

AGENDA
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 18, 2012 – 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM - TROY CITY HALL
500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – March 21, 2012

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request to Remove No Parking Restrictions – Hickory, Plum to Kirkton
Requested by Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory
4. Public Comment
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

cc: Item 3: Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory
Residents on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton

Traffic Committee Members
Lt. Robert Redmond & Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
William J. Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MESSAGE TO VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS

The Traffic Committee is composed of seven Troy citizens who have volunteered their time to the City to be involved in traffic and safety concerns. The stated role of this Committee is:

- a. To give first hearing to citizens' requests and obtain their input.
- b. To make recommendations to the City Council based on technical considerations, traffic surveys, established standards, and evaluation of citizen input.
- c. To identify hazardous locations and recommend improvements to reduce the potential for traffic accidents.

Final decisions on sidewalk waivers will be made by the Committee at this meeting.

The recommendations and conclusions arrived at on regular items this evening will be forwarded to the City Council for their final action. Any citizen can discuss these recommendations before City Council. The items discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting will be placed on the City Council Agenda by the City Manager. The earliest date these items might be considered by City Council would normally be 10 days to 2 weeks from the Traffic Committee meeting. If you are interested, you may wish to contact the City Manager's Office in order to determine when a particular item is on the Agenda.

Persons wishing to speak before this Committee should attempt to hold their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Please try to keep your remarks relevant to the subject at hand. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. These comments are made to keep this meeting moving along. Anyone wishing to be heard will be heard; we are here to listen and help in solving or resolving your particular concerns.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request to Remove No Parking Restrictions – Hickory, Plum to Kirkton

Stevan Popovic of 353 Hickory requested that the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton be removed so that residents can park on one side of Hickory. The north side is posted No Parking due to fire hydrants. The south side of Hickory is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The current No Parking zone on the south side was approved by Traffic Control Order #79-2-P and has been in place since April 16, 1979.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

Item 3:

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the “No Parking” zone on the south side of Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton be removed.
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends no changes to the existing parking regulations on Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton.

4. Public Comment

5. Other Business

6. Adjourn

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, March 21, 2012 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Sarah Binkowski
Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
Al Petruilis
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker

Also present: Robert E. Winter, 171 W. Lovell
Al, Karen & Mike Lake, 6796 Fredmoor
Al Hessel, 6880 Fredmoor
Lt. Robert Redmond, Troy Police Dept.
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – February 15, 2012

RESOLUTION # 2012-03-05

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the February 15, 2012 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request for Intersection Control – Brunswick at Cadmus

Janel Karoumy of 6910 Brunswick requested that the intersection of Brunswick at Cadmus be reviewed for the purpose of installing a Stop or Yield sign on southbound Brunswick at Cadmus. Ms. Karoumy states that traffic entering from South Boulevard does not yield or stop at the intersection before proceeding onto Cadmus creating a hazardous situation.

Nikola Todorovski of 6909 Brunswick submitted emails in support of Stop signs at the intersection.

No members of the public spoke on this item at the meeting.

RESOLUTION # 2012-03-06

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the intersection control be modified from “no traffic control” to a STOP sign on the Brunswick Drive southbound approach to Cadmus.

YES: 3 (Halsey, Kilmer, Ziegenfelder)
NO: 2 (Binkowski, Petrulis)
ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)
MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Intersection Control – Wardlow at Ashbury

Weiping Shi of 2856 Ashbury requested that the intersection of Wardlow at Ashbury be reviewed for the purpose of installing a Stop or Yield sign on southbound Wardlow. Mr. Shi states that lack of traffic control at the intersection creates a hazardous situation.

An email from Dave Goodman was received in support of a Stop sign at the intersection.

No members of the public spoke on this item at the meeting.

RESOLUTION # 2012-03-07

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Halsey

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the intersection control be modified from “no traffic control” to a YIELD sign on the Wardlow Drive southbound approach to Ashbury.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Halsey, Kilmer, Petrulis)
NO: None
ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)
MOTION CARRIED

5. Request for Intersection Control – Vernmoor at Hurst

Al Hessell of 6880 Fredmoor requested that the intersection of Vernmoor at Hurst be reviewed for the purpose of installing Stop signs on Vernmoor (Stop signs exist currently on Hurst at the intersection). Mr. Hessell states that lack of Stop signs on Vernmoor creates a hazardous situation.

Mr. Hessell was present at the meeting and provided his concerns relative to the need for Stop signs on Vernmoor due to no sidewalks in the area, curves along the roadway, grade of the road and surrounding terrain as well as trees in the vicinity of the intersection.

