A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, September 18, 2013 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
Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
Al Petrulis
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: Sarah Binkowski
Stevan Popovic

Also present: Michael Johnson, 450 E. Square Lake
Chuck Roberts, Fire Department
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – July 17, 2013

RESOLUTION # 2013-08-14

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Kilmer

To approve the July 17, 2013 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Binkowski, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 675 Vanderpool

Item #3 and #4 were addressed at the same time by the petitioner and the Committee.

Mike Johnson spoke at the meeting and reiterated his request for a waiver of the sidewalk required at 675 Vanderpool. Mr. Johnson stated that there is no existing sidewalk on Vanderpool and that it would not connect to any other sidewalk. The location of the new house is not in close proximity to a major road, so the likelihood of sidewalks connecting to a major road sidewalk in the future is very unlikely.

The Traffic Committee did receive an email in support of granting a waiver from Diane Stewart a resident and owner on Vanderpool.

Mr. Ziegenfelder reiterated his support for sidewalks at all locations in the City.

Mr. Kilmer stated that there are too many trees that would be affected by construction of a sidewalk.

General discussion of the sidewalk waiver process followed.

There were no other members of the public that made comments.

RESOLUTION # 2013-08-15

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Halsey

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, Mike Johnson has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk due to the fact that there is no existing sidewalk on Vanderpool and it would not connect to any other sidewalk ; 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 675 Vanderpool contingent upon the execution of an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalk".

YES: 4 (Brandstetter, Halsey, Kilmer, Petrulis)
NO: 1 (Ziegenfelder)
ABSENT: 2 (Binkowski, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

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Seconded by Halsey

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YES: 4 (Brandstetter, Halsey, Kilmer, Petrulis)
NO: 1 (Ziegenfelder)
ABSENT: 2 (Binkowski, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. Establish Fire Lanes at 2000-2050 West Big Beaver

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that fire lanes be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

Chuck Roberts of the Troy Fire Department provided a brief summary of the requirements for fire lanes as well as a summary of the need for fire lanes at the site.

RESOLUTION # 2013-08-17

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends establishing fire lanes at 2000-2050 West Big Beaver Road.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Binkowski, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

6. Establish Fire Lanes at 2001 W. Maple Road

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RESOLUTION # 2013-08-18

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends establishing fire lanes at 2001 West Maple Road.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Binkowski, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

7. Establish Fire Lanes at 1305 Stephenson Highway

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RESOLUTION # 2013-08-19

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Brandstetter

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends establishing fire lanes at 1305 Stephenson Highway.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Binkowski, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

8. Public Comment

There were no members of the public at the meeting with comments.

9. Other Business

Mr. Ziegenfelder asked about the pedestrian crossing time at Coolidge and Maple. He reports that a resident contacted him to report that the pedestrian crossing time allocated is too short to cross Coolidge Road. Traffic Engineering will request that the RCOC Traffic

Signal Engineer review the timing to ascertain if adjustments should be made.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

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