

The Traffic Committee Meeting was held in the Lower Level Conference Room, Troy City Hall, on January 17, 1985. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Vice Chairman Frank Taube.

ITEM: 1 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gerald Blake
Arthur Cotsonika
John Diefenbaker
Robert Hanna
Kenneth Muenk
Frank Taube

ABSENT: William Rudell

Also present were the following:

Don Arnold, 1990 Torquay, Royal Oak
Mr. & Mrs. Gill, 1185 Torpey Drive
Mr. & Mrs. Linton, 1170 Torpey Drive
Angelo S. Lammi, 1970 Brinston

and Richard F. Beaubien, Transportation Engineer
Lt. William Maur, Traffic Safety Division
Don Mouch, Fire Inspector

ITEM: 2 MINUTES - NOVEMBER 28, 1984

Moved by Blake
Supported by Cotsonika

Recommend that the minutes of the November 28, 1984 Traffic Committee Meeting be approved as printed.

YEAS: 6 Blake, Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Hanna, Muenk, Taube
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rudell

MOTION PASSED

ITEM: 3 VISITORS TIME

No one appeared before the Committee for items not on the agenda.

ITEM: 4 INSTALL "NO TURN ON RED" SIGN ON MEIJER DRIVE AT CROOKS.

Don Arnold, Association Manager for Coventry Park Homes Association in Royal Oak, asked that the City of Troy reconsider installing a "No Turn on Red" sign on Meijer Drive at Crooks Road. Troy City Council considered this suggestion at their meeting of July 9, 1984 and approved the following resolution, "Resolved, that no change be made in existing signs at Meijer and Crooks and that the Transportation Engineer investigate improving coordination of this traffic signal with the signal at 14 Mile and Crooks Road in the City of Royal Oak".

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The question of signal coordination was referred to the Oakland County Road Commission, which is responsible for the signal operation and maintenance work along Crooks Road.

New traffic studies were conducted on Crooks and Meijer Drive on November 27, 1984. During the afternoon peak traffic period of 4-6 PM we found 18 turns on red from Meijer onto southbound Crooks between 4-5 PM. During the 5-6 PM period there were 26 turns on red. Thus, during the afternoon peak traffic period, right turns on red occur at a frequency of approximately one-half per signal cycle or 1 per 2 signal cycles.

Our studies on November 27 confirmed that Meijer Drive traffic has the most impact on the Coventry Park Homes development when the traffic signal is green for Meijer Drive. During the same two hour period, 4-6 PM on November 27, we observed 428 right turns on green from Meijer to southbound Crooks. Because right turns on red from Meijer onto Crooks are relatively rare events, prohibition of this movement would have relatively little impact on the ability of the Coventry Park Homes residents to gain access to Crooks Road.

If the ability to gain access to Crooks Road is a continuing problem, the Condominium Association may wish to provide an access drive to Meijer Drive so that the Condominium co-owners may gain access to Crooks Road via Meijer Drive and take advantage of the existing traffic signal.

Mr. Arnold appeared before the Committee on behalf of his request. He stated that he is still receiving complaints about being unable to enter Crooks Road from Wickham, a private street, and from Torquay, a City street in Royal Oak. He noted, however, the absence of any support at the meeting of the condo residents.

Mr. Arnold commented on the suggestion of constructing an access drive to Meijer Drive. He said that it would become a through street and they do not need that. He then questioned the Oakland County Road Commission response to signal coordination. Mr. Beaubien replied that he is not sure what the Oakland County Road Commission has done or what can be done because of the current lack of interconnect at 14 Mile Road.

Mr. Taube asked the distance of the drive south of Meijer and was told 300-400 feet. Mr. Arnold added that industrial construction in the area is causing more traffic on Meijer Drive. Mr. Taube stated that he works in the area and has not observed or experienced any problems. He did not feel that openings would be affected by a "No Turn on Red" sign and that there should be enough gaps without the sign.

Moved by Taube

Supported by Blake

Recommend that no change be made in existing signs on Meijer Drive at Crooks.

