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April 15, 2009

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Karen Tingle-Sames

FROM: Barry Brock, Chairman – Traffic Committee
Eric W. Larson, City Engineer

RE: Minutes and Recommendations –
Traffic Committee Meeting April 14, 2009

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Present:
Eric W. Larson
Ben Krebs
Brian Shorkey
Alan Gibson
Scott Jarvis
Barry Brock
Larry Prather

- 1) Minutes of March 24, 2009 approved. – Brian Shorkey made motion, Alan Gibson seconded – committee approved.
- 2) There were no guests present.

New Business

- 3) **Traffic Calming Program**
Eric and Ben distributed a copy of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program guidelines. Eric suggested this was a good foundation to build on to make a Georgetown Program. It can be expanded for street parking, handicap parking spot requirements, and other local issues. Eric requested everyone review the document for the next meeting and the committee can decide if the program can be tailored for Georgetown and offer suggestions on what to change. Barry Brock reinforced the need for a policy and procedure to deal with our typically issues. Committee agrees.



- 4) 303 Elm Street - HC spot request
Eric stated this is on private property in an apartment complex. The resident has been informed the city has no jurisdiction.
- 5) ShoShoni/Seminole Stop removal
Eric reported that Greg Reeves and he received a request to remove the stop condition on Seminole. Greg stated that there has not been a problem with accidents or speeding in the recent past. Eric noted that 4 way stops are typically used when approach volumes at all four corners are approximately equal and doubts this is the case since Seminole is a collector street for the area and one end of ShoShoni is a dead end. They recommend removal of the stop signs on Seminole, leaving the stops on the ShoShoni approaches. Committee agrees.
- 6) Report only – Osborne Way Truck Parking
Eric informed the group of the request to post no parking on the street due to semi-trucks and disturbance of commercial traffic. The Mayor authorized installation.
- 7) Report only – Cardome Centre Drive Parking
Eric informed the group of the request to post no parking on the entrance drive to prevent blocking traffic. The Mayor authorized installation.
- 8) Northeast Traffic Impact Study
Ben Krebs reported the Northeast Traffic Study has been completed. Planning Commission has recommended it as an addition to the Comprehensive Plan. It had a condition of concern about environmental and agricultural preservation. Both City Council and Fiscal Court will have to adopt as well. The study includes a list of projects in the Short and Long Range plan as well as a Traffic Impact Study guidelines and an Access Management plan. Ben suggested the City Council adopt the Traffic Impact Study and Access Management sections as policy in addition to approving the plan for the comprehensive plan. Eric stated the Mayor has been advised as such. The Study also includes computer traffic models that will need to be continually updated by staff or consultant. The committee also discussed the need to implement the Oxford Drive realignment project recommended by the study. Eric stated the owner has quoted the price of the property. He and Larry Prather suggested the city will need to consider Eminent Domain to acquire the property. Eric also pointed out that Icon Properties has been approached by the City to turn over Blossom Park Drive to the City as a city street to aid in the realignment.
- 9) Sam Pollock / Bradford Ct. connection and Bradford Ct. to Hawthorne connection needed.
This was suggested by Alan Gibson and Larry Prather due to the amount of traffic expected around the new Pizza Hut, Bruster's Ice Cream, etc. Barry Brock and Eric mentioned the cost and difficulty of getting ROW. Eric suggested the City Council approach the Library about the possibility of extending Sam Pollock to Bradford Ct. through their site. The connection to Hawthorne was discussed. It may not be possible due to a house and retention basin.
- 10) No new business was brought before the committee

