilltop Drive indicated that she supported the request.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin asked if it was a problem during KU athletic events; Martin advised that it does fill-up on a football day, but, that's to be expected.

Commissioner Storm asked if there was a preference as to which side of the street to restrict; Martin noted that the sidewalk is on the east side of the street.

Commissioner Boley asked about restricting the parking from 7am-5pm Mon-Fri; Martin advised that would help; we don't see much problem after hours or on weekends.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING 7AM-5PM MON-FRI ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF HILLTOP DRIVE BETWEEN HARVARD ROAD AND OXFORD ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 5:

Commission Items:

Commissioner Boley asked about the status of pavement markings on the new portion of Iowa Street at 15th Street/Bob Billings Parkway; Woosley advised that semi-permanent pavement markings will be installed this spring.

ITEM NO. 6:

Staff Items:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, April 7, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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