



Minutes

Royal Oak Citizens Traffic Committee Meeting

September 24, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Commission Chambers Room 121
203 South Troy Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Present: Carl Laubach
Dan Godek
Joe Labataille
Sean Dunlop
Thomas Allen

Absent: Clyde Esbri
Michael Tash

Staff Present: Holly Donoghue
Amy Kelly

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Godek at 6:30pm.

2. Roll Call and Preamble

Chairperson Dan Godek recited the preamble for the Citizens Traffic Committee.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Thomas Allen

Seconded by: Joe Labataille

Motion to approve the previous minutes.

Motion Adopted

4. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

Chairperson Dan Godek opened the floor to public comment. One resident came forward:

Susan Williams - 350 N Main St - stated that since 118 N Main has been under construction, the street lights on the East side of Main Street have not been working. Construction seems to have stopped but the street lights have not been

fixed. Resident does not feel safe walking there when the street lights are not on and wants this investigated.

Chairperson Godek closed public comment.

5. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

6. New Business

6.a Request to Install Speed Humps on Forest Avenue

The staff analysis and recommendation was presented by City Engineer Donoghue. Chairperson Dan Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue.

Charles Cassavoy of 121 Forest Ave spoke in favor of the speed humps because of the large amount of foot traffic and business traffic on the street. He was concerned that the road would not be resurfaced until 2032.

Gina Hurst of 503 Forest Ave spoke in favor of the speed humps.

Moved by: Thomas Allen

Seconded by: Carl Laubach

Motion to accept staff recommendation to install two speed humps and speed hump signage and striping on Forest Avenue between Main Street and Rosedale Avenue as shown in the submitted petition.

Ayes (6): Carl Laubach, Dan Godek, Joe Labataille, Sean Dunlop, Thomas Allen, and Michael Tash

Motion Adopted (6 to 0)

6.b Request to Review Speeding Concerns on W. Lincoln Avenue

The staff analysis and recommendation was presented by City Engineer Donoghue. Chairperson Dan Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue.

Andrew of 619 W Lincoln stated he does not want option C because a lot of people use the street parking and eliminating half of it would be an issue. He supports option D, the digital speed signs because he is worried about congestion on Lincoln.

Alexander Nita of 506 W Lincoln stated that since he submitted this request, another vehicle has been totaled. He met with the police chief and Commissioner Kolo and he did notice a reduction in speed when the temporary speed monitor trailer was put out. He does not want to remove parking on Lincoln. He wants the directional apps people have on their

cell phones to remove the pin for Lincoln and direct traffic elsewhere. If parking has to be removed, he would want permit parking for the residents on the side street.

Jim Rasor of 502 W Lincoln - stated he likes option B if he had to choose. He would prefer bump-outs and islands that are in place along E Lincoln and Normandy and thinks they would work in this case. The bollards in option B would be in front of his house and he is ok with that. He is opposed to Option C because it would shift moving traffic closer to the houses on the north side of the road. He also recommended making the parking lanes bigger and driving lanes smaller, and that perhaps striping the individual parking stalls along Lincoln would help emphasize that it is a parking zone.

Christa Greenwood of 512 W Lincoln stated her vehicle was totaled and two other vehicles have been damaged. She likes option B. She recommended our DPS Dept check with Ferndale's DPS Dept to see how they manage snow clearing around the bollards. She does not want to lose street parking on Lincoln.

David Burress of 521 W Lincoln stated he had his mirror hit about 10 years ago. He wants to keep street parking on Lincoln. He said the major issue is people drunk driving and he wants more police enforcement of the speeding and drunk driving.

Chairperson Godek closed public comment.

The committee discussed the various options, and noted that Option B could be modified to move the "legs" of the trapezoid-shaped bollard configuration to allow for a snow plowing path. This would result in 4 to 5 bollards along the parking zone with hatched pavement striping.

Moved by: Carl Laubach
Seconded by: Sean Dunlop

Motion to install Option B, Bollard Bumpouts with road striping, except remove the diagonal bollards that extend through the parking lane at each proposed location.

Ayes (6): Carl Laubach, Dan Godek, Joe Labataille, Sean Dunlop, Thomas Allen, and Michael Tash

Motion Adopted (6 to 0)

6.c Accessible Parking on W. Second Street

The staff analysis and recommendation was presented by City Engineer Donoghue. Chairperson Dan Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

Moved by: Thomas Allen
Seconded by: Michael Tash

Motion to accept staff recommendation to repaint W. Second Street between S. Washington and S. Center Street to allow for one lane of through traffic, a loading zone on the south side of the road, and parallel parking on the north side with two of the parking stalls to be accessible.

