TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2008 FINAL

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, February 20, 2008 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: Sara Binkowski
Ted Halsey
Jan Hubbell
Gordon Schepke
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Richard Kilmer

Also present: Jeff Heichel, 274 Candace Ct.
Julie Heichel, 274 Candace Ct.
Cathy Russ, Troy Library
and John Abraham, Traffic Engineer
Lt. David Livingston, Troy Police Dept.
Lt. Eric Caloia, Troy Fire Dept.

RESOLUTION #2008-02-05
Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Hubbell

To excuse Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Kilmer.

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

2. Minutes – January 16, 2008

RESOLUTION ##2008-02-06
Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the January 16, 2008 minutes as printed.

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

3. Install STOP Signs on Candace at Carlson Park

Jeanne Stine, 1915 Boulan, requests a STOP sign on Candace at Carlson Park. Ms. Stine reports that there may be some confusion in who has the right of way at this intersection and said that she had a near accident at this location.

Carlson Park is the major entrance to the subdivision and runs south from Long Lake Road. This roadway carries around 1300 vehicles in a day. Candace is a cul-de-sac and has around 11 homes. Candace terminates in Carlson Park in a T intersection and carries around 90 vehicles in a day. Traffic crash reports for the past five years show no traffic crashes at this location. Field studies also indicate that there are no significant sight obstructions at this intersection.

Please note that the traffic volumes counts could not be performed this month due to inclement weather. These numbers are based on traffic counts from previous years.

Jeff and Julie Heichel, 274 Candace, think there is no need for a STOP sign at this location as there is very little traffic and no history of crashes. Mr. Heichel believes that Candace would be the least likely street in the subdivision to need a STOP sign. He realizes that any motorist approaching the T intersection should give the right of way to the through traffic, and a STOP sign would be overkill for the intersection. Mrs. Heichel concurred with her husband's comments.

The committee members agreed that no traffic control devices are needed at this location.

RESOLUTION #2008-02-07
Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Hubbell

To recommend no changes at Candace and Carlson Park.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Halsey, Hubbell, Schepke)
NO: 1 (Ziegenfelder)
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Kilmer)
MOTION CARRIED

4. Install a STOP Sign on Thistle at Walden

Jeanne Stine, 1915 Boulan, requests a STOP sign on Thistle at Walden. Ms. Stine reports that there may be some confusion in who has the right of way at this intersection and said that she had a near accident at this location.

Thistle intersects Walden in a T intersection. Traffic volume on Walden ranges between 800 and 1000 in a day and on Thistle from 300-450 in a day. Walden has right angle curves both north and south of Thistle. As such there may be some sight distance challenges due to the layout of the streets. Traffic crash analyses show no reported crashes at this intersection in the past five years.

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Ms. Binkowski indicated that during her visit to the intersection, she found no reason for a STOP sign at that location. The intersection is a "T" intersection and homes are well set back, posing no sight obstructions for motorists. Mr. Halsey agreed that he had observed the same.

RESOLUTION #2008-02-08
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

To recommend no changes at Thistle and Walden.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Halsey, Hubbell, Schepke)
NO: 1 (Ziegenfelder)
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Kilmer)
MOTION CARRIED

5. Parking at Troy Library

Cathy Russ, Library Director, has been getting some concerns from Library patrons about time limits being violated in the 15-minute parking and 2-hour parking spaces. The Police Department is planning on enforcing the signs to deter patrons from violating the parking restrictions. Our research shows that we do have a Traffic Control Order from 1987 for the parking lot restrictions; however, that was before the parking lot expansion etc., so may not be valid anymore. Attached please find the layout of the Library parking lot showing the 15-minute and 2-hour parking spaces so that a new TCO can be issued to facilitate efficient enforcement of the restrictions.

Ms. Russ reports that there are 228 parking spaces at the library, and about 2500 patron visits per day. Many patrons park in the 15-minute spaces for much longer periods of time. Lt. Livingston said that officers will keep an eye on the 15-minute areas. Ms. Russ will have reminders posted at the library to warn patrons that they may be ticketed if they disregard the parking time limits.

RESOLUTION #2008-02-09
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

To recommend that Traffic Control Order # 87-4-P be rescinded.

