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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Karen Tingle-Sames

FROM: Ben Krebs, Acting Chairman – Traffic Committee
Eric W. Larson, City Engineer

RE: Minutes and Recommendations –
Traffic Committee Meeting June 16, 2009

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Present: Ben Krebs, Brian Shorkey, Alan Gibson, Scott Jarvis, Jason Whitaker, Greg Reeves, Rebecca Cassell, Louise Raney, Ron Chitwood, Misty House, Sherry Olson, Ronald Sharp, Teddy Melton.

- 1) Election of Chairman – Barry Brock submitted written resignation as chairman May 31, 2009. The Committee recommended that this decision be postponed due to small showing of members.
- 2) Minutes of May 19, 2009 approved. – Reeves made motion, Shorkey seconded – committee approved.
- 3) Ben Krebs welcomed guests.

New Business

- 4) **Winner's Circle Parking Revisited**
Eric Larson reported to the committee that Mrs. Louise Raney, citizen, has stated that there is a HOA document that states no parking on the street anywhere in the subdivision, dated 10-16-2002. She would like to address the committee. Mrs. Raney addressed the committee about one neighbor in the subdivision that has 6 or 7 vehicles that park everywhere but in their own driveway and leave oil stains on the pavement. She also restated that their deed restrictions do not allow parking on the street and would like for the city to enforce the rule. It was also brought up that the no parking signs can not be read as you pull into the street and they think they are facing the wrong way and not on the same side as the fire hydrant. Reeves recommended that Eric review the sign placement and that code enforcement be notified to see if there is any violation (environmental) regarding the oil stains. It was also recommended to the group of homeowners that they form an HOA to enforce their deed restrictions.
- 5) **Paddocks Subdivision – Parking on Sidewalks**
Eric reported to the committee that Ron Chitwood, citizen, is concerned with residents parking on the sidewalks, making it difficult to walk in the neighborhood. He would like to address the committee. Mr. Chitwood addressed the committee with complaint of parking on the sidewalk and many others. (see



below). Reeves responded that they can and will ticket vehicles parking on the sidewalk and that he sent an email notification while this was being discussed further.

Other complaints:

- Street lights are needed on Pavilion Drive between Pavilion and Starting Gate

- Want to know when remainder of streets will be paved. Krebs reported that it should be within a month.

- Road is failing in front of Pavilion.

- Starting Gate/Pavilion is missing street sign. Krebs reported that he would address this one.

- Several others – Boat beside house, electric line to shed. Mr Chitwood was advised that this was a traffic committee meeting and all other requests should be directed to G-Ticket.

6) Hurston/Hawthorne/Browning 4 way stop request

Eric reported to the committee that John Zamora, citizen, has requested a 4 way stop at this intersection. Eric presented that MUTCD warrants for multi-way stop intersection are largely based on minimum traffic volumes at the approaching legs of the intersection. While no counts have been done, it is doubtful that the minor streets, both Cul-De-Sacs, will have a minimum of 200 vph for 8 hours. Committee recommends that Eric's information is valid and agree that no action is needed.

7) 118 Hemingway - deaf child at play sign

Eric reported to the committee that Misty House, a teacher for a deaf child at this location, would like this sign installed. Eric stated that Child at Play, Deaf Child, Blind Child, and similar signs are considered non-uniform signs and not in the MUTCD. The FHWA and ITE published opinions several years ago stating that research did not find any correlation between these signs and reductions in speeds or pedestrian / vehicular accidents. Further, it is the consensus that these signs give children and parents a false sense of security to play in the streets. FHWA strongly discourages the use of non-uniform signs, as they pose a potential for liability on the part of the local government. Mrs. Olson and House reported on the request for the sign and Krebs reported on the findings above. Committee recommends that sign be recommended to mayor after talking to City Attorney about his opinion on the local government liability. Motion by Shorkey, Second by Gibson.

8) 370 Payne St.-No parking sign

Eric reported that Sgt. Lunsford from the Police Department called this request into Public Works. He stated that parking on the corner made school bus turning difficult. Eric suggested posting "No Parking Here to corner" signs approximately 25 ft from the end of the corner radius towards the intersection. Committee recommends installation of the signs.

9) Street Parking opinion for older streets (Eric, Scott) - Committee took no action on this item.

10) Parking on Main St. at Subway Restaurant - Ismael Shalash, owner of Subway on Main Street requests that two spots in front of his business be limited to 10 minute parking or pickup only. Reeves explained that this had been requested in the past and was not looked at favorably and would raise issues with all other business owners on Main. Mr. Shalash then asked if he could pay for the spots from the City which the committee did not have an answer for. Reeves volunteered to present this request to the mayor.

