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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Everette L. Varney

FROM: Connie Tackett, Chairman

RE: Minutes and Recommendations – Traffic Committee Meeting February 8, 2011

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Present: Eric Larson, Jason Whitaker, Logan Baker, Scott Jarvis, Ed Saker, Todd Gambill, Terry Thomas, Larry Prather, Brian Shorkey, Bryan Sageser, David Lusby, Connie Tackett, Steve May, Jody Lynn Pozos, and Steve Price.

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- 1) Approval of minutes of April 13, 2010. Motion by Shorkey and seconded by Saker. Motion passed.
- 2) Welcome guests – Larson welcomed guests and stated the agenda would shuffle to allow their agenda items to be heard before other items.
- 3) Introduction of New Members – Larson introduced Larry Prather and Connie Tackett as the new City Council representatives, Todd Gambill representing the College, Jason Whitaker representing the Police, and Logan Baker representing Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

New Business

- 4) Election of New Chair. Larson nominated Connie Tackett. No further nominations were made. Motion by Larson and seconded by Prather. Motion passed.
- 5) Pedestrian, Speeding, and Motor Vehicle use issues
Steve Price, local citizen, presented the committee with a packet of information concerning his views on use of motor vehicles, promoting walking and bicycle use, and advocating agricultural production at home, traveling less, and localized small scale commerce. Tackett reminded him that this committee's focus was on responding to citizen concerns related mainly to motorized vehicle use but the committee would keep his ideas in mind when reviewing agenda items.
- 6) Final Turn Circle – On Street Parking – Not discussed.
- 7) Southgate Drive – On Street Parking
Larson states resident has requested No Parking on One Side of Street. Larson clarified that the Aberdine Dr. agenda item is this location and he put the address on the agenda due to a misunderstanding. Eric notes there are currently no parking restrictions. Steve May, the resident reporting the problem, presented



a packet of photos to the Committee. He noted that semi-truck parking is causing congestion and limits sight distance exiting businesses along this road. Trucks also blocking fire hydrants. He noted there is no No Parking sign but it doesn't look to be a City sign, but rather a private one. He requests No Parking on the North Side of the Road from US 25 to Christian Drive.

Sageser agrees it is a hazard and reminded the Committee that NFPA requires 20ft unobstructed access to streets. Whitaker also agreed with the need. Larson, Tackett, and Sageser all stated that it needs to be the entire block for ease of enforcement.

Thomas expressed concern that these trucks will simply move somewhere else and the Committee may be pushing the problem away, not solving it. Whitaker suggested PD contact the truck owners and operators and discuss the problem with them to educate them to limit that "push" from happening.

Motion to post No Parking This Side of Street on Southgate Drive on the north side from Christian Drive to US 25, contingent upon PD contacting violators and educating them on the changes to on-street parking being made. Made by Larson, second by Thomas. Motion passed.

- 8) 144 Coachman Place / Glory Coach Place – On Street Parking – Not discussed.
- 9) Adena Ridge Subdivision – On Street Parking – Not discussed.
- 10) Paynes Depot Road – Traffic Barrier Request – Not discussed.
- 11) Riveria Drive dead end at Shadowcreek Path – Not discussed.
- 12) Gatewood Subdivision – Dedication to the City – Not discussed.
- 13) Scroggins Park signage requests – Not discussed.
- 14) North Court St. behind Court House – Handicap Parking reserved parking spot
Larson states that Greg Reeves reports resident has requested a reserved handicap spot on this street. Resident Jody Lynn Pozos at 105 N. Court St. #5 (859-609-1818) states she is disabled and has a handicap tag and permit. However, downtown HC spot rules limit parking to 4 hours. She has been ticketed and fears being towed. She has discussed this with Chief Reeves in the past and suggested the Committee review this issue. Larson reminded the Committee that the amount of downtown parking for handicap was reviewed at the suggestion of the Committee within the past two years. Larson found that downtown has only one extra spot. Per the ADA, you are supposed to meet the minimum number on a block by block basis. The area around the court house, including N. Court St. has 2 extra; however, the block of Main St. from Broadway to Water St. is deficit one space, netting one extra from Water to Mulberry. Larson also notes the City has done reserved HC spots before but not in the downtown area. Whitaker suggest PD investigate further before making a decision. Motion by Larson to Table. Second by Jarvis. Motion passed.
- 15) Flinn Ct. @ Military St. – on-street parking at corner and entire block – Not discussed.
- 16) Kroger Development Plan
Eric reported to the committee the current status of the approvals for the Kroger site on the Bypass near Bradford Subdivision and Marshall Park. Eric shared a preliminary site plan and showed the committee the proposed connections to Marshall Park and Bradford Subdivision. Eric noted the concerns from the neighborhood about the extension of Grisham Drive from Bradford Subdivision. Eric pointed out the land use planning and access principals that recommend multiple access points to mitigate impact at any one particular location and reduction of the impact to major routes like Broadway and the Bypass. He noted some of the areas in town that have not done this in the past, such as Indian Acres, which resulted in overloading the major arterials and widening of those routes. Eric also pointed out how traffic modeling considers travel time and impediments to certain routes, such as on street parking, intersections,

