June 12, 2006

TO: John M. Lamerato, Acting City Manager

FROM: Brian P. Murphy, Asst. City Manager/Services
Steve Vandette, City Engineer
John K. Abraham, Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Agenda Item – Traffic Committee Recommendations – May 17, 2006

At the Traffic Committee meeting of May 17, 2006, the following recommendations were made for City Council approval:

1. To recommend that fire lanes be established at 103 Park Street per the Fire Department recommendation.

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, May 17, 2006 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: Sara Binkowski
Ted Halsey
Jan Hubbell
Pete Ziegenfelder
Jonathan Shin, Student Representative
Katherine Tan, Student Representative

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Richard Kilmer
Gordon Schepke

Also present: John Abraham, Traffic Engineer
Lt. Scott McWilliams, Traffic Safety Division, Troy Police Department
Lt. Bob Matlick, Fire Department

Resolution to Excuse Absent Members

RESOLUTION #2006-05-44
Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Hubbell

To excuse Diefenbaker, Kilmer, Schepke.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Diefenbaker, Kilmer, Schepke)

MOTION CARRIED

2. Minutes – April 19, 2006

RESOLUTION #2006-05-45
Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Hubbell

To approve the April 19, 2006 minutes as printed.
YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Diefenbaker, Kilmer, Schepke)

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 1126 Chopin

Chris Vance is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 1126 Chopin. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

This item was originally on the March agenda. Mr. Vance did not realize he was required to attend, and the committee denied his request. At the April meeting the committee agreed to reconsider the issue at the May meeting.

RESOLUTION #2006-05-46
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

   WHEREAS, Chris Vance has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; and

   WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

   a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and

   b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
   c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

   NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 1126 Chopin, which is owned by Chris Vance.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Diefenbaker, Kilmer, Schepke)

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 1132 Chopin

Chris Vance is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 1132 Chopin. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

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RESOLUTION #2006-05-47
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

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   NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 1132 Chopin, which is owned by Chris Vance.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Diefenbaker, Kilmer, Schepke)

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. Request for Reconsideration of Request for YIELD or STOP Sign on Ivanhoe at Sweet

This item was addressed at the April 19th meeting, at which time the committee determined that traffic control devices were not required at this location. The petitioner, Sharyn Dennis, 2338 Sweet Drive, reports that she did not receive notice of the meeting and would like an opportunity to address the committee. She will be unable to attend the May meeting but requests reconsideration at the June meeting (see attached email).

RESOLUTION #2006-05-48
Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Hubbell

To reconsider this item at the June meeting.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Diefenbaker, Kilmer, Schepke)

MOTION CARRIED

6. Establish Fire Lanes at 103 Park Street

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

RESOLUTION #2006-05-49
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

Recommend establishing fire lanes at 103 Park Street per the Fire Department recommendation.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Diefenbaker, Kilmer, Schepke)

MOTION CARRIED

7. Visitors' Time

No one else wished to address the committee.

8. Other Business

Mr. Halsey requests the Public Works Department to patch Heide and Thunderbird. He also said the left turn arrows on Maple at Livernois are much too short, and traffic is always backed up at the intersection. This issue has been addressed before with only temporary improvement, but Dr. Abraham will contact the Road Commission again. Mr. Halsey also said that the sidewalk along Big Beaver between Rochester and Dequindre is washing out because it wasn't back-filled

Mr. Ziegenfelder wanted to know why there is a NO RIGHT TURN ON RED at the I-75 exit at Rochester Road. The Traffic Engineer explained that it is because the bridge causes a sight obstruction, that may obscure oncoming northbound traffic.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2006.

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Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson Laurel Nottage, Recording Secretary

