

The Traffic Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Lower Level Conference Room of Troy City Hall on October 19, 1994 by Chairperson Jan Hubbell. She welcomed Charles Solis as the new member of the Traffic Committee.

ITEM: 1 ROLL CALL

- PRESENT:** Arthur Cotsonika
 John Diefenbaker
 Ted Halsey
 Jan Hubbell
 Peggie Perry
 Charles Solis
 Don Townson

Also present were the following:

- 3 - Carol Haas, 2363 Castleton
 Louis & Debra Kiss, 2714 Saratoga
 Sandra Petho, 2717 Saratoga
- 4 - Lee Gillett, 3915 Boulder
 Pam Naccarato, 5915 Creekside Dr.
 Mary Ellen Frye, 901 Durham Ct.
 Denise Barger, 3830 Eastbourne
 Rhonda Hendrickson, 3833 Estates Dr.
 Joyce Nancarrow Tull, 3926 Estates Dr.
 Roberta Suckstorff, 2044 Joanne
 Cindy Van Tiem, 2136 Joanne
 Joanne Anstess, 2173 Joanne
 Mary Bridget Patterson, 2199 Joanne
 Bill & Judy Brown, 2323 Kristin Dr.
 Glenn W. Moore, M.D., 2333 Kristin
 Kate Person, 2336 Lanergan
 Gary Newville, 3782 Ledge
 Susanne Guzelayoin, 3816 Ledge
 Martha Martone, 4793 Orchard Ridge
 Charles Garofali, 3571, Salem
 Jeanne Boldt, 2091 W. Wattles
 Kathy & Dan Jaroshewich, 2109 W. Wattles
 Debbie Gardner, 3811 Woodman
 Nancy Murphy, 3851 Woodman
 Suzanne Dupler, 3920 Woodman
- 5 - James Cross, 4830 Rambling
- and John E. Robbins, Transportation Engineer
 Robert Matlick, Fire Inspector
 Lt. Richard Hay, Traffic Safety Unit

ITEM: 2 MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 21, 1994

Moved by Perry
Supported by Diefenbaker

Recommend that the minutes of the September 21, 1994 Traffic Committee meeting be approved as printed.

YEAS: 7 Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Halsey, Hubbell, Perry, Solis, Townson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM: 3 VISITORS TIME

Four residents appeared before the Committee to discuss the installation of the "No Parking" signs installed on the curvilinear intersection of Castleton/Saratoga. They were told that it would be discussed as "Other Business", after Items 4 and 5.

**ITEM: 4 REQUEST TO INSTALL AN ALL-WAY STOP
AT JACK AND KRISTIN.**

This was requested at the July 20, 1994 meeting by area residents to control speeding on Kristin Street. At the meeting, the request was changed to the safety of the school crossing at this location.

A school crossing count was then conducted on Tuesday, September 13, 1994. (See attached.) This information was then transmitted to the Troy School District Safety Committee for review.

The School Safety Committee, by letter of September 22, 1994, has requested that an All-Way stop be installed at the intersection of Jack and Kristin to improve the safety of the school crossing.

Denise Barger spoke on behalf of the residents' request from July for an all-way stop which was tabled to allow a survey count of pedestrians and vehicles. They are still in favor of an all-way stop as indicated by the Troy School District, Beechwood Swim & Tennis Club, and the residents' petition that the community is reaching out for safety at this intersection.

Mr. Robbins noted that according to Traffic Engineering Standards the stop signs are not warranted by the numbers; however, since the Troy School District Safety Committee has expressed their desire for them, he would tend not to disagree and believes they should be considered.

Mrs. Perry asked if this is an established school crossing to which she was answered in the affirmative.

Gary Newville said that they counted 99 pedestrians crossing as compared to the City's 60.

Mr. Robbins remarked that much of the problem is created by the parents themselves. Lt. Hay, mentioned that when monitoring speed, he cannot believe the driving and maneuvering to get to the school site and feels that they need something at this intersection.

Joyce Tull strongly recommends the all-way stop, saying that without the stop signs she will not allow her children to cross at this intersection. With 385 families in the area, she said to look at the numbers that will walk if the stop signs are installed.

