Traffic Committee Minutes – March 16, 2016 **FINAL**

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, March 16, 2016 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:	Tim Brandstetter Mitch Huber Al Petrulis Cynthia Wilsher Pete Ziegenfelder Katie Regan (Student Representative)
Absent:	David Easterbrook Richard Kilmer
Also present:	Robert Tourtillott, 5900 Adams Vijay Shenoy, 30078 Schoenherr William Peludat, 43425 Dequindre Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – January 20, 2016

Resolution # 2016-03-05
Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Brandstetter

To approve the January 20, 2016 minutes as printed.

Yes:	Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No:	None
Absent:	Easterbrook, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution # 2016-03-06
Moved by Wilsher
Seconded by Petrulis

To consider items #3 – #6 as one (1) item.

Yes:	Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No:	None
Absent:	Easterbrook, Kilmer

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43637 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-038

Artil Leo requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 43637 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-038). Mr. Leo states "*New Roadway/In Right of Way. Scheduled*".

No public was present at the meeting to discuss this item.

Ms. Wilsher discussed that sidewalk should be installed along all major roads. The builder should be required to provide the sixty (60) foot right-of-way or pay a cash fee.

Mr. Brandstetter asked if the widening project was contingent on acquisition of right-of-way at this location. It was discussed that right-of-way acquisition will take place for all necessary property for the widening and reconstruction of Dequindre Road and if property is not dedicated as part of the sidewalk waiver request then it will be acquired at a later time as part of the road project.

Mr. Huber asked if the waiver for the sidewalk is temporary. The waiver is not temporary as the sidewalk is required and will need to be constructed as part of the new home construction or deferred to be constructed as part of the road construction. The Dequindre project will provide for a complete sidewalk network along the west side of Dequindre in the project area.

Resolution # 2016-03-07
Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Wilsher

WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Artil Leo has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on the Dequindre widening and reconstruction project, anticipated in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

a. A waiver 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43637 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-038) contingent

upon the submittal of a cash payment by the applicant or conveyance of the right-of-way to the sixty (60) foot line.

Yes: Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Easterbrook, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43623 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-039

Artil Leo requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 43623 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-039). Mr. Leo states "*New Roadway/In Right of Way. Scheduled*".

No public was present at the meeting to discuss this item.

Ms. Wilsher discussed that sidewalk should be installed along all major roads. The builder should be required to provide the sixty (60) foot right-of-way or pay a cash fee.

Mr. Brandstetter asked if the widening project was contingent on acquisition of right-of-way at this location. It was discussed that right-of-way acquisition will take place for all necessary property for the widening and reconstruction of Dequindre Road and if property is not dedicated as part of the sidewalk waiver request then it will be acquired at a later time as part of the road project.

Mr. Huber asked if the waiver for the sidewalk is temporary. The waiver is not temporary as the sidewalk is required and will need to be constructed as part of the new home construction or deferred to be constructed as part of the road construction. The Dequindre project will provide for a complete sidewalk network along the west side of Dequindre in the project area.

Resolution # 2016-03-08
Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Wilsher

WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Artil Leo has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on the Dequindre widening and reconstruction project, anticipated in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

a. A waiver 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43623 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-039) contingent upon the submittal of a cash payment by the applicant or conveyance of the right-of-way to the sixty (60) foot line.

Yes: Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Easterbrook, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43609 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-040

Artil Leo requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 43609 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-040). Mr. Leo states "*New Roadway/In Right of Way. Scheduled*".

No public was present at the meeting to discuss this item.

Ms. Wilsher discussed that sidewalk should be installed along all major roads. The builder should be required to provide the sixty (60) foot right-of-way or pay a cash fee.

Mr. Brandstetter asked if the widening project was contingent on acquisition of right-of-way at this location. It was discussed that right-of-way acquisition will take place for all necessary property for the widening and reconstruction of Dequindre Road and if property is not dedicated as part of the sidewalk waiver request then it will be acquired at a later time as part of the road project.

Mr. Huber asked if the waiver for the sidewalk is temporary. The waiver is not temporary as the sidewalk is required and will need to be constructed as part of the new home construction or deferred to be constructed as part of the road construction. The Dequindre project will provide for a complete sidewalk network along the west side of Dequindre in the project area.