RESOLUTION #2008-02-10
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

To recommend that a new Traffic Control Order be approved for 15-minute and 2-hour parking restrictions as shown on the attached sketch.

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

6. Visitors' Time

No one else wished to address the committee.

7. Other Business

At the January meeting, Mr. Diefenbaker mentioned that in his neighborhood the pavement is quite deteriorated. The Traffic Engineer investigated and found that Wright Street is part of the City's Section 9 water main project, which is set to start this spring. Roads will be resurfaced in spring/summer of 2009.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chair

Laurel Nottage, Recording Secretary

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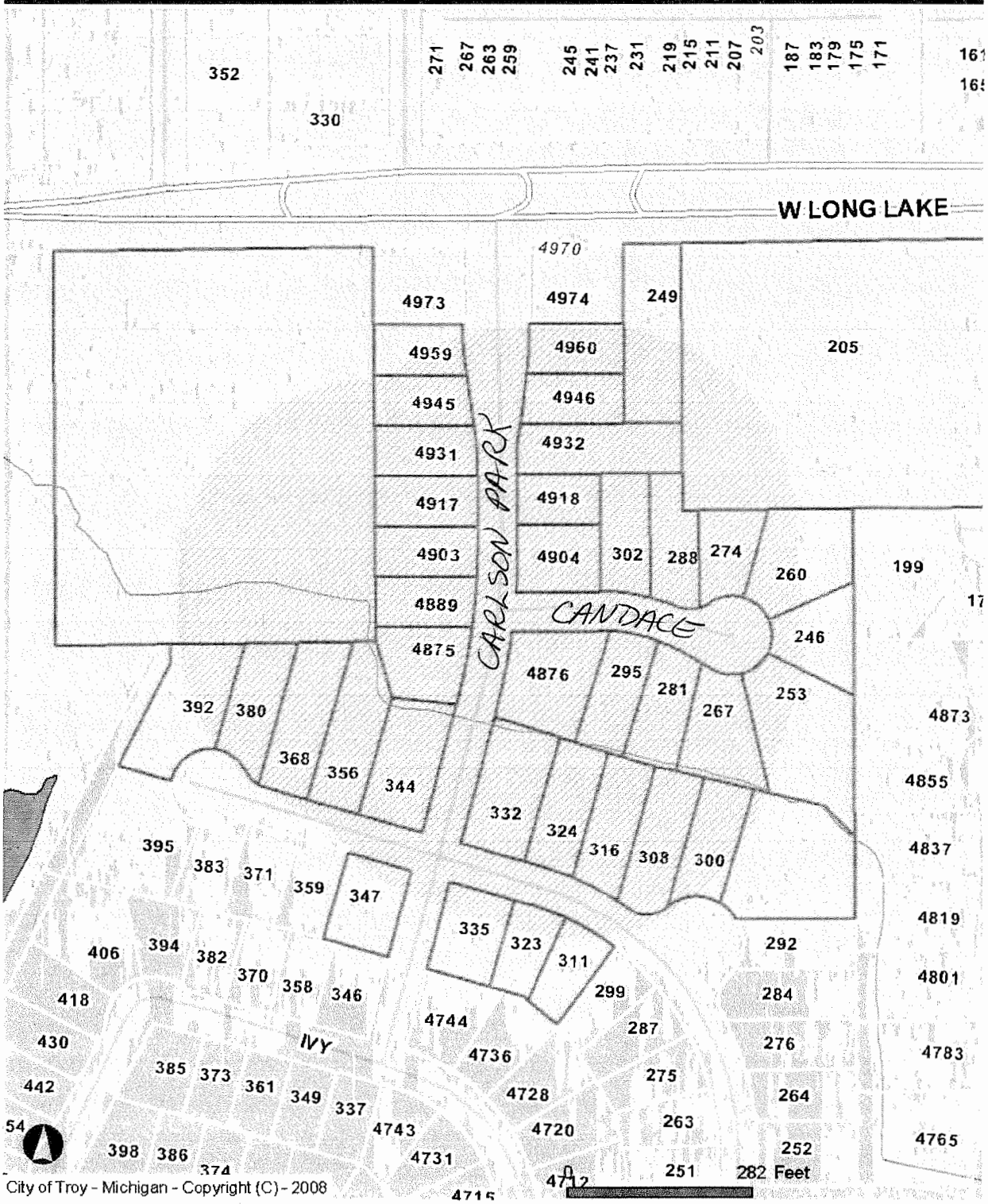