11) No other new business was discussed.

Old Business

12) Traffic Calming Program – Committee took no action on this item.

13) 156 Cumberland Drive – Speeding – At the last meeting, the committee referred this issue to the PD for a speed study. PD states that they did not get to complete the study and that Georgetown College was borrowing the trailer for a certain time this summer. Committee took no action.

- 14) Seminole @ Hutchins and Copperfield Ln. Stop Signs – At the last meeting, the committee referred this issue to the PD for a volume study to determine if minimum approach volumes were met. PD states that they did not get to complete the study and that Georgetown College was borrowing the trailer for a certain time this summer. Committee took no action.

Also at the last meeting, the committee asked Eric to research cost for radar study units. Committee did not discuss.

- 15) Avondale - Speed Hump request – At the last meeting, the committee referred this issue to the PD for a speed study to determine if volumes and speeds warrant it. PD states that they did not get to complete the study and that Georgetown College was borrowing the trailer for a certain time this summer. Committee took no action.
- 16) Georgetown College – Speed Hump Request on College St. – At the last meeting, the committee referred this issue to the PD for a speed study to determine if volumes and speeds warrant it. PD states that they did not get to complete the study and that Georgetown College was borrowing the trailer for a certain time this summer. Committee took no action.
- 17) Canewood Blvd. – Speed Hump Request (Eric) - At the last meeting, the committee referred this issue to the PD for a speed study to determine if volumes and speeds warrant it. PD states that they did not get to complete the study and that Georgetown College was borrowing the trailer for a certain time this summer. Committee took no action.
- 18) Payne Ave. and Oak St. 3 way stop – At the last meeting, the committee asked Eric to research cost for LED flashing signs. Committee did not discuss.
- 19) E. Main St. speed limit – Committee did not discuss.
- 20) Cave Run Ct. – Committee did not discuss.
- 21) Parkside Subdivision - At the last meeting, the committee tabled this item and requested Eric contact the neighborhood and offer them the neighborhood traffic management pilot program petition and application. Eric was contacted by Rebecca Cassell and she was given a petition and application form. Rebecca Cassell presented the petition along with statistics of the subdivision such as yes votes and vacant lots. Petition had 62 names in favor of “keeping parking on both sides of the street.” Jarvis responded that this is a code issue that has been discussed with the Fire Chief and must be posted. Shorkey stated that since they did get all the signatures on the petition that he would recommend that it be taken to the mayor as promised. This was seconded by Gibson. Jarvis stated that he as Fire Department representative did not agree “for the record”. Committee recommends that the petition by the homeowners and request for parking on both sides be presented to the mayor for review and that the previous Order from the Mayor to post no parking on one side of the street be rescinded.
- 22) Sturbridge Dr. - Committee did not discuss.
- 23) Downtown Handicap Parking at E. Main St. and N. Court St. - Committee did not discuss.
- 24) St Johns flashing beacon – Military St. - Committee did not discuss.
- 25) Penninsula Subdivision Three Way Stop requests
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- 26) Crosswalk / Left Turn conflict at Main St. and Court St. - Committee did not discuss.

- 27) Traffic signal phasing US 25 @ Showalter - Committee did not discuss.
- 28) US460 @Wendy's/Swifty's - Left turn conflicts - Committee did not discuss.
- 29) E. main loading zone removed
At the last committee meeting, this item was tabled pending a determination of what type of business locates in the empty building in front of this space. Reeves reported that it was still not known what type of business was to go in and recommended it be removed, seconded by Gibson. Committee recommends the loading zone be recommended to the mayor for removal.
- 30) Bradford Subdivision – Committee did not discuss.
- 31) No other Old Business was discussed.
- 32) Next meeting date is July 28, 2009, 5pm City Hall.
- 33) Motion to Adjourn – Reeves, second by Gibson. Passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Recommendations to the Mayor for Approval:

- 7) Install a “Deaf Child at Play” sign at 118 Hemingway, subject to City Attorney’s opinion on local government liability.
- 8) Install “No Parking here to Corner signs, 225 ft from Radius of intersection on the intersection of Payne St. and Main Ave.
- 10) Consider posting 10 minute parking or pickup only on two parking spots in front of Subway Restaurant on Main St. or allowing the purchase of the two spots by the Owner.
- 20) Rescind previous Executive Order to post “No Parking this Side of Street” signs along Marshall Park Drive and Parkside Drive in the Parkside Subdivision. This will allow un-restricted parking along the streets.
- 29) Remove the loading zone on E. Main St. in front of Suzanne’s Gifts and return it to parallel parking.