Resolution # 2016-03-09
Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Wilsher

WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Artil Leo has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based

on the Dequindre widening and reconstruction project, anticipated in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

a. A waiver 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43609 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-040) contingent upon the submittal of a cash payment by the applicant or conveyance of the right-of-way to the sixty (60) foot line.

Yes: Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Easterbrook, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43595 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-041

Artil Leo requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 43595 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-041). Mr. Leo states "*New Roadway/In Right of Way. Scheduled*".

No public was present at the meeting to discuss this item.

Ms. Wilsher discussed that sidewalk should be installed along all major roads. The builder should be required to provide the sixty (60) foot right-of-way or pay a cash fee.

Mr. Brandstetter asked if the widening project was contingent on acquisition of right-of-way at this location. It was discussed that right-of-way acquisition will take place for all necessary property for the widening and reconstruction of Dequindre Road and if property is not dedicated as part of the sidewalk waiver request then it will be acquired at a later time as part of the road project.

Mr. Huber asked if the waiver for the sidewalk is temporary. The waiver is not temporary as the sidewalk is required and will need to be constructed as part of the new home construction or deferred to be constructed as part of the road construction. The Dequindre project will provide for a complete sidewalk network along the west side of Dequindre in the project area.

Resolution # 2016-03-10

Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Wilsher

WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Artil Leo has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on the Dequindre widening and reconstruction project, anticipated in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

a. A waiver 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43595 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-041) contingent upon the submittal of a cash payment by the applicant or conveyance of the right-of-way to the sixty (60) foot line.

Yes: Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Easterbrook, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 5990 Adams – Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001

Edward Mancini requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 5990 Adams (Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001). Mr. Mancini states "*Since additional plantings were provided for the Sunoco pipeline area, there are space restrictions to accommodate the public sidewalk for Arlund Way. Also since the sidewalk was waived for the Sussex road, the Arlund Way sidewalk will not connect to a paved road or a sidewalk that is accessible by anyone. There is also concern with the storm water flow in that area if the existing culvert and ditch is relocated*".

Traffic Engineering received an email from Terry and Sandy Adams of 5970 Sussex Drive supporting the sidewalk waiver. They state that the sidewalk would be of no use.

The Planning Director provided an email that discussed the history of the site, the Sunoco Pipeline and work with area residents to provide a buffer of landscaping to shield the pipeline

facilities.

Mr. Vijay Shenoy was in attendance at the meeting representing the owner of the property. Mr. Shenoy explained that the sidewalk along Arlund Way would not provide a pedestrian path to any sidewalk off the site and would require that existing landscaping be removed. An existing culvert would also need to be relocated potentially causing drainage concerns and impacting the existing landscaping.

Mr. Robert Tourtillott of 5900 Adams was in attendance and spoke in favor of a sidewalk waiver. Mr. Tourtillott stated that residents in this area do not want sidewalk along Arlund Way as it is not needed and does not connect to any other sidewalk.

Mr. Brandstetter discussed that the existing sidewalk on the site already covers most of the area along Square Lake Road and Arlund Way. Pedestrians should cross at the signalized intersection at Square Lake and Adams.

Ms. Wilsher stated that sidewalk and pedestrian movement in this area is confusing. There is no place to go.

Mr. Brandstetter asked if there was additional landscaping proposed on the site. The developer's representative answered that no additional landscaping was proposed.

Mr. Petrulis agreed that sidewalk was not necessary in this area as there would never be a time that sidewalk would be constructed in this area unless there was a massive development that took place.

Resolution # 2016-03-11
Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Wilsher

WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Edward Mancini has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on Arlund Way based on space restrictions due to landscaping associated with the Sunoco Pipeline MLV site, no connection to other sidewalks and storm water flow; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

a. A waiver 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 5990 Adams (Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001), along Arlund Way, as part of the Oakland Troy Senior Facility at the corner of Adams and Square Lake Road.

Yes: Brandstetter, Huber, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Easterbrook, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

8. Public Comment

Mr. William Peludat of 43425 Dequindre discussed concerns about drainage of his property relative to the 2017 Dequindre widening and reconstruction project. He stated that his property is two (2) feet lower than the road and is concerned that the road reconstruction and sidewalk will create additional drainage concerns. The Dequindre project is under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and as such design work is being performed by the RCOC. The Traffic Engineer will contact the RCOC design staff and forward Mr. Peludat's concerns so that they can be discussed during the design phase.

9. Other Business

There was general discussion regarding the Big Beaver, Adams to Woodward closure and I-75 reconstruction.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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