

**AGENDA EXPLANATION
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
November 24, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL

PREAMBLE

"The Traffic Committee consists of Royal Oak property owners appointed by the City Commission. We are volunteers and are not paid or elected. What we decide tonight is merely a recommendation to the City Commission. If you do not agree with the findings or decisions of this committee, you may go before the City Commission and petition and/or discuss your issue with them. At this meeting you will be given an opportunity to speak during your item on the agenda. However, at the City Commission meeting, you must be recognized during "public comment" on their agenda, not when the Traffic Committee resolutions are being voted upon. Otherwise you will not be able to voice your concerns.

It is important to understand that professionals make preliminary recommendations to the Traffic Committee. They consist of civil and traffic engineers, outside consultants and public safety officials. You may have been informed that these professionals have denied your request or petition. This denial does not mean that this committee will vote that way; however, we are committed to discussing the issues at hand in a pragmatic and sensible manner. Our ultimate recommendation to the City Commission will be one that benefits our citizens and community as a whole."

2. MINUTES – September 22, 2009

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - Items not on the agenda

4. RESCHEDULED ITEMS

4.A. Request to install a mid-block crossing on Girard at Lauren Ct.

A request was received from Jim Schneider, 2619 Lauren Court, Royal Oak, MI 48073 to install a mid-block crossing on Girard at Lauren Ct.

The Staff Traffic Committee has reviewed this request and determined that (1) Girard is a 37 ft. wide back to back concrete major street. (2) The requested crossing is a "T" intersection mid block on Girard. (3) The estimated ADT for Girard is 800. (3) Lauren Ct. is located approximately 355 ft. east of Ardmore, a 4-way stop intersection with Girard. (4) As a general policy, the Engineering Department does not install sidewalk crossing at midblock intersections.

This item was first addressed at the September 22, 2009 Traffic Committee Meeting. At that meeting the Traffic Committee recommended tabling this item to November 24, 2009 to allow time for the Engineering Department to provide an aerial map and offer alternative recommendations.

(1) Aerial map of the area is attached with pedestrian crossing for Girard from the east side of Lauren Court (Exhibit 4.A.-5). (2) The estimated cost for a pedestrian crossing for Girard at Lauren is \$5,000. (3) TIA review of Girard and Lauren Court

recommends against mid block crossing. (See Exhibit 4.A.-3) (4) TIA recommends a pedestrian crossing at Ardmore west of Lauren Court.

Moved by: Wil White
Supported by: Greg Rassel

Suggested Recommendation:

Pedestrian crossing for Girard be installed at Ardmore with additional pavement markings.

Estimated City Cost: \$200.00

The Staff Traffic Committee is in unanimous agreement with the recommendation.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.A. Request to remove “No Parking” signs at the west corner of Farnum at Catalpa.

A request was received from Matt Elliott, Manager, Maple Grove Manor Apartments, 6966 Crooks Road, Ste. 24, Troy, MI 48098 to remove “No Parking” signs at the west side of Farnum at Catalpa.

The Staff Traffic Committee has reviewed this request and determined that (1) Farnum south of Catalpa is a boulevard for 160 ft. before becoming a 27’ wide back to back asphalt over concrete street. (2) The east/north side of Farnum is a designated fire route and signaled “No Parking”. (3) The boulevard section is 20’ back to back for the south/eastbound lanes. (4) Parking could be allowed from 30 ft. south of Catalpa to 160 ft. south of Catalpa for an additional 8 parking spaces.

Moved by: Greg Rassel
Supported by: Doug Hedges

Suggested Recommendation:

Remove the existing “No Parking” sign for southbound Farnum from Catalpa to 160 ft. south of Catalpa.

Estimated City Cost: \$235.00

The Staff Traffic Committee is in unanimous agreement with the recommendation.

5.B. Request to remove “No Parking” signs on E. Parent east of Delaware Ave. and west of the CN RR.

A request was received from George Vinocur, 406 E. Parent, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067 to remove “No Parking” signs on E. Parent east of Delaware Ave. and west of the CN RR.

