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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

November 5, 2007

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Brian P. Murphy, Asst. City Manager/Economic Development Services
Steven J. Vandette, City Engineer
John K. Abraham, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Traffic Committee Recommendations
October 17, 2007

Background:

The Traffic Committee considered these items at the October 17, 2007 meeting and made the following recommendations (minutes attached):

- Recommend installing a YIELD sign on the north end of Sandshores at Walker (Item 4).
- Recommend installing a YIELD sign on Woodcrest at Hilltop (Item 5).

Financial Considerations:

- The cost of installing a YIELD sign is approximately $100.

Policy Considerations:

- Goal I – Enhance livability and safety of the community.
- Goal V – Maintain relevance of public infrastructure to meet changing public needs.

Options:

- Council can approve or deny the recommendations.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2007 DRAFT

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, October 17, 2007 in the City Council Boardroom 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
Gordon Schepke
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Richard Kilmer
Ted Hwang, Student Rep.

Also present: Indra Saini, 4337 Bender Court
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Jayant Patel, 6668 Woodcrest
Donna Green, 6950 Killarny Lane
Greta & Bob Nixon, 6905 Limerick Lane
Pat Guibord, 6323 Walker
RamaRao Cherukuri, 6850 Adams Road

and John Abraham, Traffic Engineer
Lt. Scott McWilliams, Police Department
Lt. David Livingston, Police Department
Lt. Robert Matlick, Fire Department

RESOLUTION #2007-10-61

To excuse Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Kilmer.

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

2. Minutes – September 19, 2007

RESOLUTION ##2007-10-62
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Schepke

To approve the September 19, 2007 minutes as printed.

Daniel Popplestone, 6612 Woodcrest, emailed the Traffic Engineer that he and his wife do not want waivers granted anywhere in the City. They would like to be able to walk anywhere in the City via a sidewalk. They also notice increasing use of sidewalks by residents for walking, running and bike riding.

Mike Moss, 2808 Donegal, left a message for the Traffic Engineer saying that he is strongly opposed to a sidewalk waiver at this location.

Christine Moss, 2808 Donegal, emailed the Traffic Engineer asking that the waiver be denied, particularly on the South Boulevard side of the property.

RESOLUTION #2007-10-63
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Schepke

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver on South Boulevard,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the South Boulevard (north) side of the property at 6850 Adams, which is owned by Bharatiya Temple.

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

RESOLUTION #2007-10-64
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Schepke

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, Bharatiya Temple has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on the property, 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 would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

5. Install YIELD sign at Woodcrest and Hilltop

Elaine Neckrock, 6633 Woodcrest, requests a YIELD sign on Woodcrest at Hilltop. She lives on the corner and has witnessed several near crashes due to the traffic southbound on Woodcrest not yielding to the Hilltop traffic. Ms. Neckrock was unable to attend the meeting but she sent a letter (attached) supporting her request.

Jayant Patel, 6668 Woodcrest, said that since the new part of their subdivision has been completed, traffic volumes and speeding have increased. Woodcrest is a long stretch of road and it's easy to gather speed. He thinks a STOP sign would be better than a YIELD.

The Traffic Engineer received an email (attached) from Daniel Popplestone stating that he does not see a need for any traffic control signs at this location.

Pete Ziegenfelder mentioned that he is in favor of traffic control devices at every intersection.

Mr. Schepke and Mr. Halsey stated that they have never seen a subdivision with so few STOP and YIELD signs. The Traffic Engineer mentioned that traffic control devices do not automatically go in unless they are warranted. All traffic control devices have to be approved by City Council and have an official Traffic Control Order for the Police Department to enforce the signs. Also, even with few traffic control devices in the subdivision, there are no noticeable safety concerns such as a high incidence of traffic crashes.

Lt. McWilliams said the police officers like to see traffic control devices at intersections; in the event of a collision, it's easier to determine fault.

Traffic crash studies show that there have been no reported crashes at the intersection in the past 5 years. Traffic volumes study shows that Woodcrest carries around 460 vehicles per day while Hilltop carries 550 vehicles in a day. No major sight obstructions exist at the location.

RESOLUTION #2007-10-66
Moved by Schepke
Seconded by Hubbell

Recommend installing a YIELD sign on Woodcrest at Hilltop.

