

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, June 21, 2023 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: Shama Kenkre  
Richard Kilmer  
Cindy Nurak  
Al Petrulis  
Abi Swaminathan  
Cynthia Wilsher  
Pete Ziegenfelder  
Deepti Aggarwal, Student Representative

Also present: G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer  
Sgt. Brian Warzecha  
Deputy Fire Chief. Paul Firth  
Merissa Clark, Administrative Assistant

**2. Minutes – April 19, 2023 Traffic Committee**

Resolution # 2023-06-08

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Wilsher

To approve the April 19, 2023 minutes as printed.

Yes: Kenkre, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3. No Public Hearings**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4. Request for Modifications of No Parking Signs – West Side of Heide St., North of Maple Rd.**

Next Level Dance Center at 1925 Heide is requesting the following modifications: request permission for street parking on the weekends, particularly for their events. In addition, allowing

street parking in the evenings between 5-7pm, to assist parents dropping off and picking up their children for classes.

*Traffic Engineering received 1 phone call, and 5 emails opposing the modification of No Parking on Heide.*

*Traffic Engineering received a call from Mike at a location north of 1925 Heide in opposition to modifying the No Parking signs on the west side of Heide.*

*Mike stated that Heide is a warehouse district, a dance studio is not compatible and needs a bigger parking lot. People leaving the studio often cutoff traffic on Heide.*

*Email received 6/9/23*

*Scott,*

*I will attempt to be at the meeting, but if I cannot, here are my thoughts. There are a lot of large semi's tracks that come and go all day long at the corner of Heide and 15 mile. There are many times that you have to wait for 1 or more trucks to clear and back up into the dock in order to proceed. If you allow cars to park on the West side of Heide Drive. There will much more congestion and additional need to go around parked cars and then semi's on Heide St.. I would have no problem if signage was posted that parking is allowed from 6pm to 6am Monday thru Friday and all day on Saturday and Sunday.*

*If you would like to talk to me. My number is 248-765-4832*

*Glenn K Joseph  
2081 Heide Drive  
Troy, Mi 48084*

*Email received 6/9/2023  
Good Afternoon,*

*American Axle & Manufacturing 690 W Maple Troy, MI 48084 does not support 1925 Heide proposal to remove the no parking signs on the west side of Heide Dr..  
Deliveries to AAM require access to the street to adequately deliver product. The proposal would interfere with AAM operations.*

*Thank you,  
**Mariya Mohrbach**  
**MRO Buyer | AAM**  
Metal Forming | Royal Oak  
2727 W. 14 Mile Rd.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073  
**O. (248) 597.3831 | M. (586) 623.8192***

*Email Received 6/1/2023*

Hello,

We received notice regarding a request from 1925 Heide to remove the No Parking signs on the west side of Heide Drive. Our address is 2032 Heide Drive.

Our business has daily pickups and deliveries from trucks varying in sizes up to semi length. If vehicles were parked along the west side of Heide across from our address, those trucks may not be able to adequately maneuver into and out of our drive.

We strongly oppose removing the No Parking restriction as it would prevent us from conducting business.

Thank you for your consideration. If there is any further action we need to take to prevent this change, please let us know.

Kind regards,

**Doug Anton**

Director of Operations

(248) 556-4623

Email received 6/1/2023

Good Morning Mr. Finlay,

Let me introduce myself, I am Robert Danielson and I own Cornell Eng and the building at 1985 Heide Drive in Troy Mi. I am not in favor of removing the No Parking signs on any side of Heide Drive. Heide Drive is not wide enough to accommodate parking on the street. We already have an issue with semi-trucks waiting to unload/load at US Farathane and AAM Metal Forming on both corners of Heide DR. and Maple Rd. The semi-truck deliveries and pick-ups can stop traffic for 10-15 minutes (depending on the skill level of the driver) while they maneuver into the loading dock. If parking was allowed the semi drivers would undoubtedly make the street unpassable. This request is probably due to Next Dance at 1925 Heide Drive not having adequate parking for their customers. While it is unfortunate Next Dance did not take into consideration the amount of parking they would need with parents picking up and dropping off their children for dance class, it is unfair to burden the rest of the businesses on Heide Drive with their attempt at a solution. Also, one can imagine an unsafe scenario with young children running across an industrial area street where large trucks make 24-hour deliveries. It would be a disaster waiting to happen. The truth be told, a Next Dance style of business is a poor fit for a strip building in an industrial area.

I am asking you to not make a bad traffic situation worse. Please don't remove the No Parking signs on any side of Heide Drive.

Respectfully,

Robert Danielson

248-362-2270 days

Email received 6/21/23

G. Scott Finlay and the Traffic Committee,

By removing the "No Parking" signs on either the east or west side of Heide will adversely effect my ability to conduct business.

I store boats, travel trailers, trucks, cars, motorhomes and buses. All items, including the 45' buses, move in and out of storage on a regular basis at all times of the day. **I need the use of the total width of my driveway and the total width of Heide Drive to be able to move the large vehicles and trailers on and off of my property.** Parked cars would prevent me from being able to do so. In the past I have had these items move as early as 7:00 AM or as late as 9:00 PM.