RESOLUTION # 2012-03-08

Moved by Petrusis

Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the intersection control be modified from “two-way control” to “four-way control” by installing STOP signs on the Vernmoor approaches to the intersection, creating an ALL WAY STOP intersection at Vernmoor and Hurst.

YES: 3 (Kilmer, Halsey, Petrusis)

NO: 1 (Binkowski)

ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)

MOTION CARRIED

6. Request for Intersection Control – Fredmoor at Lovell

Al Hessell of 6880 Fredmoor requested that the intersection of Fredmoor at Lovell be reviewed for the purpose of installing Stop signs on Fredmoor (Stop signs exist currently on Lovell at the intersection). Mr. Hessell states that lack of Stop signs on Vernmoor creates a hazardous situation.

Mr. Hessell was present at the meeting and provided his concerns relative to the need for Stop signs on Fredmoor due to no sidewalks in the area, curves along the roadway, grade of the road and surrounding terrain as well as trees in the vicinity of the intersection.

Robert Winter supports installing Stop signs on Fredmoor and leaving Stop signs on Lovell, creating a 4-way Stop intersection. Mr. Winter discussed that the hills and curves on Lovell create issues for drivers on Lovell as well as residents exiting their driveways. There are more driveways close to the intersection along Lovell, while driveways on Fredmoor are further from the intersection.

Karen Lake of 6796 Fredmoor reiterated a lot of the same concerns as Mr. Winter. Ms. Lake also added that Lovell is a bus route for the Avondale school district. This is also a bike route. There is a disabled adult picked up and dropped off by van at the northwest corner of the intersection.

Al Lake of 6796 Fredmoor added that there are no driveways on Fredmoor close to the intersection. He also stated that the trees at the corner had been trimmed up in the past to provide better sight distance at the intersection but the hills, curves and grades still create a hazardous situation at the intersection.

Mike Lake of 6796 Fredmoor agreed with all stated previously and supports installation of Stop signs on Fredmoor as long as the existing Stop signs on Lovell are retained. Emails from residents Michelle Christl, Robert Winter and Kelly Brault were also received on this item and supported keeping Stop signs on Lovell and changing to a 4-way Stop.

RESOLUTION # 2012-03-09

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Halsey

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the intersection control be modified from “two-way control” to “four-way control” by installing STOP signs on the Fredmoor approaches to the intersection, creating an ALL WAY STOP intersection at Fredmoor and Lovell.

YES: 3 (Halsey, Kilmer, Petruelis)
NO: 1 (Binkowski)
ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)
MOTION CARRIED

7. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

8. Other Business

Mr. Ziegenfelder requested that “CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP” plaques be placed below the Stop signs on Niagara at Eagle. Mr. Ziegenfelder states that motorists on Niagara assume that motorists on Eagle will also stop because Niagara is the through street. Traffic Engineering will review.

Mr. Ziegenfelder reports that the traffic signal at Winter and Dequindre does not appear to be cycling properly when vehicles are waiting at the signal. Traffic Engineering will forward a request to the Traffic Signal Division of the RCOC for investigation.

Mr. Halsey reports that he has had a request to paint the island at Charrington and Rochester as it is driven over frequently as evidenced by the tire marks on it. Traffic Engineering will review and coordinate with DPW as appropriate.

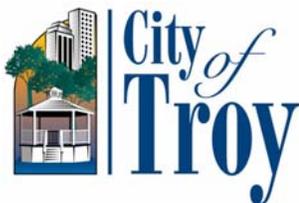
Mr. Kilmer reports that the No Parking signs at the Kroger site at Big Beaver/John R, in front of the building, are down and at least one sign is now leaning against the building. Lt. Caloia of Troy Fire Department will review and provide follow up as necessary.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary



TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

April 3, 2012

TO: Traffic Committee

FROM: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/ Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Hickory, Plum to Kirkton
No Parking Restrictions

Background:

Stevan Popovic of 353 Hickory requested that the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton be removed so that residents can park on one side of Hickory. The north side is posted No Parking due to fire hydrants. The south side of Hickory is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The current No Parking zone on the south side was approved by Traffic Control Order #79-2-P and has been in place since April 16, 1979.