Charles Garofali remarked that vehicles do move very fast, tires squeal, and with the new mall, they will get more traffic.

Glenn Moore, who has lived on Kristin for 10 years, said that he echoes the others regarding the volume and speed of traffic and the need to slow it. He also supports the stop signs.

It is not just a school issue, but the Beechwood Swim & Tennis Club also, which uses this intersection in the summer, as well as bike riders, etc.

Mr. Robbins pointed out that an accident involved a bike which turned in front of a vehicle and warned that if they get an all-way stop, they cannot rely on the stop signs. Only fifteen percent of the drivers stop at the signs, the signs won't lower speed and, in fact, may increase speed. They must seriously think about driving in a residential area and caution children that stop signs are not an absolute.

Mr. Diefenbaker inquired that, if stop signs are installed and if this intersection is designated as a school crossing, can there also be safety patrol. He was told that they are there now.

Mrs. Hubbell asked about a crossing guard rather than safety patrol. It was pointed out that this would be a school issue.

Lt. Hay commented that, as to speed, radar cars will be there for the next several weeks. Mrs. Hubbell cautioned the residents to get the word out to the neighbors that the police will be there. Mrs. Tull requested the radar trailer. Lt. Hay said that he will get the trailer on Kristin as soon as possible.

Mr. Robbins, when asked if the intersection will be marked as a school zone if the stop signs are installed, said not on the pavement, but there are warning signs.

Mrs. Perry wanted it pointed out that if she votes in favor of an all-way stop, it is because it is designated for a school crossing, and is not for speed control.

There was some question as to the stop signs, if installed, replacing the school crossing signs. Mr. Robbins said that you do not have to have school crossing signs with the stop signs but the advance warning signs stay.

Moved by Halsey
Supported by Perry

Recommend that an All-Way stop be installed at Jack and Kristin as requested by the Troy School District Safety Committee.

YEAS: 7 Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Halsey, Hubbell, Perry, Solis, Townson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Halsey proposed a "New Sign" flag be installed for 30 days and to make sure school warning signs are in place on both sides of the intersection.

**ITEM: 5 REQUEST TO INSTALL A DEAF CHILD
 WARNING SIGN AT 4830 RAMBLING DRIVE.**

Mr. James A. Cross of 4830 Rambling Drive has requested a "Deaf Child" warning sign be posted on both sides of Rambling Drive near their home. A physician's statement is attached.

Mr. Cross appeared before the Committee to request this sign for his 18 month old son who has severe hearing loss in both ears. Although they watch him closely and most neighbors know about him, they have friends with deaf children who feel that the signs have helped them.

Moved by Cotsonika
Supported by Diefenbaker

Recommend that a "Deaf Child" warning sign be installed on both sides of Rambling Drive near 4830 Rambling Drive and be periodically reviewed.

YEAS: 7 Cotsonika, Diefenbaker, Halsey, Hubbell, Perry, Solis, Townson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM: 6 OTHER BUSINESS.

Carol Haas, Louis and Debbie Kiss, and Sandra Petho appeared before the Committee to protest the No Parking signs installed on Castleton and Saratoga, showing a petition requesting that they be taken down. They also indicated that they do not want the double yellow lines placed on the curve.

After some discussion, the Committee said that since they were unaware of the order by City Council to install the No Parking signs, they did not feel they were in a position to take any action and suggested maybe the residents should go back to City Council.

Fire Inspector Matlick reported that the timing of the traffic signal for Town Center onto Livernois only allows 2-3 cars thru each cycle.

Mr. Robbins said that he has been asked to submit an expense report for budget regarding SCATS before he leaves. It is expensive. Cameras have a useful life of only 4 years at this time.

Mr. Townson reported that there are problems with the interconnect on 14 Mile by Oakland Mall. Mr. Robbins noted that there are studies going on because they are looking at 14 Mile Road for the SCATS system. Also, there are meetings regarding a future, future project for westbound 14 Mile to southbound I-75. The current TV interconnect system is not compatible with SCATS.

