

AGENDA
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 21, 2006 - 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
TROY CITY HALL
500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes –May 17, 2006

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Request for Installation of a YIELD or STOP Sign on Ivanhoe at Sweet Requested by Sharyn Dennis, 2338 Sweet Drive
5. Visitors' Time
6. Other Business
7. 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 Chris Stout, Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, 48083
Item 4 Sharyn Dennis, 2338 Sweet Drive, 48085
Residents within 300 feet of Ivanhoe and Sweet

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

JUNE 21, 2006

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Minutes –May 17, 2006**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 3838 Livernois**

Walsh College is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 3838 Livernois. The sidewalk ordinance requires that the existing five-foot sidewalk be replaced with an eight foot sidewalk, 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 to the north, and none on the south side that are 8 feet wide. The parcel to the north is designated a historic property, making it unlikely that the sidewalk will be continued northward

Chris Stout, Director/Facilities states that Walsh College will gladly meet the new requirements at any time the sidewalk is continued to the north.

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, Walsh College has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct an eight foot wide sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area to the north, and no eight-foot wide sidewalks to the south; 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 to the north 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 3838 Livernois, which is owned by Walsh College.

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 3838 Livernois, which is owned by Walsh College.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Reconsideration of Request for YIELD or STOP Sign on Ivanhoe at Sweet

This item was addressed at the April 19th meeting, at which time the committee determined that traffic control devices were not required at this location. The petitioner, Sharyn Dennis, 2338 Sweet Drive, reported that she did not receive notice of the meeting and would like an opportunity to address the committee. She was unable to attend the May meeting but requested reconsideration at the June meeting. The Traffic Committee voted to reconsider the issue at the June meeting.

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 3rd-5th, 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 traffic control devices on Ivanhoe at Sweet.

5. Visitors' Time

Items not on the agenda.

6. Other Business

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

7. Adjourn