Old Business

- 11) Downtown Handicap Parking at E. Main St. and N. Court St.
David Lusby asked Eric to investigate why so many HC spaces are clustered in the vicinity of Galvins and N. Court St. He states they are under utilized and suggested they be removed or relocated. No progress has been made at this time. Committee took no action.
- 12) Cave Run Ct. - no parking revisited
Eric noted that the committee suggested last month that the citizen making the complaint should be contacted and asked to put together a petition / solicit input from the neighbors and present it to the committee at the next meeting. This was not done. However, the Fire Department investigated and recommends no parking on the north side, but not in the Cul-De-Sac bulb, and 20ft each side of FH on south side of CDS bulb @ 112 Cane Run Ct. Committee agrees.
- 13) St Johns flashing beacon – Military St.
Eric advised the committee that the school has requested a school beacon on Military St. Jarrod Stanley had previously stated that KYTC policy is to use only if 100 students or more attend the school. Eric was to contact school and determine enrollment numbers, future plans, and cost and advise the committee. Larry Prather states there are about 190 students. No further progress has been made at this time. Committee took no action.
- 14) Sturbridge Drive – No Parking One Side
Eric noted that the committee suggested last month that the citizen making the complaint should be contacted and asked to put together a petition / solicit input from the neighbors and present it to the committee at the next meeting. This was not done. However, the Fire Department investigated and recommends no parking on the east side of the road, the fire hydrant side. This will be from Williamsburg Lane to Colony Blvd. Committee agrees.
- 15) Parking in Parkside Subdivision
Eric noted that the committee suggested last month that the citizen making the complaint should be contacted and asked to put together a petition / solicit input from the neighbors and present it to the committee at the next meeting. This was not done. However, the Fire Department investigated and recommends no parking on the “inner loop”, this is the fire hydrant side. Committee agrees.
- 16) 107 and 135 Irving Lane – Speeding
Eric reminded the group this was a speed hump request due to speeding and children safety. Greg Reeves reports to Eric that a speed study was done and found little or no speeding. 188 vehicles total with only 10 over 25 mph. 29 mph was the highest speed. Greg recommends no action. Committee agreed.
- 17) Penninsula Subdivision Three Way Stop requests
Resident wanted a three way stops at Rough River / Dale Hollow and Barren River / Rough River. Greg and Eric agreed the intersections are too close together and stop signs should not be used for speed control. Committee recommended to deny at last meeting. Greg stated he'd have a speed study done anyway. Study not complete at this time. Committee took no action.

- 18) Crosswalk / Left Turn conflict at Main St. and Court St.
At a previous meeting, Greg pointed out delivery trucks park in middle of Main St. and over the crosswalk in front of Galvins. This makes a dangerous situation for pedestrians. He suggested perhaps a striped median with yellow hatching. Also, David Lusby and Greg stated the concern that during rush hour, westbound traffic backs up on Main St. from Broadway all the way back to Hamilton St. Left turns wanting to go south on US 25 are entering the two way left turn lane way back before the crosswalk and speeding. Greg said some enforcement has been done. Jarrod Stanley stated that he had not completed his study into the issue. Speeding down the median needs to be revisited after the State looks into the crosswalk at Galvins. Committee suggested KyTC consider no left turns from WB to S. Court Alley or EB to N. Court Alley. Committee will need to present that to the City Council and downtown businesses. Jarrod and Ben Krebs to draw an exhibit. Ben presented a draft drawing at this meeting. No further progress has been made at this time. Committee took no action.
- 19) Traffic signal phasing US 25 @ Showalter
Resident requested protected left turn phase. Jarrod stated last month that study still pending. No progress has been made at this time. Committee took no action.
- 20) US460 @Wendy's/Swifty's - Left turn conflicts
At a previous meeting, Jarrod Stanley presented a dual left turn layout for US 460 eastbound and westbound. The centerline would have bollards on the east side up to Edwards Drive. Eric suggested the same bollard design be used on the west side to eliminate turning conflicts at K-Mart entrance. The Committee also suggested an EB Rt. turn lane on US 460 onto the Bypass. Jarrod was to investigate whether or not the shoulder can be built up to make the lane. Jarrod stated that we wanted to model the intersection using the NE TIS traffic study numbers. Ben Krebs was to provide the data to KyTC. Ben has completed this task. Jarrod also stated that the best time to make these changes is when the State resurfaces the road. He was to check the schedule. No progress has been made at this time. Committee took no action.
- 21) E. main loading zone removed
This loading zone at E. Main St. was originally put in for a furniture business. This business is no longer there and therefore the loading zone should be removed. Greg wanted to talk with other business owners. He wanted to determine what type of business is going in; the City may want to leave it alone. Greg recommended to wait until the new tenant has moved in. No progress has been made at this time. Committee took no action.
- 22) W. Showalter at CVS Entrance
Scott Jarvis states the DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign is not effective. Suggests using thermoplastic markings on the pavement so both lanes can see it. Barry also suggested a stop bar and stop sign, similar to the frontage roads on Nicholasville Road. Eric to come up with options and cost for each and present to the committee next month.
- 23) No further Old Business was discussed.
- 24) Next meeting date is May 19, 2009, 5pm City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned.

Recommendations to the Mayor for Approval:

- 5) Remove 4 way stop at Seminole and Shoshoni. Make a two way stop for Shoshoni only.
- 8) The City Council approve the results of the Northeast Georgetown Traffic Study as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Further, the Council approve the Access Management Policy and Traffic Impact Study policy as regulation within the City.
- 12) Post no parking this side of street on the north side of Cave Run Ct., but not in Cul-De-Sac bulb, and 20ft each side of FH on south side of CDS bulb @ 112 Cane Run Ct.
- 14) Post no parking this side of street on the east side of Sturbridge Drive from Williamsburg Lane to Colony Blvd.
- 15) Post no parking this side of street on Parkside Drive, the “inner loop” in Parkside Subdivision.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (502) 867-2000 or eric.larson@georgetownky.gov.