TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 FINAL

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, September 20, 2006 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Ted Halsey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

PRESENT: Sara Binkowski
Ted Halsey
Jan Hubbell
Richard Kilmer
Gordon Schepke
Ted Hwang, Student Rep.
Prithvi Murthy, Student Rep.

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Pete Ziegenfelder

Also present: Iftequar Fazal, 2780 Stonebury Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48307
and: John Abraham, Traffic Engineer
Sgt. Dan Daniel, Traffic Safety Division, Troy Police Dept.
Lt. Robert Matlick, Troy Fire Dept.

Resolution to Excuse Absent Members

RESOLUTION #2006-09-61
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Hubbell

To excuse the absent members.

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

2. **Minutes – June 21, 2006**

RESOLUTION #2006-09-62
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the July 19, 2006 minutes as printed.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 3131 Kilmer

Iftequar Fazal requests a waiver for the sidewalk at 3131 Kilmer. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the construction of a new house. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that the neighborhood is already developed with no sidewalks existing, and a sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

Mr. Schepke commented that he sees no need for a sidewalk in front of this property.

RESOLUTION #2006-09-63
Moved by Schepke
Seconded by Kilmer

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, Iftequar Fazal has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area; 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 at the back of the property 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 3131 Kilmer, which is owned by Iftequar Fazal.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

There was no regular business.

4. Visitors' Time

No one else wished to address the committee.

5. Other Business

There was general discussion about parking in cul-de-sacs. Dr. Abraham said that the City is in the process of signing all the cul-de-sacs, and the north part of the City is done. The goal is to have no parking on one side of the entering leg and on only 2/3 of the actual circle as per City Council resolution.

The Committee welcomed our new student representative, Ted Hwang.

Ms. Binkowski commented that the traffic handling at Long Lake and Livernois during repaving has been terrible. Dr. Abraham said the Road Commission for Oakland County is responsible for that project and the traffic control, and requested input on any specific concerns so that they can be followed up with RCOC.

Mr. Halsey said the westbound Maple to southbound Coolidge left-turn arrow is too short. He waited through three cycles during the mid-morning hours. Traffic was backed up approximately 1000 feet from the intersection. Dr. Abraham will ask the Road Commission to check it.

Mr. Halsey also spoke about the abysmal condition of Livernois from 14 Mile to Wattles. Again, this is a county road.

Mr. Kilmer said there is a sight obstruction at the intersection of Chicago Road and the ring road at Oakland Mall. A tree is blocking the stop sign. Dr. Abraham will investigate.

Mr. Halsey will be absent from the October meeting.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2006.

Ted Halsey, Vice-Chair

Laurel Nottage, Recording Secretary

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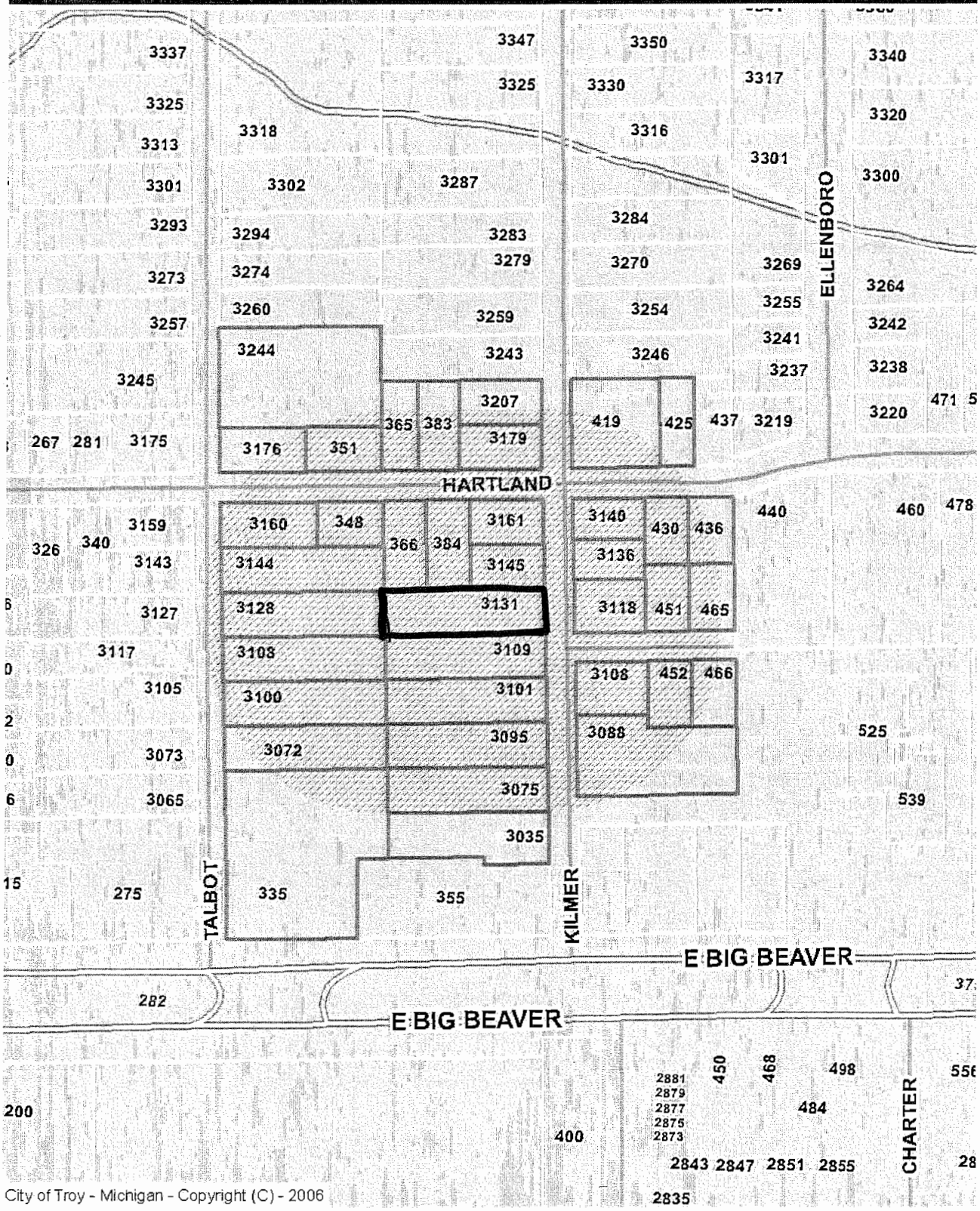

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