

# City of Lawrence

## Traffic Safety Commission

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### June 1, 2015 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Ziegelmeyer Jr., Chair; Ryan Devlin, Vice-Chair; Dave Crawford; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Tony Jones; Steven Koprince; and Chris Storm

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ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, May 4, 2015.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along both sides of Crestline Drive from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Bob Billings Parkway.

Staff Report:

1. Crestline Drive is classified as a "collector" street between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Bob Billings Parkway; it is paved approximately 26 feet wide and the posted speed limit is 30mph.
2. Parking is currently permitted along the east side of the street from Yale Road to Harvard Road; and,
3. Parking is currently permitted along the west side of the street from a point 115 feet south of 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Yale Road.
4. There have been no reported crashes between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Harvard Road during the past three (3) years.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to establish a MULTI-WAY STOP on Overland Drive at the Free State High School East Driveway, at the Free State High School West Driveway, and at Champion Lane.

Staff Report:

1. Criteria for application of MULTI-WAY STOP locations are found in the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, as published by the Federal Highway Administration.
2. None of the criteria is currently met for any of the locations requested; in addition, two (2) of the locations requested are private driveways, not public streets.
3. There have been two (2) reported crashes in this area during the past three (3) years; one (1) eastbound and one (1) westbound; both were rear-end crashes, each involving three (3) vehicles.
4. It should be noted, that although the out-of-pocket cost to the city for a single stop sign is approximately \$75, the actual costs to motorists due to increased operating expenses can be significant. Adding three (3) stop locations along Overland Drive could cost motorists approximately \$115,000-\$187,000 per year under the current volume of traffic of approximately 10,300 vehicles per day. This does not include other costs; and, does not include the negative effect on quality of life from increased pollution from vehicle exhaust, brake dust and tire particles.

ITEM NO. 4: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 5: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 6: Staff Items.

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June 1, 2015 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Ziegelmeyer, Jr., Chair; Ryan Devlin, Vice-Chair; Dave Crawford; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Tony Jones; and, Chris Storm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Koprince

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Betty Alderson, Jeanne Pees, Don Spradling

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The meeting was called to order by John Ziegelmeyer, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, May 4, 2015.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, MAY 4, 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along both sides of Crestline Drive from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Bob Billings Parkway.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted additional correspondence received on this item.

## Public Comments:

Don Spradling, 2710 Oxford Road: The biggest problem is traffic during the peak hour when both schools let-out; a lot of people park in that area to pick people up and it causes a serious congestion issue; there isn't any parking on Crestline except in this area which is the busiest area on Crestline; this would affect a couple of houses, but, I have noticed there isn't much on-street parking during the evenings; when there is a bus on Crestline the whole area gets congested; a lot of parents park on Crestline to pick up students from the middle school; although there haven't been any accidents recently, there have been a number of close calls; before we can work with the school to get parents off Crestline, we need to get standardized no parking along Crestline.

Jeanne Pees, 2905 Stratford Court, President of Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association: When cars are parked on Crestline between 9<sup>th</sup> and Yale, it makes it very difficult for traffic on Crestline; so we are asking that you put no parking on that stretch; just because of safety purposes and weather conditions and hills and curves, we think for sure that we would like to see no parking between 9<sup>th</sup> and Yale; it is dangerous when you come down Crestline during school hours with cars parked there.

## Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Jones asked Spradling where the vehicles would go if parking isn't permitted; Spradling stated he didn't have an answer for that.

Commissioner Jones asked Spradling if the time frame for the congestion was 40-50 minutes after school lets out; Spradling stated that was correct.

Commissioner Devlin asked Spradling if there was a similar problem before school in the morning; Spradling stated there wasn't a problem in the morning.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked Spradling if prohibiting parking during a certain time period would solve the problem; Spradling stated would solve a lot of the problems.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked Spradling if most of the people were sitting in their cars while they were waiting; Spradling stated that was accurate on the west side of Crestline near the middle school.

Commissioner Harrod asked Spradling what no parking 8am-5pm weekdays would do for the situation; Spradling stated that would be a viable option.

Commissioner Crawford asked Spradling if he thought the people waiting on Crestline were trying the skirt the set-up plan for picking up students; Spradling stated they may be skirting, but they are perfectly legal.

Commissioner Jones: I don't see how restricting parking would make things any smoother. Spradling stated there are a number of other places where the waiting could take place.

Commissioner Storm asked is the City had prohibited standing anywhere else in the city; Woosley advised that No Parking, No Stopping, No Standing had been established on Mississippi Street across from Pinckney Elementary School.

Commission Harrod asked Pees if this had been discussed within the neighborhood; Pees advised that she had e-mailed all the members and requested that they forward their concerns to the city.

Commissioner Storm noted that he didn't think establishing no parking would improve the flow of traffic on Crestline when school lets out, however, it is a short duration, but, from a consistency standpoint, having no parking makes sense.

Commissioner Hoskinson: I think the no parking would potentially discourage some of the standing too.

Commissioner Devlin: I do see the validity in that argument.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG BOTH SIDES OF CRESTLINE DRIVE FROM 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO BOB BILLINGS PARKWAY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to establish a MULTI-WAY STOP on Overland Drive at the Free State High School East Driveway, at the Free State High School West Driveway, and at Champion Lane.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

None.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A MULTI-WAY STOP ON OVERLAND DRIVE AT THE FREE STATE HIGH SCHOOL EAST DRIVEWAY, AT THE FREE STATE HIGH SCHOOL WEST DRIVEWAY, AND AT CHAMPION LANE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

ITEM NO. 4:

Public Comment.

None.

ITEM NO. 5:

Commission Items:

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015-2016.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO ELECT RYAN DEVLIN AS CHAIR AND CHRIS STORM AS VICE CHAIR OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2015 TO 30 JUNE 2016; THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM NO. 8:

Staff Items:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, July 6, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Woosley*

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