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YEAS: 6 Blake, Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Hanna, Muenk, Taube
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rudell

MOTION PASSED

ITEM: 5 INSTALL "NO PARKING, 5PM-10PM" SIGNS ON THE SOUTH
SIDE OF TORPEY ALONG THE FRONTAGE OF 1220 TORPEY.

In the attached letter John Fica, 1220 Torpey, asks that the City of Troy reconsider the question of additional parking regulations for Torpey Street. Specifically, he requests that "No Parking, 5PM-10PM" signs be installed on the south side of Torpey adjacent to his property. "No Parking" signs are currently installed along the north side of Torpey Drive.

The Traffic Committee considered a similar request from Mr. Fica at their meeting of July 18, 1984. At this meeting several other residents of Torpey Drive appeared to present a petition objecting to any change in existing parking regulations on Torpey. These residents felt that a prohibition of parking in front of Mr. Fica's home would move the parking problem to other properties along the street.

Troy City Council considered this question at their meeting of August 6, 1984, and concurred with the Traffic Committee recommendation that no change be made in the parking regulations. The City Council also urged that the Troy School District consider providing additional parking on the Baker School site.

Mr. Fica did not appear before the Committee on behalf of his request. However, neighboring residents on Torpey did appear to express their opposition to Mr. Fica's request. They feel that they need the parking on one side of the street, and if there are cars blocking Mr. Fica's driveway during an evening function at Baker Middle School, he could have them towed away.

Mr. Hanna asked if there had been any response from the Troy School District to the urging from City Council for additional parking at Baker Middle School. Mr. Beaubien indicated that he was not aware of any response, but Mrs. Gill noted that she had heard the parking was to be an item for consideration by the School District in the spring.

Mrs. Gill went on to say that during the last evening function at Baker there was parking on both sides of the street. Although the police were called, no tickets were issued. Lt. Maur questioned the lack of citing and asked if they knew the policeman's name. Mr. Gill commented that he had gone over to the school to talk to the principal and was told that the function was almost over. For this reason, the policeman decided to let it go this time. Mr. Gill did not get the policeman's name.

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Mr. Diefenbaker considered the number of evening events held at Baker during the school year. Five or six was thought to be the maximum. Mrs. Gill said that Mr. Fica knew he would be next to the school when he bought. She feels there should be no parking on the fire hydrant side of the street, as currently posted, for emergency vehicles, but that parking is needed on the south side of the street.

Moved by Blake

Supported by Hanna

Recommend that no change be made in existing parking regulations along Torpey.

YEAS: 6 Blake, Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Hanna, Muenk, Taube
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rudell

MOTION PASSED

ITEM: 6 INSTALL "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF WILSHIRE DRIVE.

The developers of the Wilshire Plaza office building have recently constructed a new east-west road, approximately 800 feet north of Big Beaver Road, to connect Crooks Road with Troy Center Drive. This road is intended to be a public street and we expect the City Council will accept jurisdiction of this street in the near future. When the City of Troy accepts jurisdiction, "No Parking" signs should be installed on both sides of the street. Parked cars along this drive would reduce the capacity of the street and create some potential traffic safety hazards.

It was indicated that there are "No Parking" signs already installed, but an ordinance would be needed for enforcement when jurisdiction is accepted.

Moved by Blake

Supported by Taube

Recommend that "No Parking" signs be installed on both sides of Wilshire Drive.

YEAS: 6 Blake, Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Hanna, Muenk, Taube
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rudell

MOTION PASSED

ITEM: 7 INSTALL "DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY" SIGN
ON BRINSTON AT 1970 BRINSTON.

The attached letter from Angelo S. Lanni of Florence Cement Company, 1970 Brinston, requests that a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign be installed on Brinston at their driveway. Mr. Lanni indicates that left turns into the Florence Cement driveway are blocked by the traffic backup on Brinston waiting to enter John R during the afternoon peak traffic period.