The Staff Traffic Committee has reviewed this request and determined that (1) Parent is a 27’ wide back to back concrete street with “No Parking” on the north side of Parent from S. Main to CN RR. (2) Parking is allowed on the south side of Parent between Delaware and CN RR. (3) An evaluation of the petition to remove the “No

Parking” on the north side of Parent between Delaware and CN RR shows 8% in favor of the removal. (4) Metro Lofts is located on the north side of Parent. (5) The south side of Parent is zoned both single-family residential and commercial.

Moved by: Greg Rassel
Supported by: Wil White

Suggested Recommendation:

The request to remove the “No Parking” signs on the north side of Parent be denied due to lack of support for the removal.

Estimated City Cost: \$

The Staff Traffic Committee is in unanimous agreement with the recommendation.

5.C. Request to install a “Do Not Enter” sign at the end of Longfellow Avenue.

A request was received from Tim Huber, 1115 Longfellow Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067 to install a “Do Not Enter” sign on the end of Longfellow Avenue.

The Staff Traffic Committee has reviewed this request and determined that (1) Longfellow is currently signed “No Thru Traffic” at Lincoln and at Irving. (2) Traffic counts for the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of June, 2009 average 542 vehicles per day. (3) The 85th percentile for Longfellow was 28MPH. (4) The ADT for Mohawk in 2003 south of Harrison was 796.

Moved by: Greg Rassel
Supported by: Doug Hedges

Suggested Recommendation:

The request for “Do Not Enter” sign for Longfellow at Irving be denied.

Estimated City Cost: \$

The Staff Traffic Committee is in unanimous agreement with the recommendation.

5.D. Request to remove “No Parking 9AM-5PM Except Sat-Sun & Holidays” signs on the north and south side of Phillips Place between 11 Mile Rd. and E. Third St.

A request was received from Julie Cieszanski, 207 Phillips Place, Royal Oak, MI 48067 to remove “No Parking 9AM-5PM Except Sat-Sun & Holidays” signs on the north and south side of Phillips Place between 11 Mile Rd. and E. Third St.

The Staff Traffic Committee has reviewed this request and determined that (1) Phillips Place is a 27’ back to back asphalt street with new curb and gutter from 11 Mile Rd. to Fourth St. (2) Phillips Place is currently signed “No Parking 9AM-5PM Except Sat-Sun & Holidays”. (3) An evaluation of a petition requesting removal of “No Parking 9AM-5PM Except Sat-Sun & Holidays” signs on the east and west side of Phillips Place between 11 Mile Road and E. Third St. shows 72% in favor of removing the parking restrictions.

Moved by: Greg Rassel
Supported by: Wil White

Suggested Recommendation:

Hold a public hearing at the November 24, 2009 Citizens Traffic Committee Meeting for residents on Phillips Place between 11 Mile Road and E. Third St. to hear comments for and against removing "No Parking 9AM-5PM Except Sat-Sun & Holidays" signs on the east and west side of Phillips Place between 11 Mile Rd. and E. Third St.

The Staff Traffic Committee is in unanimous agreement with the recommendation.

6. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Royal Oak Middle School implemented a new traffic signing/traffic pattern procedure for student drop-off and pick-up for the start of the 2009/2010 school year. To compare how the traffic improvements at Royal Oak Middle School impacted traffic volumes on Marywood, traffic counts were taken prior to the close of school in the spring of 2009 and again this fall. There has been no significant change in traffic volume and the 85th percentile went from 30MPH in the spring to 28MPH in the fall.

7. ADJOURN

Elden R. Danielson, City Engineer

cc: Traffic Committee Members, Incl. Ex-Officio Members
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- 4.A. Jim Schneider, 2619 Lauren Ct., Royal Oak, MI 48073**
- 5.A. Matt Elliott, Manager, Maple Grove Manor Apartments, 6966 Crooks Road, Ste. 24, Troy, MI 48098**
- 5.B. George Vinocur, 406 E. Parent, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067**
- 5.C. Tim Huber, 1115 Longfellow Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067**
- 5.D. Julie Cieszanski, 207 Phillips Place, Royal Oak, MI 48067**