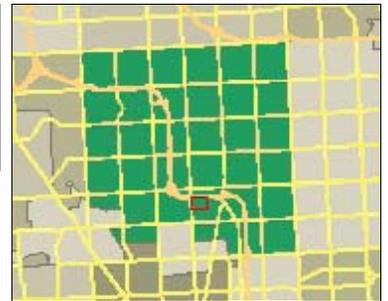
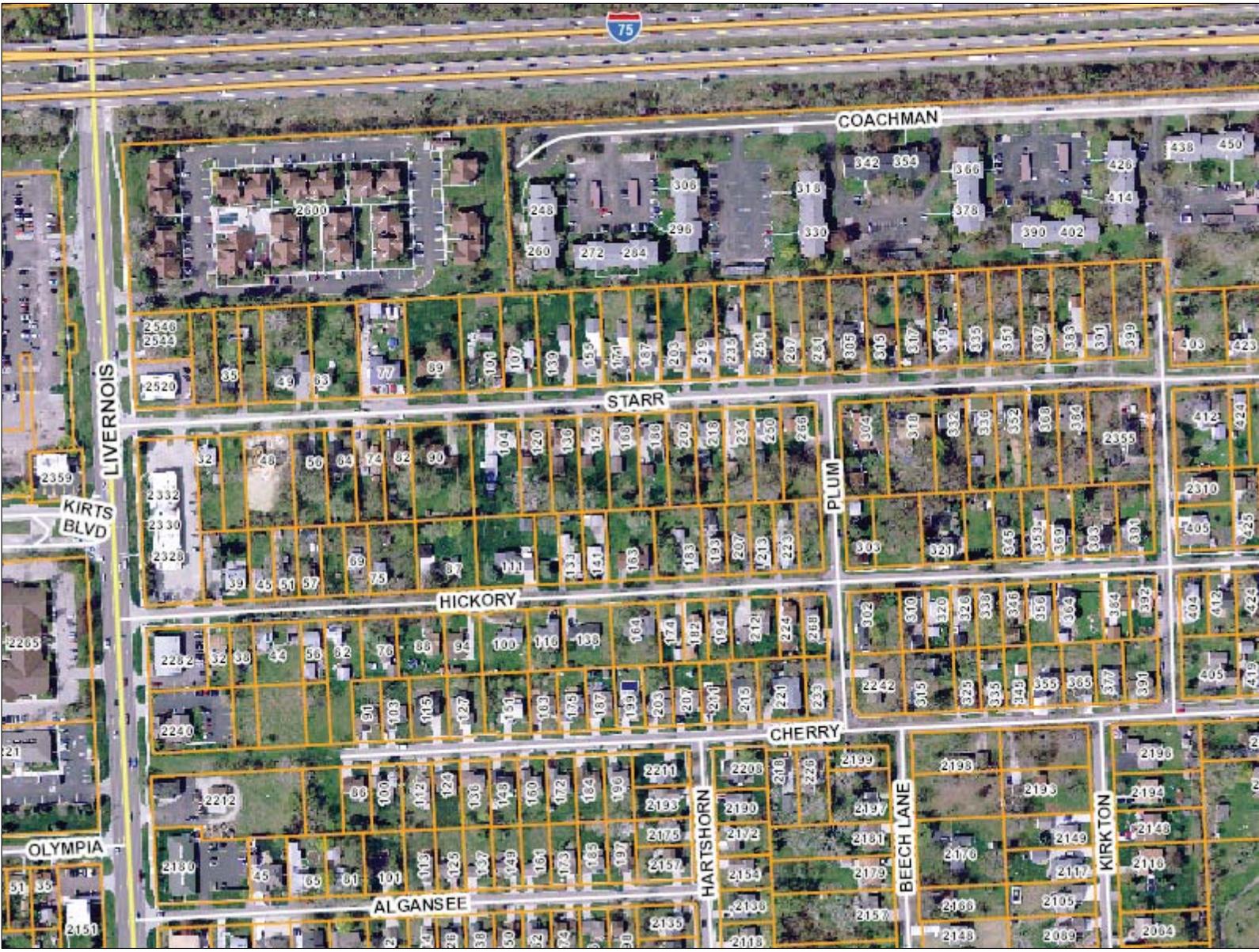
The south side of Hickory was posted No Parking in response to resident requests to allow access to mailboxes by the post office vehicles. This item was last considered by the Traffic Committee at their meeting of July 21, 1999 when a resident on Hickory requested that the parking restrictions be modified from Livernois to Kirkton to allow parking on one side of Hickory. The Traffic Committee recommended no changes to the existing parking regulations at that time (copy of the 1999 minutes are attached).