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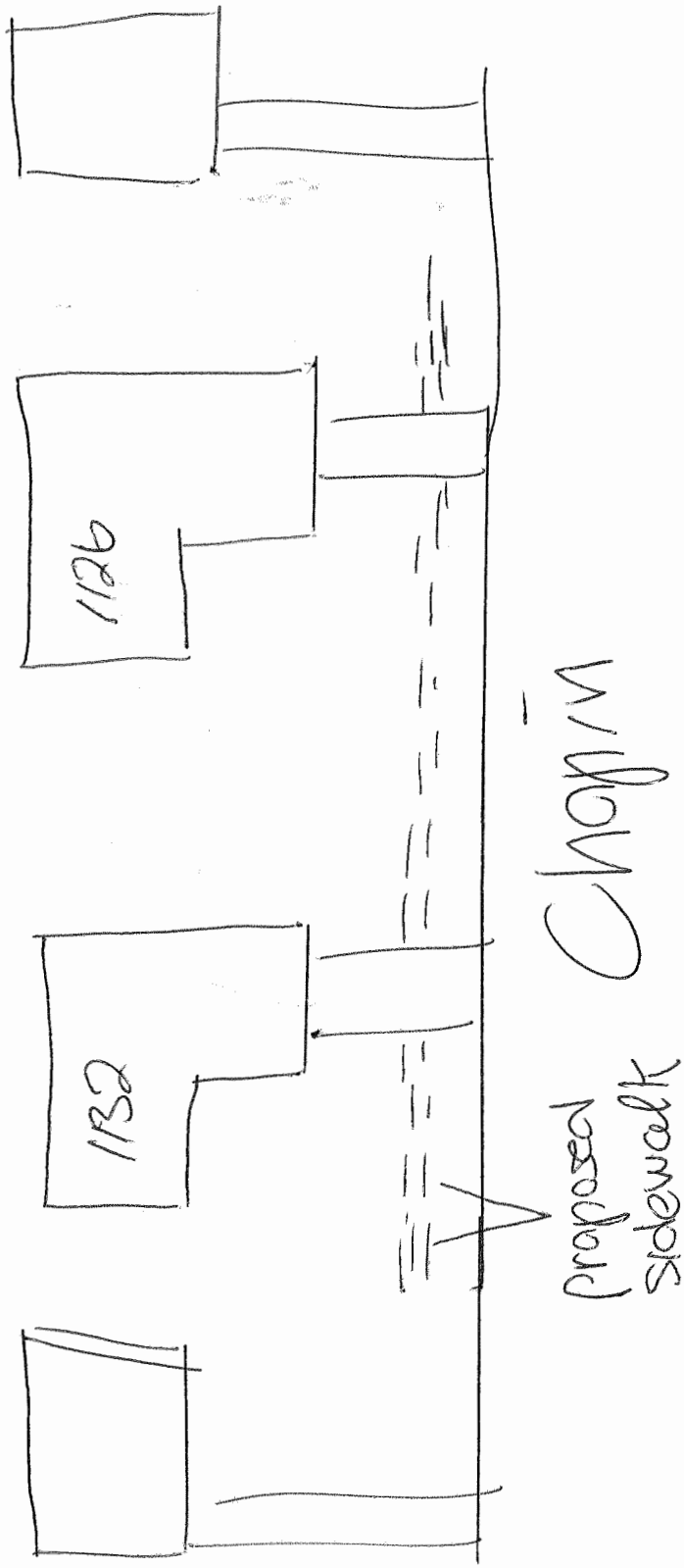

ITEM 5

-----Original Message-----
From: Sharyn Dennis [mailto:sdennis@digitas.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2006 1:37 PM
To: John K Abraham
Cc: Sharyn Dennis
Subject: Troy Neighborhood Traffic Sign Request
Importance: High

Hello Dr. Abraham,

My name is Sharyn Dennis and I was born and raised in the City of Troy, have lived here for 28 years and also worked for the City of Troy for 3 of those years. My husband and I, with our 2 year old son and Chocolate Labrador, have recently moved to the northeast side of Troy on the Northeast corner of Long Lake and John R Road (Long Lake Meadows).

I am writing to you about a concern that my family and neighborhood have with the street my family lives on, and the street adjacent to, not having any sort of yield or traffic sign at their intersections. I live off of Sweet Drive right where it "T"s with Ivanhoe Drive. Directly adjacent to Ivanhoe (two houses down from us) is Cloister Drive which also T's with Sweet Drive. We live at, what we believe, a dangerous intersection where there is a constant traffic flow coming through a high speeds, since Ivanhoe connects our neighborhood with an older neighborhood, and allows for traffic through to John R Road (Ivanhoe Drive through Highbury Drive). I am hoping to speak to you and the committee to voice our concern and have either a yield/stop sign installed at, at least, the Ivanhoe/Sweet "T".

I am willing to assist with any research that you may need to do for it (speed monitoring devices, the traffic counters, etc....) For your reference, I have also attached a .pdf document that maps out the area of concern.

I am also a current board member of the neighborhood association, I am able to get something from them if needed.

Thank you in advance for addressing my family and neighborhood's concerns with these intersections and I look forward to speaking with you directly.

