

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2012**FINAL**

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 Petrusis
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 Petrulis

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, Petrulis)

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, Petrulis)
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