TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 **FINAL**

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, September 19, 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 Petrulis
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: David Ogg
Stevan Popovic

Also present: Gerald Scheich, 660 Kenyon
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Troy Police Dept.
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – May 16, 2012

RESOLUTION # 2012-09-15

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the May 16, 2012 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Ogg, Popovic)
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request for Traffic Control – Columbia at Rhode Island

Art Morante of 2289 Columbia requested that the intersection of Columbia and Rhode Island be reviewed for the purpose of installing traffic control on Rhode Island. Mr. Morante states that lack of traffic control at the intersection creates a hazardous situation.

There have been no crashes recorded in the past three (3) years at the intersection.

The major site distance obstructions are the houses in the southern quadrants of the intersection. The homes come into play when determining the safe approach speeds for the intersection. The safe approach speed was found to be greater than 10 mph on Rhode Island, so a Yield sign is the minimum recommended treatment for the intersection.

Daniel and Suzanne Piziali of 3237 Rhode Island submitted an email opposing the installation of a traffic control sign.

Michael and Valerie Schaefer of 2277 Columbia Drive submitted and email in favor of installing a Stop sign on Rhode Island.

No members of the public spoke on this item at the meeting.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-09-16

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Halsey

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the intersection control at Columbia and Rhode Island be modified from "no traffic control" to a YIELD sign on the Rhode Island northbound approach to the intersection.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Halsey, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)
NO: 1 (Kilmer)
ABSENT: 2 (Ogg, Popovic)
MOTION CARRIED

4. Request to Revise No Stopping, Standing, Parking Zone Hours – Barnard Elementary

Troy Police Department requested that the times listed on the No Stopping, Standing, Parking signs on Anvil and Forge, near Barnard Elementary, be revised to reflect the new school day hours at the school.

The Troy School district has revised start and end times at several schools and as such, some signs are no longer consistent with the new school times. The revised school day times are to be held for the next five years per discussions with school administrators.

A temporary Traffic Control Order was issued on August 15, 2012 to revise the times, but must be replaced with a permanent Traffic Control Order within 90 days or it becomes invalid.

No members of the public spoke on this item at the meeting.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-09-17

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the No Stopping, Standing, Parking signs on Anvil and Forge, near Barnard Elementary, be revised to prohibit stopping, standing,

parking between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. SCHOOL DAYS ONLY.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Ogg, Popovic)
MOTION CARRIED

5. Request to Revise No Stopping, Standing, Parking Zone Hours – Hill Elementary

Kerry Schmitt of 2816 Quincy requested that the times listed on the No Stopping, Standing, Parking signs on Quincy and Mill Pond, near Barnard Elementary, be revised to reflect the new school day hours at the school.

The Troy School district has revised start and end times at several schools and as such, some signs are no longer consistent with the new school times. The revised school day times are to be held for the next five years per discussions with school administrators.

A temporary Traffic Control Order was issued on September 5, 2012 to revise the times, but must be replaced with a permanent Traffic Control Order within 90 days or it becomes invalid.

No members of the public spoke on this item at the meeting.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-09-18

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the No Stopping, Standing, Parking signs on Quincy and Mill Pond, near Hill Elementary, be revised to prohibit stopping, standing, parking between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SCHOOL DAYS ONLY.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Ogg, Popovic)
MOTION CARRIED

6. Establish Fire Lanes at 550 Oliver

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).

The property owner of 550 Oliver was notified by Troy Fire Department that the installation and

maintenance of the fire lane signs is the obligation of the property owner. Fire lane placement guidance is provided to the property owner and is coordinated through the Fire Department.

No members of the public spoke on this item at the meeting.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-09-19

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends establishing fire lanes at 550 Oliver.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Ogg, Popovic)
MOTION CARRIED

7. Establish Fire Lanes at 2873 – 2897 W. Maple

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).

The property owner of 2873 - 2897 Oliver was notified by Troy Fire Department that the installation and maintenance of the fire lane signs is the obligation of the property owner. Fire lane placement guidance is provided to the property owner and is coordinated through the Fire Department.

No members of the public spoke on this item at the meeting.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-09-20

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends establishing fire lanes at 2873 – 2897 W. Maple.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Ogg, Popovic)
MOTION CARRIED

8. Request for No Parking Zone – Kenyon at Jamaica

Gerald Scheich of 660 Kenyon requested that a No Parking zone be established on Kenyon, between the intersection with Jamaica and the cul-de-sac to the east. Mr. Scheich states that vehicles parking on the south side of Kenyon create a hazardous situation.

Vehicles parking on the south side of Kenyon, just east of the intersection cause motorists to drive around the parked vehicle to the north side of the road. Exacerbating the issue is that the existing no parking zone on Kenyon north is on the east side of the road. This creates a potential situation where a northbound Kenyon driver meets up with a southbound Kenyon driver at the cul-de-sac both on the same side of the road.

It is approximately forty (40) feet from the sidewalk on Kenyon to the start of the cul-de-sac to the east. Establishing this area as a No Parking Zone would provide for better sight distance, more reasonable turning areas around the corner from both northbound and southbound directions and allow for drivers to navigate the corner without forcing them into a potential head-on with drivers in the opposite direction.

Mr. Scheich was present at the meeting and discussed his concerns when vehicles are parked in this area.

Tim and Denise Schwab of 600 Kenyon submitted an email supporting the installation of no parking signs at this location.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-09-21

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that a NO PARKING zone be established between Kenyon and the start of the cul-de-sac to the east.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Ogg, Popovic)
MOTION CARRIED

9. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

10. Other Business

Mr. Halsey reports that there is a manhole sinking at the northwest corner of Livernois and Maple (curb lane as you travel westbound on Maple). Traffic Engineering will refer the item to the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Maintenance Division for review.

Mr. Halsey requested that Troy Police Department review the use of students for traffic safety at Wattles Elementary.

Mr. Kilmer requested that Troy Police Department review the arrival period at Morse Elementary.

Mr. Ziegenfelder reports that the No Turn on Red signs on southbound Stephenson are not visible at night. Traffic Engineering will refer the item to the Department of Public Works for investigation.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

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