Mr. Lanni appeared before the Committee on behalf of his request. He stated that they have been there since 1972, but since the light was installed on John R at Brinston they are experiencing more traffic and cannot get in and out with their construction equipment.

Mr. Beaubien asked if the vehicles which were stacking up on Brinston were waiting to make left turns onto John R. Mr. Lanni indicated that traffic is turning both right and left.

When Mr. Beaubien was asked for his opinion of installing the sign, he stated that it is an application that could work, would help Mr. Lanni out, and there is no reason not to do so.

Mr. Muenk mentioned that he feels that he has the right to that section of the street if he is there first. Lt. Maur commented that he does have the right of way, but it is just a courtesy to keep the driveway clear.

Mr. Diefenbaker pointed out that probably the same people will not block the driveway whether the sign is installed or not. Mr. Lanni said that the sign was just to make people aware, and Mr. Hanna indicated that the sign would promote courtesy. Mr. Muenk then remarked that he would agree with the sign for being courteous, not for writing tickets. Lt. Maur assured him of this.

Moved by Hanna

Supported by Cotsonika

Recommend that a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign be installed on Brinston at 1970 Brinston.

YEAS: 6 Blake, Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Hanna, Muenk, Taube
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rudell

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Lanni thanked the Committee and stated that he will work with the Committee should there be any hassle if the sign is installed.

ITEM: 8

OTHER BUSINESS.

After discussing the benefits of wearing seat belts, Mr. Hanna suggested that the Traffic Committee should support State legislation for mandatory seat belts.

Mr. Muenk questioned enforcement of the child restraint law. Lt. Maur reported that once the law went into effect, they were told to enforce it. Although there is emphasis in Troy and citations have been issued, the recipients of these citations are being found responsible but are not being punished. Many sob stories are received and fines are being suspended for these civil infractions. Several children have been saved from serious injury and even death due to the use of child restraint seats.

Moved by Hanna

Supported by Taube

Recommend that City Council go on record of supporting Senate Bill #6 for mandatory seat belt use.

YEAS: 6 Blake, Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Hanna, Muenk, Taube

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Rudell

MOTION PASSED

ITEM: 9

ADJOURN.

The Traffic Committee Meeting of January 17, 1985 adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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cc: Traffic Committee Members, Including Ex-officio Members
✓ Frank Gerstenecker, City Manager
W. Robert Semple, Assistant City Manager
Lt. William Maur, Traffic Safety Division

Att.

Item 5

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RECEIVED NOV 26 1984

To Mr.
Chairman Traffic Committee
City of Troy
Troy Michigan

Dear Sir,

I would like to appeal to you the problem of parking on my lawn, causing damage to the lawn and blocking my drive.

In August I appeared at the traffic hearing and it was strongly recommended that the Troy School District should improve existing area on school property, this has not been done. Since I will not receive no parking in front of my home, I would like to request that limited parking signs be posted in front of my home from 5;Pm thru 10;Pm until the school can provide parking.

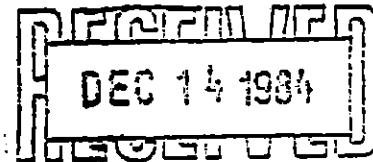
In most areas in some cities we see nice lawns to the edge of the street, even though its city property I beleive we should look at the problem again, and perhaps by council resolution provide at least some relief to the parking problem.

I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and I beleive some action should be taken by the city council, to protect property.

1220 Torpey Dr.
Troy Michigan 48064

Sincerely
John Fica

John Fica



Florence
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December 12, 1984

City of Troy
500 W. Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan 48084

Attn: Mr. Beaubien, Traffic Engineer

Re: 1970 Brinston
Troy, Michigan

Dear Mr. Beaubien:


Could you kindly arrange for a hearing on our request.

We would like a sign posted at our address stating DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY. Since the installation of the traffic signal at John R and Brinston we have difficulty entering our premises, especially at night, due to the lack of courtesy from the drivers.

If you need further information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

FLORENCE CEMENT CO.


Angelo S. Lanni
Vice President of Operations

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