Kind regards,

Sharyn Dennis
2338 Sweet Drive
Troy, MI 48085
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Cell#: 248-703-6547

4/4/2006

Laurel Nottage

From: Sharyn Dennis [sdennis@digitas.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2006 9:03 PM
To: Sharyn Dennis; John K Abraham
Cc: Laurel Nottage
Subject: RE: Troy Neighborhood Traffic Sign Request
Importance: High

Hello Mr. Abraham,

Per our conversation this afternoon, I would like the committee to reconsider this issue of the need for a traffic sign at the corner of Sweet & Ivanhoe in Troy. We feel this is still a great concern. Since no one from this neighborhood (as mentioned, I have confirmed with three immediate neighbors next door had not received a notice/invite) seems to have received the notification/invitation for this past meeting where this issue was addressed and then resolved, we would still like the chance to be represented in front of the committee.

As I had mentioned in our conversation, I have family obligations and will be out of town from Tuesday, May 16th through Tuesday, May 23rd, so unfortunately will not be able to attend the committee meeting scheduled for May 17th. If the committee is looking for the petitioning representation on this coming committee meeting on Wednesday, May 17th, I would like to inquire if a letter/video to the committee would be sufficient. I really am passionate about this issue due to the inherent safety concern not having a traffic sign at this intersection poses.

Please let me know what additionally you would need from me to have this properly addressed in front of the board. Thank you.

Regards,

Sharyn Dennis

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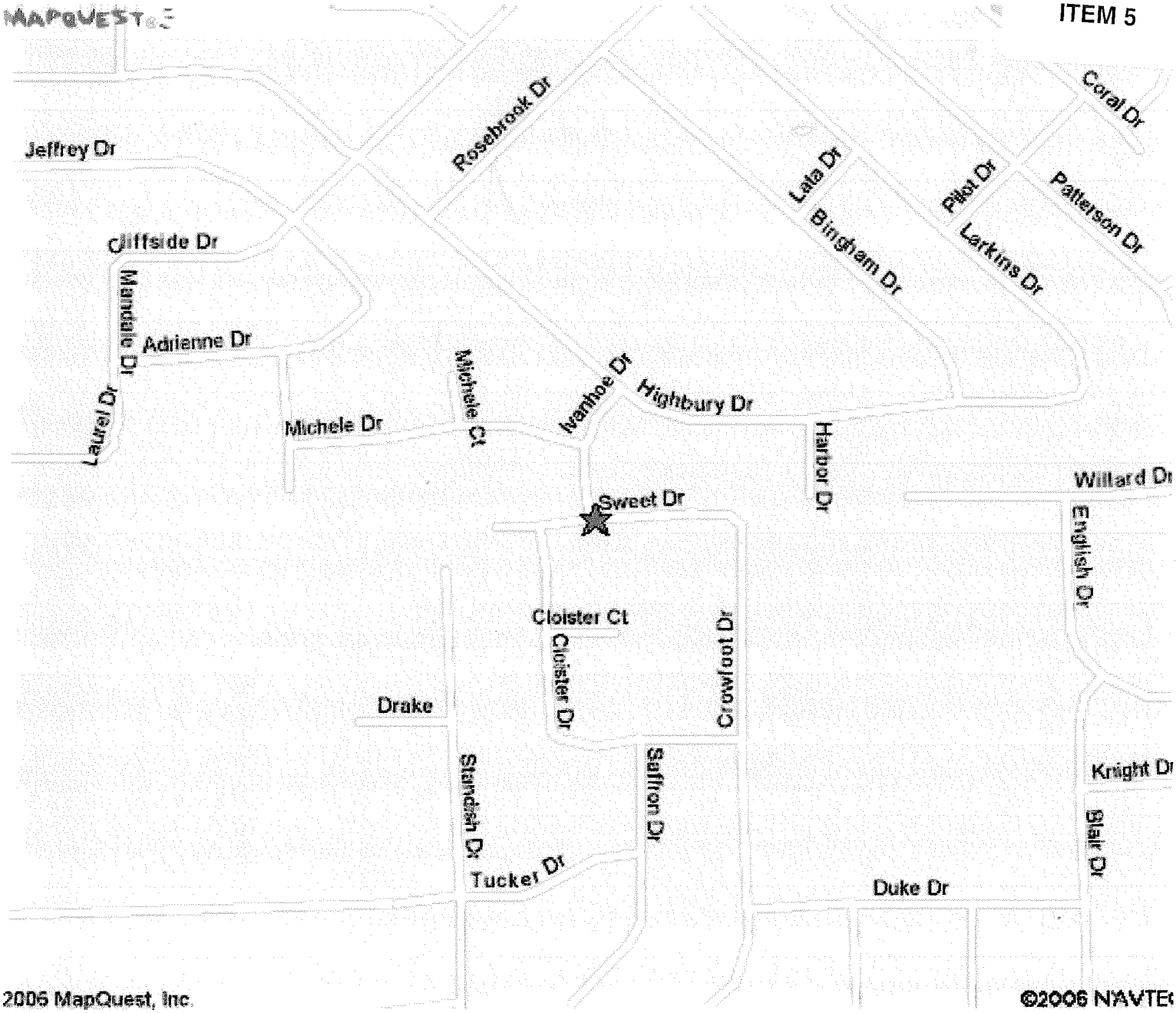

