A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, November 20, 2013 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
Tim Brandstetter
Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: Al Petrulis
Stevan Popovic

Also present: Kevin Roach, 1638 Redbud
Clarence & Lorraine Kufel, 6659 Forest Park
Nancy Gierak-Taggart, 4586 Butler
Lee Watkins, 2653 London
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – October 16, 2013

RESOLUTION # 2013-11-23

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Halsey

To approve the October 16, 2013 minutes as printed.

YES: 5 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Kilmer, Ziegenfelder)
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Petrulis, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request for Traffic Control – Forest Park Drive at Redbud Drive

Paul and Pearl Newcomer of 1639 Redbud Drive request that traffic control be placed at the intersection of Forest Park Drive and Redbud Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer state that lack of Stop signs in all directions creates a hazardous situation.

Kevin Roach of 1638 Redbud discussed the need for traffic control at the intersection for safety of residents and property in and around the intersection. He reported that his

mailbox has been damaged three times. He also discussed the long stretch of Forest Park from South Boulevard to the end with no traffic control in place. Additionally, the line of sight at the intersection is not good. He feels that by adding traffic control at the intersection that everyone would be safer.

Clarence Kufel of 6659 Forest Park supported Mr. Roach's statements and also requested that traffic control be added to the intersection. Mr. Roach stated that there are drivers who cut through this area between Crooks and South Boulevard. The intersection is also the bus stop for both the elementary and middle school students.

Mr. Ziegenfelder added that Stop signs do not control speed.

Ms. Binkowksi asked about the three crashes that have occurred at the intersection. Two of the crashes are reported as being types that could be attributed to lack of traffic control at the intersection.

Traffic Engineering did receive one email in support of traffic control at the intersection.

RESOLUTION # 2013-11-24

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Forest Park Drive and Redbud Drive be modified from NO traffic control to ALL-WAY STOP control.

YES: 5 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Kilmer, Ziegenfelder)
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Petrulis, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request to Extend No Parking Zone – London Court

Don Plachta of 2622 London Court and Tom Butcher of 2629 London Court request that the existing No Parking zone along London Court be extended to a point southeast of the driveway to 2629 London Court (approximately at the property line between 2629 London Court and 4586 Butler). Vehicles being parked in the cul-de-sac are causing issues with vehicular movement around the cul-de-sac as well as access to properties adjacent to the cul-de-sac.

Lee Watkins of 2653 London Court reports that garbage trucks can't get around the island due to parked cars in the cul-de-sac and therefore drive over the island causing damage. The problem has been ongoing for quite some time. She supports moving the sign outside of the cul-de-sac so that the entire cul-de-sac is posted as No Parking.
Nancy Gierak-Taggart of 4586 Butler discussed the same issues with vehicles having a

difficult time getting around the cul-de-sac when vehicles are parked in it. With winter coming the problem only gets worse as cars park further away from the curb due to snow that gets piled up along the curb.

Mr. Halsey stated that cul-de-sac's in general are not setup well for parking.

The No Parking signage needs to be upgraded even with no changes as the current signs in place are the basic No Parking symbol signs, rather than the current standard which is a No Parking Begins and No Parking Ends signage to better delineate the No Parking zone.

Traffic Engineering did receive two emails in support of extending the no parking zone; one email opposed and one email stating that the owner would not protest any decision made collectively by the majority of residents and Traffic Committee members.

RESOLUTION # 2013-11-25

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Binkowski

RESOLVED, that the existing NO PARKING zone be extended to encompass the entire cul-de-sac; ending at a point approximately at the property line between 2629 London Court and 4586 Butler.

YES: 5 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Kilmer, Ziegenfelder)
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Petrulis, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

5. Public Comment

Lee Watkins of 2653 London Court asked about the Yield sign on westbound Butler at London/London Court. Mr. Ziegenfelder advised Ms. Watkins that she or any other resident could request that the intersection be reviewed for purposes of modifying the traffic control. Ms. Watkins did not request further action at this time, but did ask about increased police enforcement at this location and at other intersections.

The traffic safety unit was eliminated during the downsizing of the City and currently the police department provides these types of services when officers are not on higher priority activities. Direct enforcement is very limited. Traffic Engineering will contact the Police Department so that it can be noted and if officers are in the area and are available, then additional patrols may be made.

6. Other Business

Mr. Brandstetter questioned the traffic signal operation at the intersection of Square Lake

and Livernois. He noted that northbound Livernois experiences significant delays as compared to eastbound/westbound Square Lake during the evening peak hour (approximately 5:15 p.m.). Traffic Engineering will forward the concern to the Road Commission for Oakland County for investigation.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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