

**AGENDA**  
**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 19, 2006 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**TROY CITY HALL**  
**500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – March 15, 2006

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver at 2977 Lenox  
Requested by Irene Sadikoff, 2977 Lenox
4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver at 3150 Adams Road  
Requested by North Hills Christian Church

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

5. Request for Reconsideration of Request for Sidewalk Waiver at 1126 Chopin  
Requested by Chris Vance, 3436 Ellenboro
6. Request for Reconsideration of Request for Sidewalk Waiver at 1132 Chopin  
Requested by Chris Vance, 3436 Ellenboro
7. Install YIELD Sign on Ivanhoe at Sweet Drive  
Requested by Sharyn Dennis, 2338 Sweet Drive, 48085
8. Establish Fire Lanes at 5365-5407 Crooks Road  
Requested by Troy Fire Department
9. Visitors' Time
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn

cc: Traffic Committee Members, Including Ex-Officio Members  
Captain Ed Murphy, Police Department  
Lt. Scott McWilliams, Police Department  
Lt. Robert Matlick, Fire Department  
John K. Abraham, Traffic Engineer

- and cc: Item 3 Irene Sadikoff, 2977 Lenox
- Item 4 Residents within 300 feet of 3150 Adams Road  
Wesley VanHoughton, North Hills Christian Church,  
3150 North Adams, 48084
- Item 5 Chris Vance, 3436 Ellenboro 48083
- Item 6 Chris Vance, 3436 Ellenboro 48083
- Item 7 Residents within 300 feet of Sweet and Ivanhoe  
Sharyn Dennis, 2338 Sweet Drive, 48085
- Item 8 Etkin Equities, Inc., 29100 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48034

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

### MESSAGE TO VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS

The Traffic Committee is composed of seven Troy citizens who have volunteered their time to the City to be involved in traffic and safety concerns. The stated role of this Committee is:

- a. To give first hearing to citizens' requests and obtain their input.
- b. To make recommendations to the City Council based on technical considerations, traffic surveys, established standards, and evaluation of citizen input.
- c. To identify hazardous locations and recommend improvements to reduce the potential for traffic accidents.

Final decisions on sidewalk waivers will be made by the Committee at this meeting.

The recommendations and conclusions arrived at on regular items this evening will be forwarded to the City Council for their final action. Any citizen can discuss these recommendations before City Council. The items discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting will be placed on the City Council Agenda by the City Manager. The earliest date these items might be considered by City Council would normally be 10 days to 2 weeks from the Traffic Committee meeting. If you are interested, you may wish to contact the City Manager's Office in order to determine when a particular item is on the Agenda.

Persons wishing to speak before this Committee should attempt to hold their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Please try to keep your remarks relevant to the subject at hand. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. These comments are made to keep this meeting moving along. Anyone wishing to be heard will be heard; we are here to listen and help in solving or resolving your particular concerns.

**AGENDA EXPLANATION**  
**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 19, 2006**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Minutes – March 15, 2006**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. **Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2977 Lenox**

Irene Sadikoff is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 2977 Lenox. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.”

Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

This item was on the March agenda, and the committee postponed a decision for a month to allow the petitioner to attend.

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

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, Irene Sadikoff has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 2977 Lenox, which is owned by Irene Sadikoff.

- 2. WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 2977 Lenox, which is owned by Irene Sadikoff.

**4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver at 3150 Adams Road**

Wesley VanHoughton of North Hills Christian Church, 3150 Adams Road, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 3150 Adams Road. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with a building addition. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.”

Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

- 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, Northfield Hills Christian Church has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 3150 Adams Road, which is owned by Northfield Hills Christian Church.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 3150 Adams Road, which is owned by Northfield Hills Christian Church.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **5. Request for Reconsideration of Sidewalk Waiver – 1126 Chopin**

Chris Vance requested a waiver for the sidewalk at 1126 Chopin and the request was placed on the March 15, 2006 Traffic Committee agenda. When Mr. Vance failed to attend the March meeting, the request for a waiver was denied. Mr. Vance did not realize he had to be present at the meeting and requests that the Traffic Committee reconsider the issue at the next meeting. See attached letter.

#### **SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. Recommend reconsidering Chris Vance's request for a sidewalk waiver at 1126 Chopin at the next Traffic Committee meeting
- b. Recommend no further action on the request.

#### **6. Request for Reconsideration of Sidewalk Waiver – 1132 Chopin**

Chris Vance requested a waiver for the sidewalk at 1132 Chopin and the request was placed on the March 15, 2006 Traffic Committee agenda. When Mr. Vance failed to attend the March meeting, the request for a waiver was denied. Mr. Vance did not realize he had to be present at the meeting and requests that the Traffic Committee reconsider the issue at the next meeting. See attached letter.

#### **SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. Recommend reconsidering Chris Vance's request for a sidewalk waiver at 1132 Chopin at the next Traffic Committee meeting
- b. Recommend no further action on the request.

#### **7. Install YIELD or STOP Sign on Ivanhoe at Sweet**

Sharyn Dennis, 2338 Sweet Drive, is requesting traffic control signs in the area of Sweet Drive and Ivanhoe Drive. She believes this is a dangerous intersection, since Ivanhoe connects her neighborhood with an older neighborhood, and allows for through traffic to John R via Ivanhoe and Highbury. She also reports constant high-speed traffic through the neighborhood.

A traffic crash analysis shows that there have been no reported crashes near Sweet and Ivanhoe in the past five years, which indicates that the intersection is relatively safe. Field observations show an evergreen tree in the northeast corner of the intersection. Our Parks & Recreation Department is looking into whether the tree is in the 25-foot clear zone triangle.

Speed/traffic volume studies were done on April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and the results indicate around 500 vehicles on Sweet Drive, 700 on Ivanhoe, and around 560 on Cloister per day. Residential area traffic volumes range between 300 and 5000 per day, and the traffic volume in this area is in the lower end of the residential area volumes.

For a STOP sign to be installed, one of the following conditions should be satisfied as per the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

- a. Intersection of a less important road with a main road, where application of a normal right of way rule is disruptive to capacity on the main road.
- b. Street entering a through highway or street.
- c. Unsignalized intersection in a signalized area.
- d. Other intersections with a combination of high speed, restricted view, and serious accident record.

The other end of Ivanhoe that intersects Highbury Drive is controlled by a STOP sign. Highbury carries around 1700 vehicles in a day.

Unwarranted traffic control signs normally result in high violations rates and also promote general loss of credibility of all traffic control signs.

#### SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Recommend installing a STOP sign on Ivanhoe at Sweet
- b. Recommend installing a YIELD sign on Ivanhoe at Sweet.
- c. Recommend no changes.

#### **8. Establish Fire Lanes at 5365-5407 Crooks Road**

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).

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:**

- a. Recommend that the fire lanes/tow away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 5365-5407 Crooks Road.

**9. Visitors' Time**

Items not on the agenda.

**10. Other Business**

Items not on the agenda which Traffic Committee members may wish to discuss.

**11. Adjourn**