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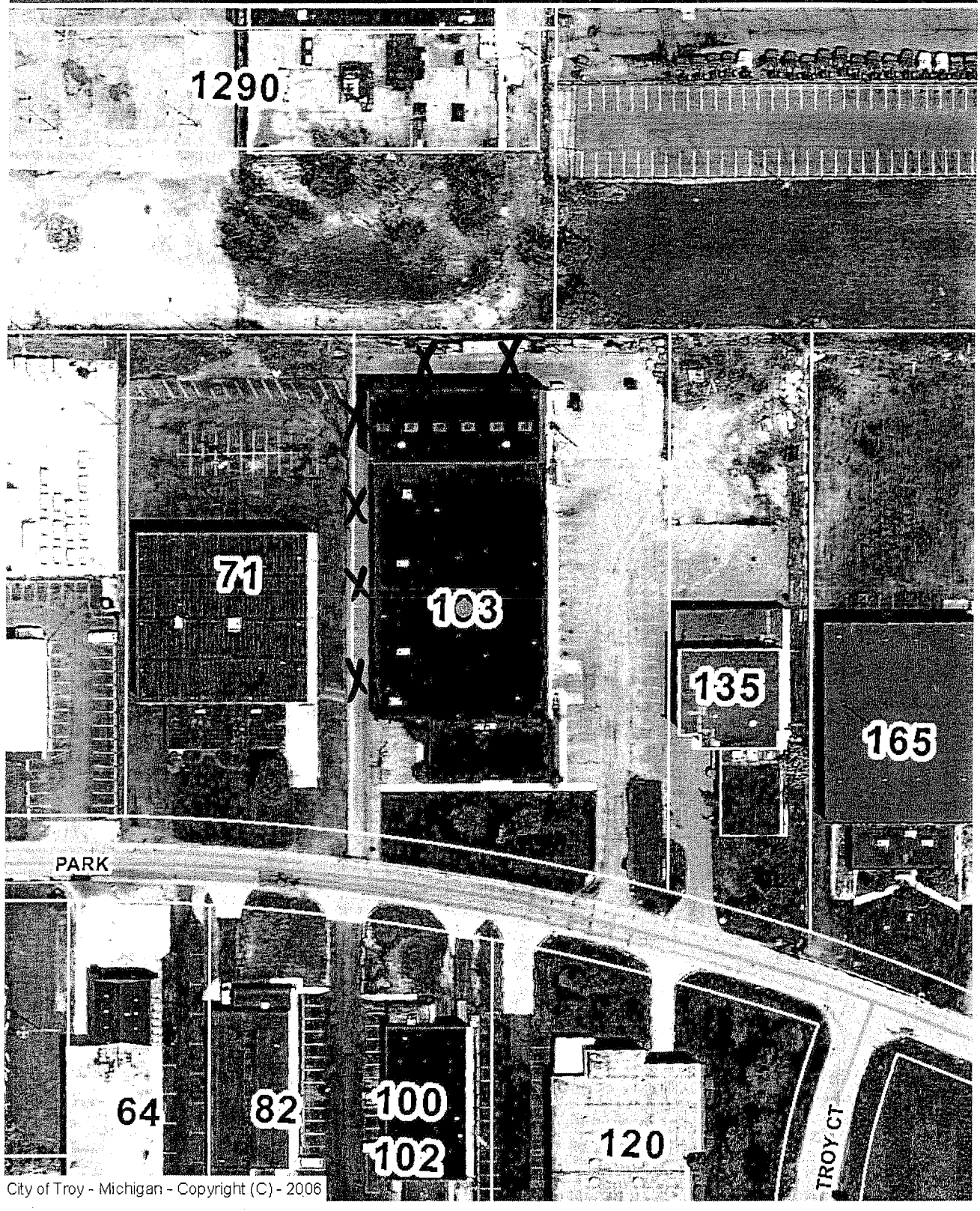

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