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

6. Visitors' Time

No one else wished to address the committee.

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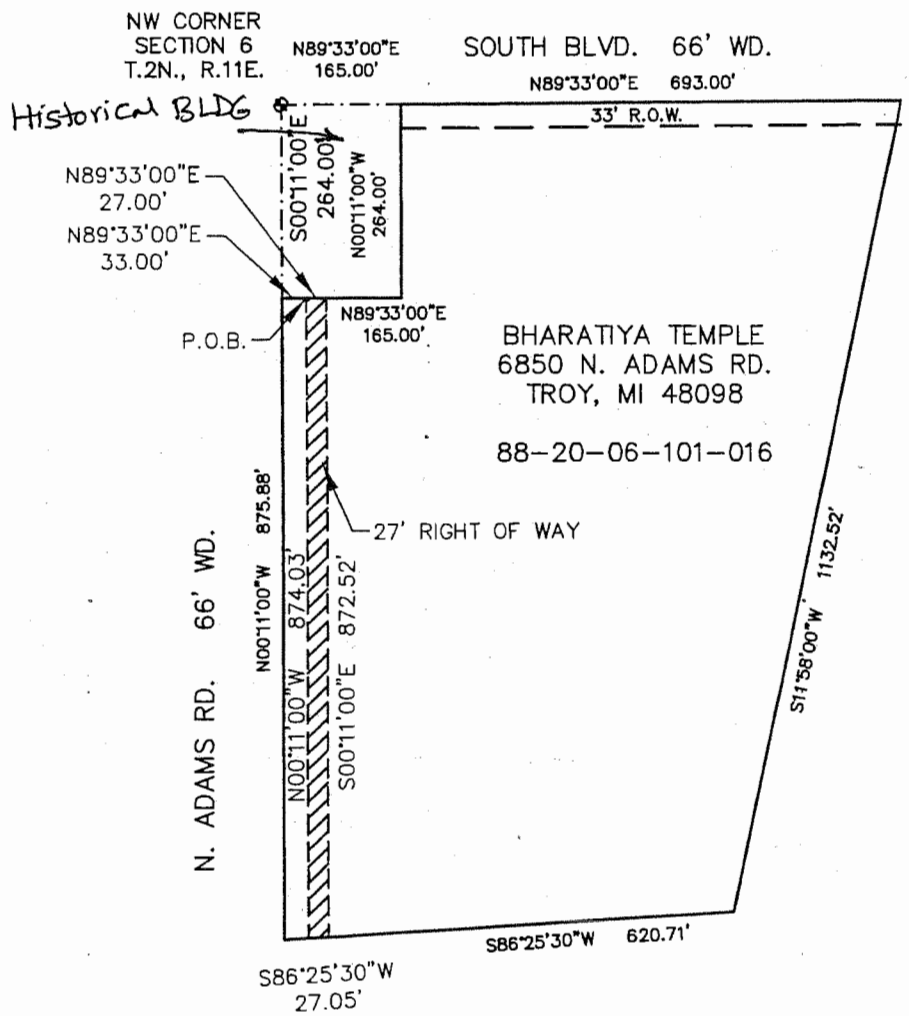
EXHIBIT B

27' N. ADAMS RD. RIGHT OF WAY



CLIENT: Bharatiya Temple	
ADDRESS: 6850 N. Adams Rd.	
CITY, STATE & ZIP: Troy, MI 48084	
CITY/TWP: Troy SEC./P.C.: 6 COUNTY: Oakland	
DATE: August 29, 2007 DRAWN BY: GAT	
JOB NO.: 0509 SHEET NO.: xxx	
SCALE: 1" = 200'	
BOOK/PAGE: N/A	STEPHEN R. JACOBI PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR #43057

ITEM 3

From: Daniel H. Popplestone [mailto:dan@popplestone.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 4:17 PM
To: John K Abraham
Subject: Side Walk Waiver-Adams Road

Dear Mr. Abraham:

We noted with the agenda sent regarding a stop sign request for our corner there was also a sidewalk waiver request.

In general, we would urge that side walk waivers not be granted anywhere in the City.

We find personally and also have observed an increasing usage of sidewalks by residents for walking, running and bike riding.