Mr. Halsey stated that signal at the Big Beaver turnaround east of Rochester is out of synch. Mr. Robbins mentioned that he has complained about all of the turnarounds with no success. Also, he keeps calling about Rochester/Long Lake, John R/Long Lake and the southbound Livernois to eastbound Square Lake left turn arrow. It is an erratic system. The reintroduction of the green arrow is a favorable feature. There are still flashing lights at the turnarounds on Long Lake east and west of Livernois.

Mr. Cotsonika inquired about the Long Lake widening between John R and Dequindre. Mr. Robbins said that Long Lake from Falmouth to Carnaby would be widened in 1996 but as to when the widening would be of Long Lake from Carnaby to east of John R and then to Dequindre was uncertain.

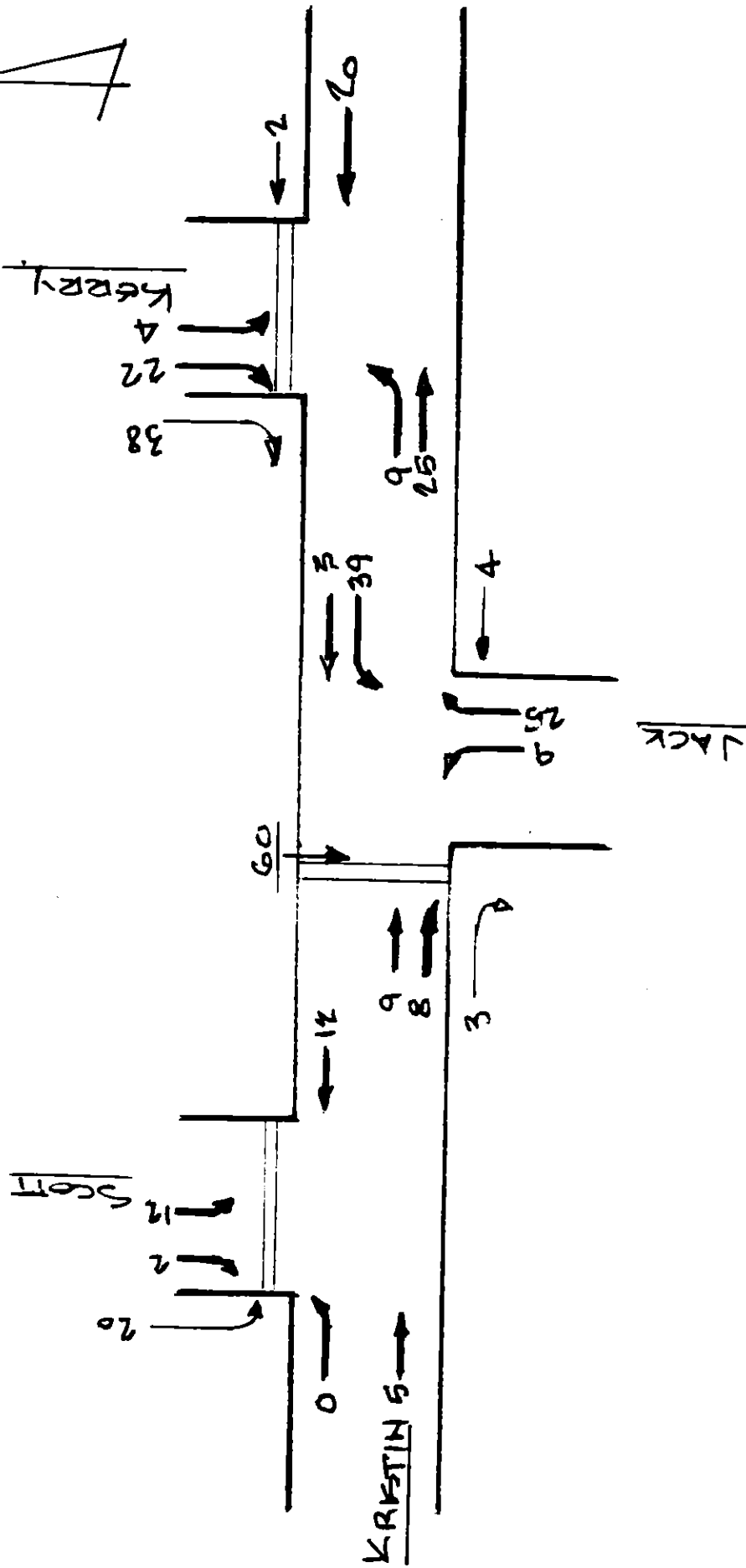
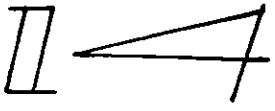
Mrs. Hubbell proposed sending the pamphlet "Questions and Answers About Residential Speed Control" to anyone who wants stop signs.