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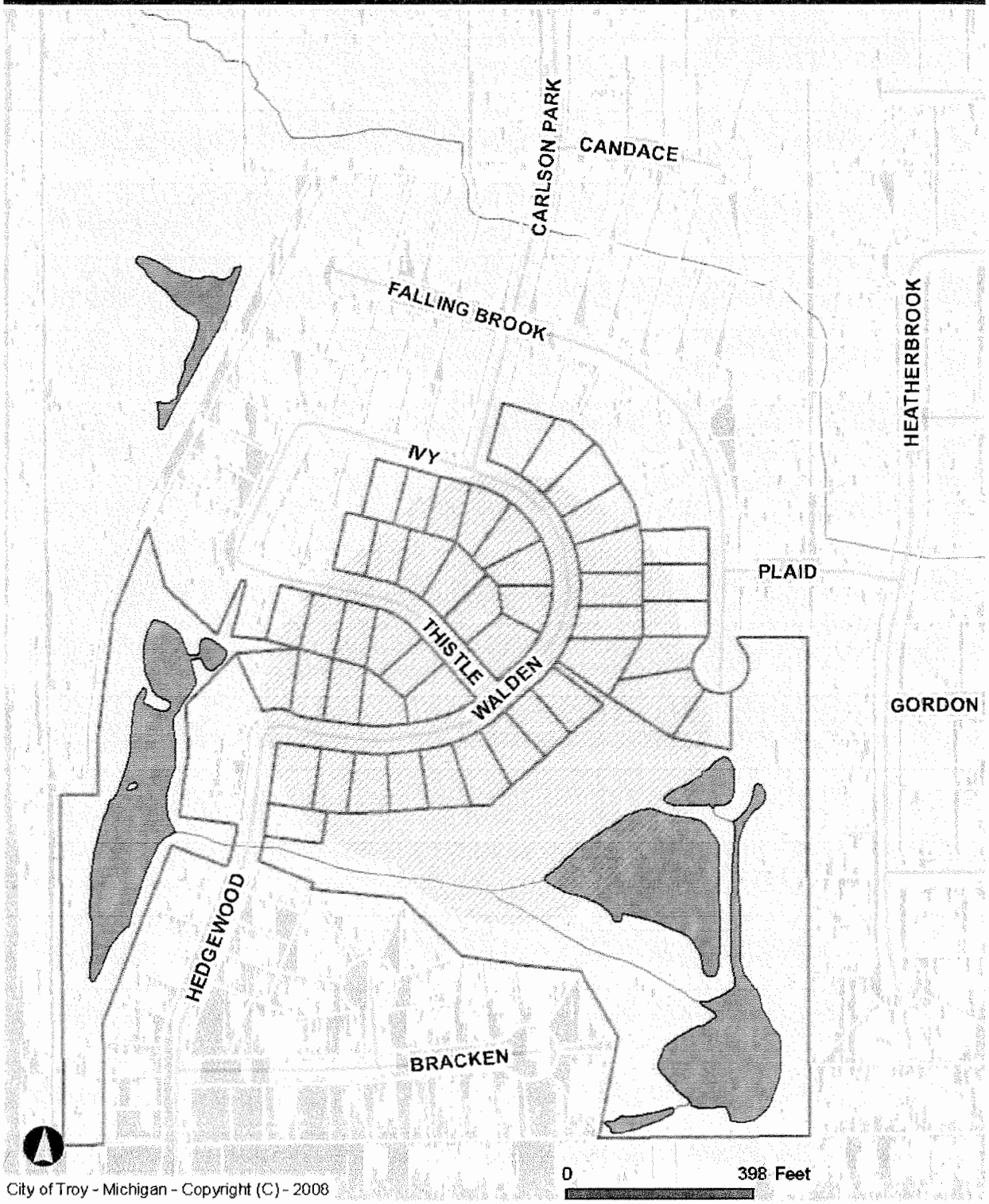