stop signs, and alignment. Eric thinks these exist on Grisham Drive and will cause some drivers to divert away from this cut-through. However, it will still provide access to the site and park for local residents who drive, walk, or ride bikes. Eric finished by pointing out a pending revision to the site plan that will add additional length and curves to the new connection. Eric asked the Committee to support his recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council concerning the request to make the Grisham Drive connection as part of the plan approval.

Tackett agreed that interconnectivity was needed. She pointed out how the extension of Wellington Drive to Paynes Depot Road and Seminole to the Bypass were both feared when proposed but have turned out to be benefits. She also noted the extension of West Showalter to Seminole will provide even more interconnectivity.

Discussion was held about the Park's need for a connection to the Bypass. Larson noted that original intent of the project when the pool was built was to create these connections. Sageser noted the electronic gate was proposed because of the concern of safety of park users during events. The gate allows Parks to control flow when needed.

Motion by Shorkey to table this endorsement of the plan due to the postponement of the application until March and the pending revisions to the site plan. Second by Saker. Motion passed.

17) S. Broadway On Street Parking

Larson reported that the Mayor has requested the Committee to consider **prohibiting parking in front of the driveway at 205 S. Broadway, due to an ongoing issue on Sunday mornings. Larson commented to the Mayor that parking was also an issue in that entire area and the Committee should consider** limiting parking on the southbound side from Main Street to W. Clinton or W. Jackson. Larson notes there are existing parking signs with some time limitations. He has not measured the width yet but it does appear that the outside lane is not wide enough to be delineated with a separate parking lane and through travel lane. He pointed out the width is similar to the southbound lane on N. Broadway between Washington St. and Main St. In that case, KyTC specifically denied a City request to delineate parking with narrower than minimum parking and travel lane widths, which caused the City to post No Parking on this block. Whitaker notes that he has seen conflicts with parked cars that cause motorists to shift into the left lane, resulting in conflicts between drivers. Sageser notes not all residents and businesses along this stretch have driveways or off-street parking. Tackett suggests the Committee check for off-street parking and reporting back at the next meeting. Larson also asked KyTC to investigate. Motion to table by Larson, second by Whitaker. Motion passed.

18) No other New Business was discussed

Old Business

19) Sutton Place Blvd. – On Street Parking – Not discussed.

20) Bridge St. closure / Eastside Drive improvements

Eric reminded the committee that they reviewed the proposal by Norfolk Southern Railroad to close the bridge on Bridge St. due to its condition. Eric noted that the committee had recommended to the Mayor that Norfolk Southern Railroad should be the party to propose closing the Bridge and street, and those they should participate in the cost of mitigating the traffic impacts. Eric prepared a study that suggested the impact of the closure is moderate and that the proposed mitigation should include widening of Paris Road and Eastside Drive to provide turning lanes. This was due to the crash history, mostly involving rear ends and side swaps. In a meeting today with NSRR, NSRR has again stated their desire to remove the bridge and is willing to offer the City funds to be used to mitigate impact to motorized traffic. The exact amount has not been determined at this time but is expected to be sufficient enough to do the proposed widening Larson mentioned as well as provide some landscape improvements on the Paris Road RR overpass the City Council discussed last year. Larson stated a letter from NSRR is forthcoming for

CC consideration on February 28, 2011. Steve Price stated his objection to the closure and suggested it be barricaded for use by pedestrians and bikes only. Larson again pointed out the deficiencies of the bridge included vertical clearance and that the bridge had to be removed to eliminate that problem, regardless of the traffic stream on the bridge. Larson requested a motion to support the proposal to close the bridge and accept funds from NSRR to mitigate impacts offsite. Made by Shorkey. Second by Prather. Motion passed.