ITEM: 8 ADJOURN.

The Traffic Committee meeting of October 19, 1994 adjourned at 9:00 PM.

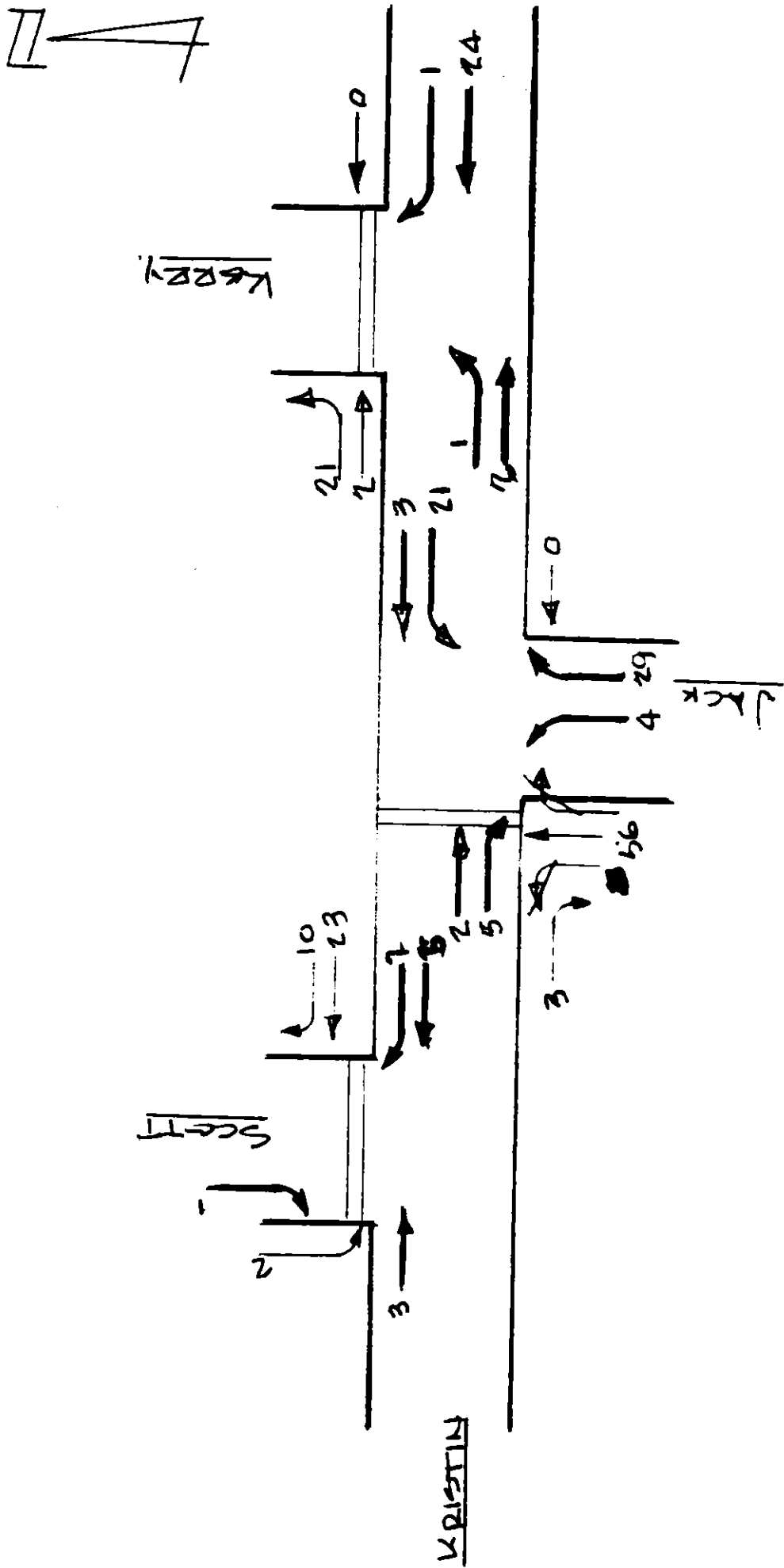
Jan Hubbell, Chairperson

JH/ct



DATE: 9-13-94
 TIME: 8:30 - 9:00 AM.
 R. G.

SCHROEDER SCHOOL
VEHICLE / PEDESTRIAN SURVEY



DATE: 9-13-94
 TIME: 3:20-3:45
 R/G.

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Executive Director
Auxiliary Services

September 22, 1994

Mr. John E. Robbins, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
City of Troy
500 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan 48084

Dear Mr. Robbins:

The Troy School District Safety Committee is in receipt of correspondence from Pam Naccarato, Schroeder Elementary School Principal, regarding traffic at the corner of Kristin and Jack streets. The issue is traffic congestion at this intersection in the morning and at dismissal time in the afternoon.


As you may recall, problems at Kristin and Jack were addressed by the District Safety Committee in October, 1991. The District Safety Committee attempted to resolve the issue without benefit of a stop sign. Specifically, the building principal did issue a school-wide notice to parents asking them to be extra considerate when students were crossing at this intersection. It is apparent now that the principal and parents have found this to be unsatisfactory.

The Safety Committee has received your report of traffic volumes recorded on September 13, 1994. Your correspondence accompanying this report indicates volumes at crossing times to be very low.

The District Safety Committee has discussed this issue once again and has now concluded that some kind of adjustment must be made at this intersection. It is clear that the school has attempted a solution with unsatisfactory results and that those closest to the situation believe that something must be done.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Lowell J. Crandall, Ed.D.