Ayes (5): Carl Laubach, Dan Godek, Joe Labataille, Thomas Allen, and Michael Tash

Nays (1): Sean Dunlop

Motion Adopted (5 to 1)

6.d Request to Review Traffic Blocking Entrance/Exit of Main North Lofts

The staff analysis and recommendation was presented by City Engineer Donoghue. Chairperson Dan Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue.

Dung (Yoom) Lam of 350 N Main - stated she does not want the two bollards at the loading dock because she thinks it will take away a zone for short-term deliveries on the street and cause trucks to block the residential garage doors. She noted that the loading dock doors are not regularly in use.

John of 350 N Main stated he does not want the bollards in front of the loading dock doors. He only wants the bollards in front of the residential exit/entrance doors.

Susan Williams of 350 N Main stated she only wants bollards in front of the residential exit/entrance doors. She thinks the bollards in front of the loading dock will hinder garbage pick up.

Joe Stephenson stated he does not live in 350 N Main. He only wants paint markings to say 'Residential Parking' and 'Loading Zone'.

Theresa Barley of 350 N Main stated she is against having any bollards. She wants time restrictions on the metered parking so that deliveries could be made at the meters during certain times of the day. She said the trucks will have a hard time maneuvering around the bollards.

Chairperson Godek closed public comment.

Member Labataille thought that angled parking on this street might be a good idea because it is such a wide roadway.

Member Dunlop was opposed to the installation, and thought pavement marking might be a better option.

Moved by: Carl Laubach
Seconded by: Joe Labataille

Motion to install three (3) reboundable, surface-mounted bollards on the south side of E University Avenue lined up with the parking garage columns for the Main North Lofts building, four feet off the face of curb.

Ayes (5): Carl Laubach, Dan Godek, Joe Labataille, Thomas Allen, and Michael Tash

Nays (1): Sean Dunlop

Motion Adopted (5 to 1)

6.e Request to Review Parking Guidance Sign on De Villen Avenue Adjacent to Red Run Park

The staff analysis and recommendation was presented by City Engineer Donoghue. Chairperson Dan Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

Moved by: Sean Dunlop
Seconded by: Thomas Allen

Motion to accept staff recommendation to remove the "For Park Use, Park in School Lots on Girard" signs from the north side of De Villen Avenue between N. Alexander Avenue and N. Vermont Avenue.

Ayes (6): Carl Laubach, Dan Godek, Joe Labataille, Sean Dunlop, Thomas Allen, and Michael Tash

Motion Adopted (6 to 0)

6.f Request to Install Crosswalk Striping and Signs on Detroit Avenue at Elizabeth Avenue

The staff analysis and recommendation was presented by City Engineer Donoghue. Chairperson Dan Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue.

Joyce Holladay of 303 Detroit Ave stated she is in support of the staff recommendation and wants the crosswalk.

Moved by: Carl Laubach
Seconded by: Thomas Allen

Motion to accept staff recommendation to install white crosswalk striping and two (2) W11-2 signs with W16-7P plaques at the intersection of Detroit Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue at the existing north/south crosswalk.

Ayes (6): Carl Laubach, Dan Godek, Joe Labataille, Sean Dunlop, Thomas Allen, and Michael Tash

Motion Adopted (6 to 0)

6.g Review and Analysis of Traffic Calming Installations

The staff analysis and recommendation was presented by City Engineer Donoghue. Chairperson Dan Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

Moved by: Sean Dunlop

Seconded by: Thomas Allen

Motion to accept staff recommendation to perform studies on Gardenia Avenue (N. Main Street to Stephenson Highway) and on Normandy Road (Coolidge Highway to Crooks Road) to evaluate the speed limit.

Ayes (6): Carl Laubach, Dan Godek, Joe Labataille, Sean Dunlop, Thomas Allen, and Michael Tash

Motion Adopted (6 to 0)

7. Information Only Items

None at this time.

7.a Results of Previous Traffic Committee Recommendations

No comments at this time

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Moved by: Thomas Allen

Seconded by: Carl Laubach

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm

Ayes (6): Carl Laubach, Dan Godek, Joe Labataille, Sean Dunlop, Thomas Allen, and Michael Tash

Motion Adopted (6 to 0)