TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES – MAY 16, 2012 **FINAL**

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, May 16, 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
Richard Kilmer
David Ogg
Al Petrulis
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Ted Halsey

Also present: Charles & Linda Houff, 1072 Brooklawn Court
Russell & Tyra Lewis, 1068 Brooklawn Court
Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory
Kathy Mooney, 2529 Coolidge
Lawrence Gjeldum, 2529 Coolidge
Jeanne Stine, 1915 Boulan
Lt. Robert Redmond, Troy Police Dept.
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – April 18, 2012

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-12

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the April 18, 2012 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Halsey)
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

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

This item was originally considered at the April 18, 2012 Traffic Committee meeting but was tabled to allow for Traffic Engineering to provide information relative to the existing street width and questions of the US Post Office.

The street varies in width from 20.6' to 21.5'.

The Post Office would not consider moving the mail boxes to the north side based on:

1. The current locations have been in place for over 40 years.
2. The established line of delivery would have to be modified.
3. Residents would have to pay to move the mailboxes as the Post Office does not pay to move mailboxes.
4. The post office would require that all mailboxes along Hickory, from Livernois to the east end, be moved to the north side of the street, which would involve approximately 65 residents. They would not allow just this one section, between Plum and Kirkton, to move mailboxes to the north side while the remainder of the street remained on the south side.

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.

Mr. Popovic was present at the meeting and supports the removal of the No Parking zone on the south side of the street. In support of his request, Mr. Popovic provided information on existing street width as it compares to a large vehicle and fire truck. Mr. Popovic's calculations show that a standard fire truck could safely navigate past a parked Hummer H2 with approximately 6' of extra space. Mr. Popovic also discussed the petition that he had submitted at the April Traffic Committee meeting. The petition was signed by nine (9) of the seventeen (17) properties in support of removing the No Parking zone on the south side.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Mr. Kilmer noted that if cars park on the south side of Hickory and block the mailboxes, the postal carrier will not deliver mail.

Mr. Ogg commented regarding the existing No Parking zone on the north side and that residents from both sides of Hickory would park on the south side.

Ms. Binkowski commented that the majority of residents between Plum and Kirkton are in favor of removing the No Parking zone on the south side. Numerous streets allow parking on one side of the road, including the east end of Hickory, from Kirkton to the east end.

Mr. Petrulis commented on the current parking situation on Hickory.

Mr. Kilmer questioned what size emergency vehicles that the City uses and if they would be larger than the information presented by Mr. Popovic.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-12

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the "No Parking" zone on the south side of Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton, be removed.

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

4. Request to Establish No Parking Zone – Glouchester at Saint Alan Church

Reverend Donald Demmer, of Saint Alan Church at 3077 Glouchester, requested that a No Parking zone be established near the driveway to their parking lot on the south side of Glouchester.

Jeanne Stine of 1915 Boulan was present representing Saint Alan Church. Ms. Stine reports that there have been near collisions at the parking lot and Glouchester. Vision is obstructed by vehicles that park in close proximity to the driveway to the parking lot.

Kathy Mooney of 2529 Coolidge lives in the apartment complex directly to the north and has concerns about on-street parking availability for residents living in the apartments as well as times when they have guests. Ms. Mooney said that they have not had issues with the church.

Larry Gjeldum of 2529 spoke about the lack of parking availability at the apartment complex and the need to keep the parking as-is on Glouchester.

Ms. Stine stated that the church would allow residents to use the church parking lot for additional parking if needed.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Lt. Redmond was asked about posting an area adjacent to the driveway as No Parking and he agreed that it would provide for a safer situation in the area.

Mr. Kilmer pointed out that there are three access points to the parking lot, one from Glouchester and two from Coolidge.

A 25' No Parking zone versus a 15' No Parking zone was discussed. The 25' measurement would be based on typical corner clearance at an intersection and a 15' measurement was based on the distance required to park from a Stop sign.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-13

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that a "NO PARKING, TOW AWAY" zone be established on the south side of Glouchester, from the driveway to the Saint Alan Church parking lot to a point 15 feet west.

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

5. Request to Extend No Parking Zone – Brooklawn Court

Linda Houff of 1072 Brooklawn Court and Tyra Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court, requested that the No Parking zone in the cul-de-sac area be extended to cover the entire cul-de-sac. The current no parking zone starts midway along 1050 Brooklawn and ends approximately 2/3 of the way around the cul-de-sac at the property line between 1076 and 1080 Brooklawn Court.

Russell Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court supports extending the No Parking zone to encompass the entire cul-de-sac. Large delivery vehicles, garbage trucks, etc. cannot exit the cul-de-sac without driving over the island when the truck is parked near the end of the cul-de-sac.

Tyra Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court reports that damage to the island is continuous and the residents of the cul-de-sac must continually repair the island to keep the area looking good.

Linda Houff of 1072 Brooklawn reiterated that a vehicle parked at the end of the cul-de-sac creates an unsafe situation as it is difficult for a passenger vehicle to exit the cul-de-sac and near impossible for a large vehicle such as a UPS or garbage truck. In addition, the situation is made much worse in the winter when snow encroaches on the road and makes the passable area even smaller.

Charles Houff of 1072 Brooklawn stated that he has talked with the resident who parks a truck at this location in the past with no success. He requests that the No Parking Ends sign be moved to encompass the entire cul-de-sac.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Lt. Redmund did have the opportunity to drive this area and the truck was parked near the end of the cul-de-sac and Lt. Redmund reports that it is very difficult to navigate around the end of the cul-de-sac and avoid driving over the island area.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-14

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the existing No Parking zone be extended to encompass the entire Brooklawn Court cul-de-sac, ending at a point near the northeasterly edge of the driveway to 1080 Brooklawn Court.

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

6. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

7. Other Business

Mr. Ziegenfelder reports that a bush at the southwest corner of Niagara and Eagle, on private property, creates a sight distance obstruction. In addition, the grass at 2137 Niagara is very high. Traffic Engineering will forward the concerns to Code Enforcement for investigation.

Mr. Kilmer reports that the traffic counter tubes are still out on Hickory. Traffic Engineering will remove the tubes as soon as possible.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

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