

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, April 19, 2017 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Don Johnson
Cindy Nurak
Al Petrusis
Sunil Sivaraman
Cynthia Wilsher
Pete Ziegenfelder
Muyang Wang (Student Representative)

Absent: Richard Kilmer

Also present: Dean Arthur, 67 Scottsdale
Karen Beard, 2034 Applewood
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – March 15, 2017

Resolution # 2017-04-12
Moved by Wilsher
Seconded by Petrusis

To approve the March 15, 2017 minutes as printed.

Yes: Johnson, Nurak, Petrusis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request for No Parking Zone – Scottsdale Drive

A resident request was received to post the inside of the curve along Scottsdale Drive as a No Parking zone. The outside of the curve is already posted No Parking due to fire hydrants.

The resident reports that multiple cars park along the curve and it creates a sight distance

obstruction when coupled with the landscaping in the front yard of 54 Scottsdale Drive. The problem is exacerbated at night as the area is very dark with no street lights.

Traffic Engineering received one (1) email in support of establishing a No Parking zone on the inside of the curve along Scottsdale Drive.

Dean Arthur of 67 Scottsdale spoke in favor of and in opposition to establishing a No Parking zone on the inside of the cul-de-sac/bulb out along Scottsdale. Mr. Arthur questioned why the cul-de-sac/bulb out area on the east side of Scottsdale is posted No Parking as there appears to be sufficient room for vehicles to park along the curve and still provide room for emergency vehicle access. He agrees that parking on the inside of the curve (on the west side of Scottsdale Drive) can be dangerous, especially at night. Mr. Arthur supported his argument for allowing parking in the cul-de-sac/bulb out based on the long distance to the existing fire hydrants, one is at #121 Scottsdale and the other is at the boulevard entrance. He supports posting the inside of the curve along Scottsdale as a No Parking zone if parking is permitted within the cul-de-sac/bulb out on Scottsdale. If both sides are posted no parking there will be no place for family members and/or guests to park which would create a hardship for the residents in this area.

Mr. Sivaraman asked about other areas similar to this in the city. He discussed that the cul-de-sac/bulb out in question is different than other cul-de-sacs as the Scottsdale location has no island and is similar to a "bowl" where vehicles could park along the curb within the area and not protrude out into Scottsdale while still allowing emergency vehicle access.

Lt. Caloia was asked if he thought parking in the cul-de-sac/bulb out would present an issue for emergency vehicle access. He responded that the fire department does not anticipate an issue with parking in the cul-de-sac/bulb out as long as vehicles do not project out into Scottsdale.

Ms. Wilsher asked if the parking restrictions were removed, within the cul-de-sac/bulb out area, whether the area would be open to the public or restricted to residents in the cul-de-sac. [The area would be open to parking for all].

Resolution # 2017-04-13

Moved by Petrulis

Seconded by Sivaraman

RESOLVED, that a NO PARKING zone be **ESTABLISHED** on the west and north sides of Scottsdale Drive, adjacent to 54 Scottsdale Drive, on the inside of the curve.

Yes: Johnson, Nurak, Petrulis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Wilsher noted that posting the inside of the curve would be consistent with other areas in the city.

Resolution # 2017-04-14
Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Sivaraman

RESOLVED, that the no parking restrictions be **REMOVED** on the east side of Scottsdale Drive, within the cul-de-sac/bulb out adjacent to #67, #51 and #37 Scottsdale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that signs be **POSTED** at the point of intersection of the right-of-way line along Scottsdale Drive and the cul-de-sac/bulb out at the southwest and northeast ends of the cul-de-sac/bulb out to delineate that parking is **ALLOWED** within the cul-de-sac/bulb out.

Yes: Johnson, Nurak, Petrulis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for “DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION” Sign – Wattles Road at Summerfield

Larry Heugh, acting as a representative of The Enclave of Troy homeowners association, requests a “DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION” sign at the intersection of Summerfield Drive and Wattles Road.

Westbound traffic backs up on Wattles Road at John R through the Summerfield Drive intersection making ingress/egress difficult from The Enclave condominium development. There is an existing traffic signal at Wattles and John R and during peak hours traffic may back up to and beyond Summerfield Drive making turns difficult.

The Troy Police Department was consulted regarding this request and confirmed that this is a valid concern and would not object to posting a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign at this location.

Traffic Engineering received one (1) email in support of posting a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign at the intersection of Wattles Road at Summerfield Drive.

Karen Beard of 2034 Applewood stated that she attended the meeting to represent The Enclave of Troy and herself. She stated that there has been a lot of construction on Wattles Road recently and that backups have been worse during this time. Ms. Beard questioned whether it was as much of an issue when things are “back to normal” with no construction.

Sgt. Szumiski stated that the Troy Police Department was consulted on this request and supports the installation of a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign as the issue was present prior to construction and anticipates it will continue after construction is complete. He noted that there are other, similar intersections where DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION signs have been posted in the city.

Mr. Sivaraman discussed a new subdivision that is approved to the east of this location that will add traffic to Wattles Road and may make the situation worse.

Mr. Johnson asked about the legality of blocking an intersection, whether it is posted or not. He added that Summerfield Drive is located close to the Wattles/John R intersection and with the multiple lane configuration on Wattles Road at the intersection that congestion/confusion can be very high during peak hours.

Resolution # 2017-04-15
Moved by Johnson
Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign with appropriate pavement markings be **APPROVED** for installation on westbound Wattles Road at Summerfield Drive.

Yes: Johnson, Nurak, Petrusis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder
No: None
Absent: Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment made.

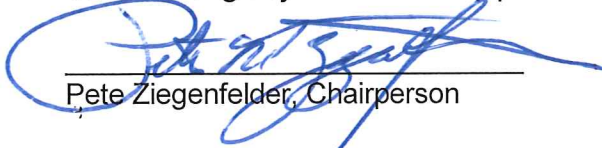
6. Other Business

Ms. Nurak asked about maintenance of the yellow pavement markings on southbound Dequindre, south of Square Lake. She states that the pavement markings have worn off and drivers are having a difficult time with lane assignments. Traffic Engineering will contact the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) to see if there are plans to place new pavement markings in this area. Dequindre Road is under the jurisdiction of the RCOC and they provide maintenance of the road.

An update on summer road construction was provided by the Traffic Engineer.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer