

City of Lawrence  
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda  
March 18, 2013-7:00 PM  
City Commission Room, City Hall

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

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**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 7, 2013.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Sharon Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Sharon Drive is classified as a "local" street.
2. The speed limit on local streets is 30mph.
3. The City's *Traffic Calming Policy* permits traffic calming devices on local streets if the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or more over the speed limit; if the 24-hour 2-way traffic volume is greater than 1000; or, if each of the conditions is satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more.
4. Traffic data collected February 19-20, 2013, found the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed at four (4) locations to range from 33.8mph to 37.0mph with an average of 35.4mph; and, the 24-hour 2-way traffic volume to range from 440 to 1125 with an average of 835.
5. Therefore, Sharon Drive meets the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming devices.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request for TIME LIMIT PARKING in front of 305 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Staff Report:

1. Parking is currently permitted in this area without restriction.
2. The recent move of the Library to a temporary location on the southeast corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & New Hampshire resulted in the adjacent off-street parking lot being signed for 2-hour parking; as a result, some vehicles that were parking there all day, have moved on-street to this location.
3. The parking enforcement office advised that it would not be a problem to enforce this area if time limit parking was installed.

ITEM NO. 4: Public comment.

ITEM NO. 5: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 6: Miscellaneous.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Harden, Chair; Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Jason Novotny; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm and John Ziegelmeyer, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stuart Boley

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mike Hadl, Heidi Gowen, Judith Dutton

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Chair Dan Harden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, January 7, 2013.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONERS RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 3, 2012; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0-2.**

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Sharon Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of three (3) e-mails concerning this item which were forwarded to each commission member.

Public Comment:

Mike Hadl, 101 Sharon Drive: I have lived here since October 1992; I have always felt that this street is one of the best developed streets in the area; there is good sight vision the entire length and everyone has a two-car garage; a lot of the driveways can accommodate six (6) cars; there are very few cars parked on the street so you can see if a ball goes in the street or if a child darts out; if

we're having problems with people speeding, we need to call the police; I don't care for speed humps or traffic calming devices; if we have a problem, I am not aware of it.

Heidi Gowen, 110 N Sharon Drive: I am opposed to having speed humps or speed bumps on our street; I don't think the problem is as bad as we have been led to believe; I have lived on Sharon Drive for 10 years; as far as I'm aware, there have been no concerns about speeding on this street; there haven't been any accidents or incidents involving speeding cars; I've raised two (2) children while living here and I've never had any concern about their safety; this concern is not the opinion of the entire neighborhood; the only traffic on Sharon drive is residents and visitors; it would be a waste of money to build speed humps on a dead end street; if there is a concern about speeding, we should try a less costly alternative, perhaps police monitoring.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Ziegelmeier asked if parking was allowed on either side; Woosley advised that parking was permitted on both sides of the street.

Commissioner Russell: I'm very familiar with this area and I don't recall any complaints within the last 10 years of speeding motorists.

Commissioner Rothrock: I was surprised at this request; the area is not the typical kind we get traffic calming requests from.

Commissioner Devlin: It doesn't make any sense to construct devices on a dead end street.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON SHARON DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request for TIME LIMIT PARKING in front of 305 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Judith Dutton, 1716 Mississippi Street: I'm a downtown business owner and I really oppose changing this parking; I understand why the request was made; parking is limited with the Library temporarily adjacent; this location is within a half block of the Library parking lot and when I went by there today there were 10-15 empty spaces right at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & Rhode Island; that's not always the case, but, there are almost always some spaces available; that's closer than I

have for my own business for a 2-hour parking lot; in addition, there is frequently parking in front of the business; the parking is almost never full; in addition, they have off-street parking adjacent to their building; the adjacent business has been harassing people parking here for six (6) months; parking downtown is very limited and I'm asking that you not limit it any more and not to approve this request.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin asked if this was a problem when Borders occupied the adjacent site; Woosley advised that he was not aware of any problems.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR TIME LIMIT PARKING IN FRONT OF 305 E 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

ITEM NO. 4:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 5:

Commission Items:

None.

ITEM NO. 6:

Miscellaneous:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, April 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Woosley*

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