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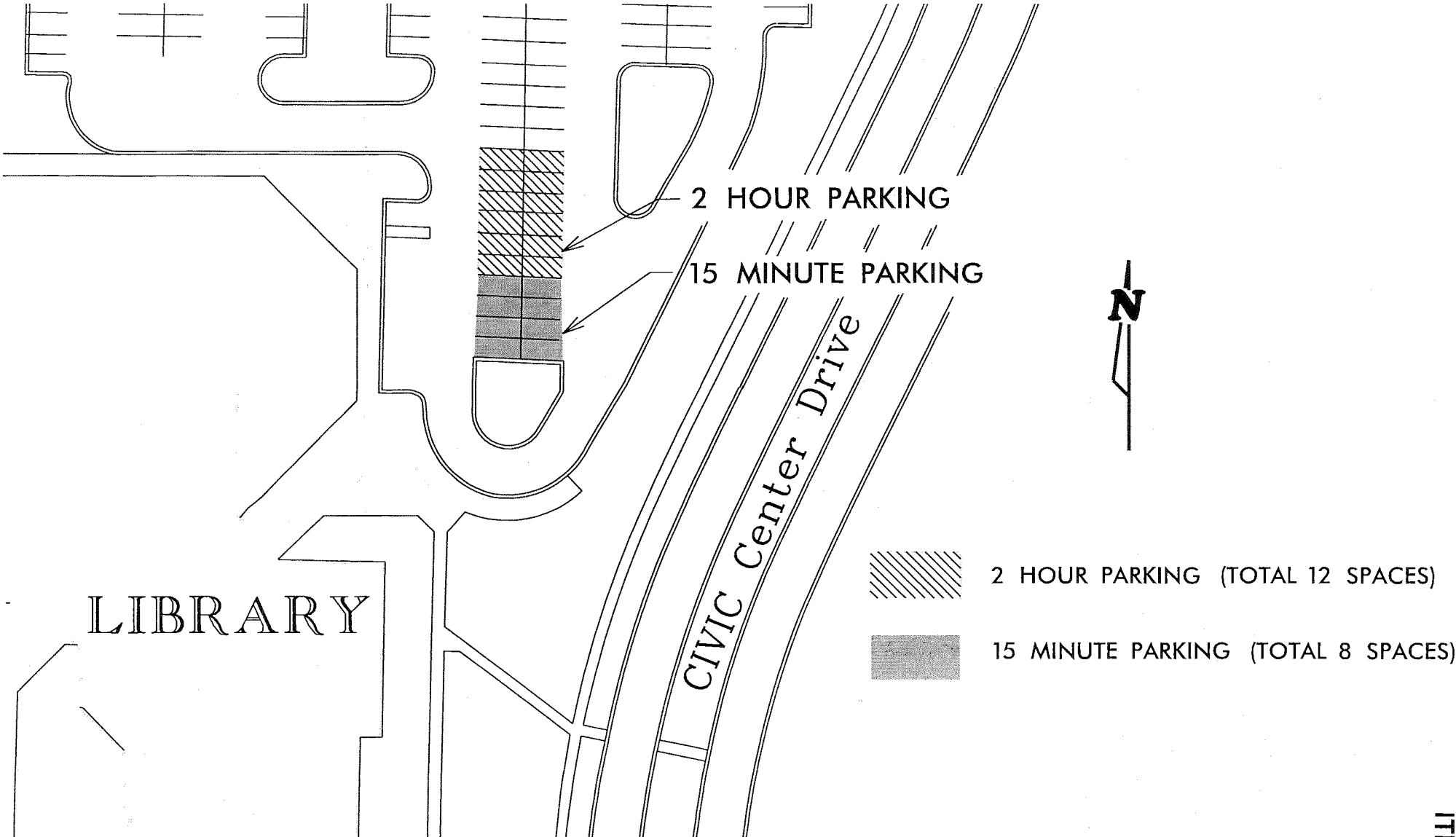
2 HOUR PARKING
15 MINUTE PARKING
LIBRARY
CIVIC Center Drive
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2 HOUR PARKING (TOTAL 12 SPACES)
15 MINUTE PARKING (TOTAL 8 SPACES)

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