"No Parking" restrictions, on both sides of a local road, are not common in Troy. One side is typically posted "No Parking" due to fire hydrants while the other side is available for parking. "No Parking" zones beyond these normal situations are typically posted at the request of adjacent residents.

The post office was contacted and asked about their knowledge and/or input on this issue but did not respond to email requests and/or voicemail messages.

Recommendations:

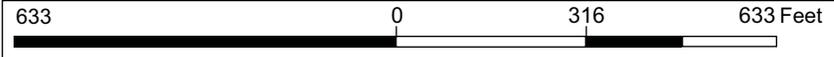
If still supported by a majority of residents on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton, then staff would support keeping the No Parking zone in place. If a majority of residents are opposed to maintaining the No Parking zone then it should be removed.



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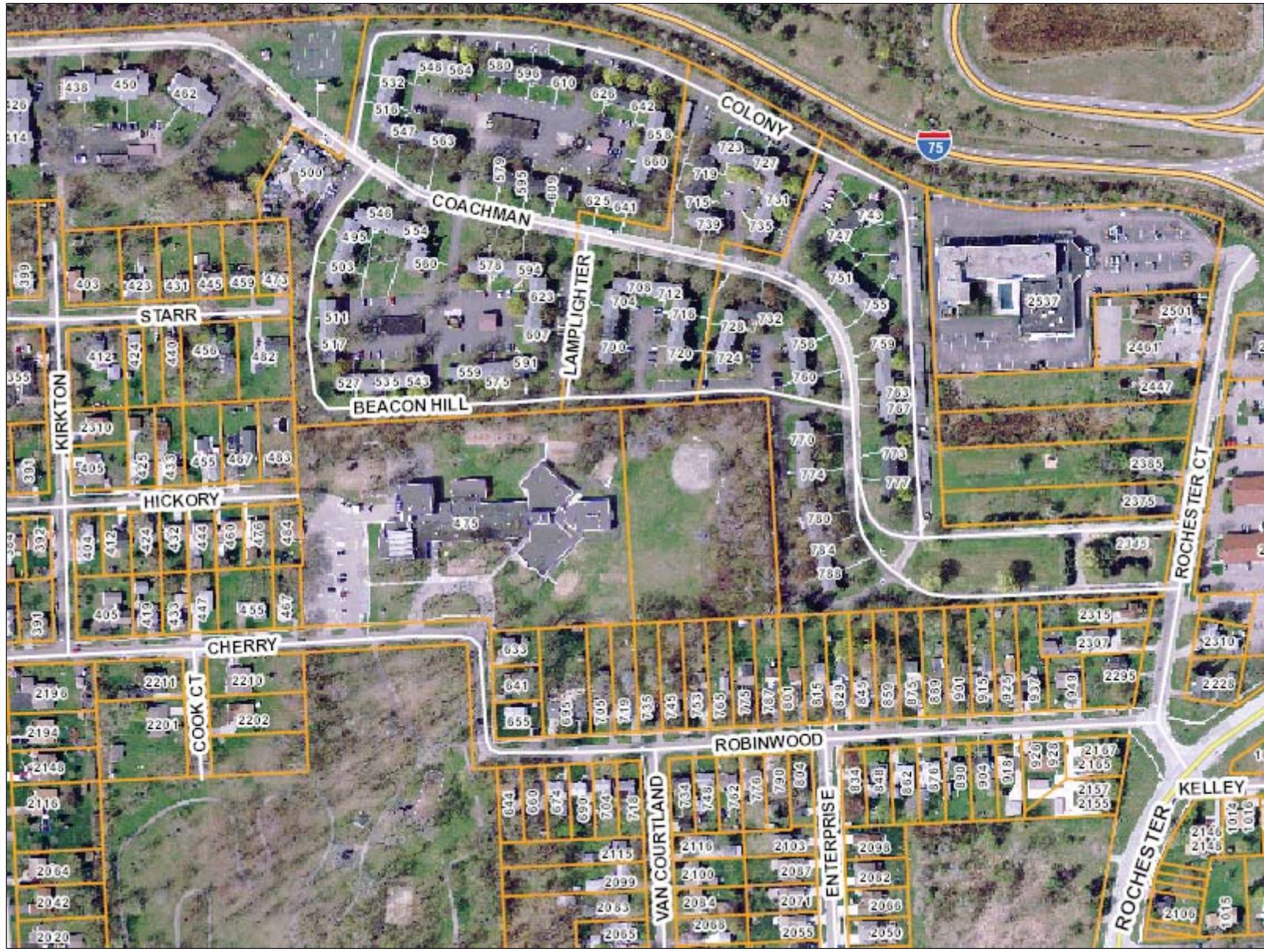
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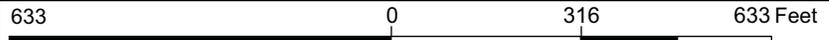
Notes
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Notes
Hickory, Plum to Kirkton NO PARKING Zone South Side (2 of 2)