Executive Director-Auxiliary Services

cc: Troy Board of Education
District Safety Committee Members
Pam Naccarato



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...where summers are special.**

**P.O. Box 542
Troy, Michigan 48084
September 6, 1994**

**City of Troy
Traffic Department
500 W. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, Michigan 48084**

Dear Mr. Robbins;

This letter is to make you aware that the BeachWood Recreation Association Board of Directors and membership are in support of the effort to erect a three way stop sign at the corner of Kristin and Jack in Troy.

With the volume of traffic that passes through the intersection in the summer, both vehicular and pedestrian, we feel the three way stop would be a significant contribution to the safety of our members as well as the residents.

We would appreciate your efforts to see that this change takes effect.

Sincerely,

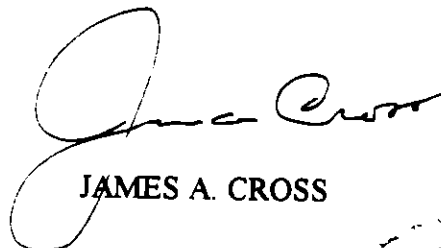
**Brenda L. Holcomb, Secretary
BeachWood Board of Directors**

September 30, 1994

Road Commission for Oakland County
2420 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford Michigan 48328
Attn: Traffic Safety

Enclosed is a letter from our Doctor who confirms my son has a hearing loss, therefore I am requesting "Deaf Child at Play" signs be posted on our street, at both sides of the street near our home.

I would like this to be completed as soon as possible, if you have any questions please contact me at (810) 642-9600 during the day or at (810) 952-5263 at night.


JAMES A. CROSS



4830 Rambling Drive , Troy Michigan 48098

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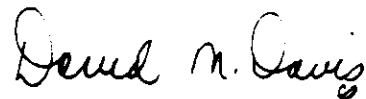
September 28, 1994

RE: CROSS, MATTHEW

To Whom It May Concern:

Matthew Cross has a congenital sensorineural hearing loss and the degree of loss is not completely certain but suspected as severe.

Sincerely,



David M. Davis, M.D.

DMD/cs