Knowing this would be the case and doing due diligence, I purchased 1934 Heide Drive to operate my business in 2014 because of:

- The zoning.
- Size of the building.
- Accessibility that is provided by the height of the building's overhead doors.
- Width of the warehouse driveway,
- Width of the road without having to deal with any parked vehicles.

Tractor trailers and large trucks often travel on this road. There are no sidewalks and there is a imminent danger to anyone who walks on this road. I'm sure that is one of the reasons why there is no parking allowed.

The renting tenants had to know what amount of "on site" parking their business needed and the zoning before they signed their lease. They had to notice the continuing flow of loading and unloading tractor trailers next door, the flow of trucks in front of their building and the no parking signs on the street.

Bottom line. Having parked cars on the road will adversely effect my operation. My biggest revenue generators are the buses. Lose them and I am out of business. Also, I have rented the front office space to the company INVISO (an automobile wholesaler.). I have to think this would also be an issue for them next time their lease expires.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lawrence Murphy  
Signature Cornerstone Properties, LLC  
Owner of 1934 Heide Drive.

Rhona Fidler owner of Next Level Dance Center is hoping to have the no parking signs modified so that the kids are dropped off safely Monday – Thursday 5pm-7pm and Saturday.

Lawerence Murphy – Owner of 1934 Heide. He is concerned that parking on the street will restrict the trucks coming in and out of his business. The trucks/busses/trailers need the entire width of the street to access his business at various hours. The main reason this building was purchased was because the area is industrial and it had no parking on either side of the street. Service can be needed at all times of the day or night and parking on the street would turn business away if they are not able to access it.

Dean Buchanan – Owner of 1925 Heide, 2032 Heide, and 1515 Axtell – he ran his business out of 1925 Heide from 2011-2023, was in the shop 6-7 days a week and doesn't think traffic on Heide is heavy at all. Dean believes that allowing parking during restricted hours will benefit some of the others businesses on the street. He supports his tenant and thinks the Heide street can handle it.

Rhona Fidler added it would only be on the North of 1925 Heide that they would like to park.

Lawrence Murphy owner of 1934 Heide is not in favor of allowing parking on Heide. If cars are parked on the street it will affect his business because the large trailers and buses will not be able to access his business during those hours. A big reason he bought the building was the industrial zoning, and the no parking on the street.

Deputy Chief Paul Firth point out the fire code. Heide is a fire access road and is only 26 feet wide grass line to grass line. A lot of the buildings in this area were built before sprinklers were required and Heide is on the access points to a lot of buildings. Allowing parking on Heide would be in violation.

Cynthia Wilsher stated that she lives near this area and it is a highly trafficked area. She does believe businesses need adequate parking but doesn't think allowing parking on Heide is a good idea.

Richard Kilmer is opposed to it, suggested that they reach out to the factory near by to see if they will allow them to share the parking lot. He did agree with Wilsher that Heide is a very busy road when he went out earlier in the month.

**NO MOTION WAS MOVED FORWARD FOR A VOTE.**

## **5. Request for No Parking Zone – 1785 Crestline**

Stephanie Zendler, 1785 Crestline: Our 7-year-old daughter Alexia is wheelchair bound due to a progressive neuromuscular disease, (She drives a chin steered motorized wheelchair) and receives wheelchair lift bus transportation to and from her school (Barnard Elementary) daily during the school year. During AM pick up (approx. 8:50-9:00AM) and PM drop off (approx. 4:15- 4:25PM) the bus pulls parallel to our driveway and drops the wheelchair lift onto our driveway to board her in her chair. The bus (front part) needs to pull past our

driveway about 10-15 feet to park adjacent to our driveway to lower and raise the wheelchair ramp in order to allow safe access to board. (The bus of course uses all the on board stop signs, etc. for safety with traffic too). Boarding/ de boarding usually takes less than 5 minutes at pick up and drop off.

*Hi, I'm sending in my comments as a response to the letter I received about a potential no parking zone around 1785 crestline. We here at 1812 crestline think it would be a great idea. That area is where the school busses drop off and pick up kids, there should absolutely be space cleared for it to do that. There is plenty of other places for people to park, it would be good for the kids.*

*Hope it gets approved,  
Vivian Asztalos*

Alexia Zendler wants no parking so that she is able to be on time to school and the bus can pick her up.

Jeff Zendler thinks it will help with getting the kids on and off the bus safely. They recently had an incident with a landscaping company that caused an argument during bus pick up. Jeff stated that the temporary No Parking sign that was placed has been very helpful.

Richard Kilmer asked what size the bus is.

Sgt. Warzecha stated 30 feet on average.

Resolution # 2023-06-09  
Moved by Wilsher  
Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that a "NO PARKING, BETWEEN 8-9 am and 3-5pm SCHOOL DAYS ONLY" Sign be placed 25 feet northwest of driveway at 1785 Crestline.

Yes: Kenkre, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder  
No: None  
Absent: None

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **6. Public Comment**

There was no further public comment at the meeting.

### **7. Other Business**

Cindy Nurak asked about the Long Lake and Dequindre lights. Scott stated that the flashing yellow's for left turns are determined on accident history at the intersection and that is why the lights had been modified.

14 Mile construction was also talked about and how it is causing major backs up near 14 mile and I75, the Traffic Control will be discussed RCOC.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Pete Ziegenfelder - Chairperson



G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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