William J Huotari

From: Stevan Popovic [stevan.k.popovic@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 3:30 PM
To: William J Huotari
Subject: Re: Hickory - No Parking
Attachments: ole1.bmp

William,

I would like to proceed and take this to the Traffic Committee. The mail never comes before 3 pm and the Post Office can get out an put it in the mailbox as far as I am concerned. Should I obtain signature from the residents? I would like to propose that the south side of the street not have any parking restrictions from Plum Dr. to Kirkton. From Kirkton to the dead end where the elementary school is has no restriction. The residents that were concerned about Livernois businesses parking in front of there has if they are still around would not affected by this since I am not proposing to have the restrictions changed between Livernois and Plum.

Thank you for your assistance with this and speedy reply.

Best Regards,

Stevan Popovic
248-703-9426

On Thu, Mar 22, 2012 at 3:18 PM, William J Huotari <HuotariWJ@troymi.gov> wrote:

Stevan, attached are minutes from the Traffic Committee meeting of July 21, 1999. A request to modify the parking restrictions on Hickory Street, between Livernois and Kirkton was requested by the resident at 384 Hickory. The Traffic Committee recommended that no changes be made.

As you will see in the attached document, there is some history regarding the No Parking zones on Hickory:

- In 1976, the Traffic Committee recommended No Parking on both sides of Hickory from Livernois to Kirkton, in response to citizen concerns about employees of Livernois businesses parking on Hickory
- In 1979, the City Council passed a Traffic Control Order for the installation of No Parking 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on the south side of Hickory between Plum and Kirkton to facilitate access to mailboxes by the post office vehicles.

Copy of the minutes from the 1999 Traffic Committee meeting are attached:

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Back in 1999, it sounds like there were residents in support of removing the No Parking zones as well as leaving the road as No Parking on both sides and ultimately the Traffic Committee recommended No Changes.

As the No Parking zones were established by Traffic Control Orders, the only way to modify them or remove the restrictions would be to go back to the Traffic Committee to request that they be modified and/or removed. The Traffic Committee is a recommending body only, so they make a recommendation based on the

input they receive from staff and residents and make a recommendation that is forwarded to City Council for their consideration.

The fire hydrant side of the street (north side) would remain No Parking in any instance, regardless of what could happen on the opposite side of the street. The City does not control the placement of the mailboxes as that is a post office issue, but it does sound like the answer was no from the post office when residents requested this before from the post office.

If you would like to proceed with a request to remove or modify the No Parking zone, let me know what area or areas you want changes and what changes you would request.

The item, if you want to move forward with it, would go to the next available Traffic Committee meeting which will be held on April 18 at 7:30 pm here at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room (assuming there are items for the agenda). Properties within 300' of the requested area would be notified of the meeting and would be invited to provide input at the meeting.

Again, if you would like to have an item placed on the Traffic Committee agenda for the April 18, 2012 meeting, please forward a request to me via email or regular letter with the changes that you would request along with the location along Hickory.

On a side but related note, I did talk with my technician and he will put counters out on Hickory next week. Tentative schedule is to have them out Wednesday through Friday next week and then he would pick them up the following Monday. Once the data is collected then he will compile it and I'll take a look at it and then I will get some information to you on what we find.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly by email or phone at: [248.524.3387](tel:248.524.3387).

Sincerely,

Bill Huotari, P.E.

Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

City of Troy



Moved by Culpepper
Supported by Hubbell

That the minutes of May 19, 1999 be accepted as printed.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

3. Visitors' Time

No one appeared to address the Committee on any items not on the agenda.

4. Modify Parking Restrictions on Hickory Street between Livernois & Kirkton

Sharon Stefaniak of 384 Hickory Street requests that the parking restrictions on Hickory be modified so that they can park on one side of the street during the daytime. Presently, the water main side is marked NO PARKING as per Traffic Control Order #74-1-P, passed in 1974. In 1976 the Traffic Committee recommended NO PARKING on both sides of Hickory from Livernois to Kirkton, in response to citizen concerns about employees of Livernois businesses parking on Hickory. Further, in 1979, the City Council passed TCO #79-2-P for the installation of NO PARKING 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the south side of Hickory between Plum and Kirkton to facilitate access to mailboxes by the post office vehicles.