- 21) On-Street Parking Policy change / On-Street Parking Sub-committee – Not discussed.
- 22) MUTCD upgrade deadlines – Status report – Not discussed.
- 23) S. Mulberry One Way from College to Jackson
Eric noted that the Committee had approved this change over a year ago. Since then, a resident of Jackson St. complained that if traveling eastbound, and needing to go north, the one-way on Mulberry forces the driver to go all the way to Military St. He feels the need for college parking caused this change and would like to see the College provide more off-street parking and return this street to two-way traffic. Gambill responded by saying the College needs every space it has in and around campus and removing parking will only “push” the problem elsewhere. He also suggested that two way traffic on S. Mulberry is a safety concern for pedestrians and due to the narrow width of the road. Motion for No Action by Shorkey. Second by Thomas. Motion passed.
- 24) Hollyhock Drive On-Street parking and One Way signs – Not discussed.
- 25) No other Old Business was discussed

Tabled Business

The following items were noted as incomplete business for the Traffic Committee and staff to consider for future meetings. No discussion was held unless otherwise noted.

- 26) Speeding on Pocahontas Trail
- 27) Speeding on Harmony Ridge Blvd.
- 28) Speeding on Colony Blvd.
- 29) Speeding near School Cross walk on West Clinton St.
- 30) Elkhorn Green – No Parking Signs throughout subdivision
- 31) Fox Run Road in Elkhorn Green – No Parking change by Ordinance / Plat revision
- 32) College St. at Student Center Speed Hump request
- 33) Avondale Speed Hump Request
- 34) Speeding near 156 Cumberland Drive
- 35) Handicap Spots in Downtown Area
- 36) On Street parking in Parkside Subdivision
- 37) On Street parking on Sturbridge
- 38) E. Main St. crosswalk (at Galvin’s) modification
- 39) St. John School Flashing Beacon on Military St.
- 40) On Street parking on Beechwood
- 41) On Street parking on West Jackson
- 42) On Street parking on Cave Run Ct.
- 43) Three Way stops in Peninsula S/D at Barren River / Rough River and Rough River / Dale Hollow
- 44) Paris Road left turn conflicts at Wendys/Swifty area
- 45) Speeding on Old Oxford Road
- 46) Traffic Signal at Bypass and Hemingway
- 47) On Street parking Cherry Blossom S/D on Birkdale
- 48) Old Lemons Mill Road speed reduction
- 49) Bradford Subdivision On Street Parking signs

- 50) Speeding on Riveria Drive
- 51) On Street parking on Plymouth Ct.
- 52) Speeding on Elkhorn Green Place
- 53) Speeding on Louisa Lane
- 54) N. Water St. speed humps
- 55) Speeding in Derby Estates – War Admiral and Citation
- 56) On Street parking in CDS Bulb near 203 Harmony Ridge
- 57) School signs on East Main for St. John’s School
- 58) Remove 4 way stops on Seminole Trail at Hutchins and Copperfield
- 59) US 25 / Payne Ave. traffic signal
- 60) Speeding on West Showalter Drive
- 61) Traffic Calming Program Development
- 62) No other Tabled Business was discussed

- 63) Next meeting date – March 8, 2011, 4:30pm City Hall
Larson proposed a new meeting time. Motion to change to 4:30 had one objection. Larson stated the Committee could reconsider the time next month.

- 64) Motion to Adjourn by Shorkey and seconded by Whitaker. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Recommendations to the Mayor for Approval:

- 7) Post No Parking This Side of Street on Southgate Drive on the north side from Christian Drive to US 25. Order Police to patrol street and contact violators and discuss the new parking restrictions with them.