We do look forward to the day we can go anywhere in the City via a sidewalk. Therefore, we would urge that sidewalk waivers not be granted. It will only cost us all a lot more in the future to end up connecting the waived parts together.

Daniel H. And Gail B. Popplestone
6612 Woodcrest Drive // Troy, Michigan 48098-6518
Tel: 248.828.1463 // Fax: 248.828.4013 // Email: dan@popplestone,com and gail@poplestone.com

ITEM 3

From: Christine K. Moss-President [mailto:cmoss@mail.mossworld.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 9:50 AM
To: John K Abraham
Subject: Request for Sidewalk Waiver-6850 Adams Rd

Mr. Abraham:

I am Christine Moss, I live at 2808 Donegal Dr, Troy, MI, 48098, in the Lake Charnwood Subdivision.

I cannot make the hearing tomorrow night, but would like to express my wish that the Request for the Sidewalk Waiver be denied by the city. As a resident of this neighborhood, I feel this sidewalk is appropriate, particularly along South Blvd. The Bharatiya Temple was generously granted permission to greatly expand their center in an obviously residential area, and I believe the sidewalk will help blend the Temple into the community more AND be a big benefit to the surrounding neighborhoods. PLEASE DENY THIS REQUEST FOR THE SIDEWALK WAIVER.

Thank you,

Christine Moss

ITEM 4

From: Jim Zoellner [mailto:jzoellner2387@wideopenwest.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 12:55 PM
To: John K Abraham
Subject: Request for yield sign - Sandshores at Walker

To: Troy Traffic Committee

Attention: John K. Abraham, Traffic Engineer

Dear Mr. Abraham,

At the annual meeting of the Emerald Lakes Village Homeowners Association on October 16th, it was unanimously agreed to support the request of homeowner Pat Guibord for a yield sign at the subject intersection.

There is an ongoing dangerous situation as drivers turn at this corner without slowing to a safe speed. In addition because of the active nature of our subdivision (a lake access lot is within 200 feet of the intersection), there is significant pedestrian and biking traffic which is more difficult to see and avoid.

Thank you for your consideration,

James Zoellner, President
Emerald Lakes Village Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 113
Troy, MI 48099

ITEM 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 17, 2007

TO: Traffic Committee

FROM: Elaine Neckrock Elaine

SUBJECT: **October 17, 2007 Meeting Agenda**
#5 Regular Business

I received my notice for the meeting but had a prior commitment and am unable to attend this evening.

I did, however, want to state my reasons for requesting a STOP sign at the junction of Woodcrest and Hilltop.

My kitchen window faces Hilltop and I can view the corner very easily and I continuously see individuals not being able to determine who has the right of way and the majority of people don't even acknowledge that it is any type of intersection.
I t appears to me to be "an accident " waiting to happen.

During the winter I have seen many vehicles slide right into the snow bank because they cannot stop of yield.

Additionally, since I made the call, this current school year, 2007, the junior high students gather at the corner at 7:30 a.m. to get the bus. I am concerned – no worried that they could be in jeopardy.

I had initially asked if a STOP sign could be installed but I think even a YIELD would make people more aware of the intersection.

Thank you very much for taking the time to hear me out thru a letter.

Elaine Neckrock

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ITEM 7 -- OTHER BUSINESS
SIDEWALK WAIVER
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

To: John Abraham
From: Kris & Jeanette Parker
Date: October 15, 2007
Re Sidewalk Waivers for 5940/42 and 5960/62 Niles

First, I need to apologize for not being present at the Traffic Committee review of our request on September 19, 2007. We had a family crisis that precluded my wife and I from being able to attend on that evening.

We are asking that the committee give us another opportunity to state our case and avoid having to put in sidewalks that come from, and go nowhere. The basis for the original request, and this plea for a second look at this request, is the fact that there are no other sidewalks on our street, and ours are the last houses to be built on the street.

Attached are pictures looking down both sides of Niles showing that our houses are along the middle of the street, and that no other sidewalks are present along the street.

Thank you in advance for you consideration.
Sincerely,

Jeanette Parker

Kris & Jeanette Parker

NILES - LOOKING NORTH FROM 5962 NILES.

PLEASE NOTE - NO SIDEWALKS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE STREET.

WEST SIDE

EAST SIDE

SIGN AT 5962 NILE

10/15/07

KRIS + JEANETTE PALLEL