Ms. Stefaniak is concerned that she cannot park on either side of Hickory when she gets back from work at 4:30 p.m. and requests that only the mailbox side of Hickory be restricted for parking; i.e., only the south side of Hickory be marked NO PARKING. This may cause concern to the Fire Department regarding access to fire hydrants.

Ms. Stefaniak said she lives on the second block east of Livernois, which is not a school bus route. Until recently, residents have parked on the non-fire hydrant side, but police officers have warned them that they will be ticketed if they persist.

Jim Myers, of 320 Hickory, said Hickory is narrow, has no shoulders, is a bus route to Morse Elementary School, and there is no room to spare, so it may be a traffic hazard to have vehicles parked on the street.

Marvin Prine of 383 Hickory suggested moving mailboxes to the fire hydrant (north) side of the street, thereby leaving the south side of the street available for parking. Mr. Myers said this has been requested before, but the post office would not allow it.

Residents of 111 and 133 Hickory sent a note (attached) requesting no changes. They are concerned about access to fire hydrants.

Motion by Kilmer
Supported by Culpepper

To recommend no changes to the existing parking regulations.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

5. **Install YIELD Sign on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane**

Kevin Centala of the Carlson Park Homeowners Association requests that a YIELD or a STOP sign be placed on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane, since there is right of way confusion at the intersection. Mr. Centala indicates his concerns in the attached letter.

The Police Department has already started targeting this area for selective enforcement and the Traffic Engineering office is also working with them on alternatives for mitigating speed concerns. A speed study from November 1998 indicated average speed of 26.5 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 31 mph on Carlson Park around the curve.

A warrant study for placing a regulatory sign at the intersection was performed. The intersection is a T-intersection with Carlson Park terminating at Ivy Lane. Since this is a new subdivision, a traffic crash analysis showed no safety concerns. Carlson Park north of Ivy Lane carried around 1300 vehicles per day, and Ivy Lane east of Carlson Park carried around 980 vehicles per day. A sight distance study showed no significant sight obstructions. Traffic observations showed Carlson Park traffic making turn maneuvers at higher speeds. To avoid any right-of-way confusion to motorists at the intersection, a YIELD sign may be placed on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane.

Mr. Feng Lin, 346 Ivy Lane, said a YIELD sign would be acceptable, but he would prefer a STOP sign on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane.

Motion by Culpepper
Supported by Hubbell

To recommend installation of a YIELD sign on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

William J Huotari

From: William J Huotari
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 11:25 AM
To: Betty Brown York (betty.brown-york@usps.gov)
Subject: FW: Hickory - No Parking

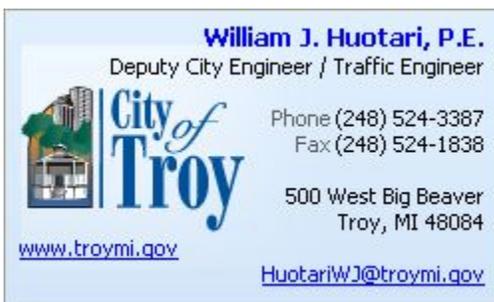
Betty, I have a request to remove the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton. Currently, the south side of the road (where the mailboxes are) is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. I did not find the original minutes from when this was approved back in 1979, but the No Parking zone on the south side was approved to facilitate access to the mailboxes by the post office vehicles. This was reconsidered in 1999, but the Traffic Committee recommended no changes at that time.

My questions for you:

1. Do you have any knowledge of how/why this No Parking zone was established? It is not common to have both sides of the road posted as No Parking (the north side of the road is posted No Parking due to fire hydrants).
2. It appears that back in 1999, a resident did contact the post office about moving mailboxes from the south side of Hickory to the north side, but were told that the post office would not allow this. Is this still the current regulation that mailboxes cannot be moved?
3. If the south side were to have the No Parking restriction removed, would the post office have any issue with that? Hickory, east of Kirkton has mailboxes on the south side of the road with only the north side posted as No Parking due to fire hydrants.

If you need additional information, please let me know.

Thanks, Bill



From: William J Huotari
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 3:40 PM
To: 'Stevan Popovic'
Subject: RE: Hickory - No Parking

Stevan, you do not need to submit anything more, but if you had signatures from a majority of residents between Plum and Kirkton that would be good information for the Traffic Committee to weigh in their consideration of the request.