

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Fischer, Community Development Director

DATE: October 11, 2016

SUBJECT: October Traffic & Safety Committee Meeting

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, the Traffic & Safety Committee met to discuss items of business. Committee members present: Council Liaison Kim Spears, Community Member Bill Borchardt, Police Chief Chris Boyer, Public Works Director Brad Swanson and Community Development Director Mike Fischer.

The following is a summary of the meeting:

2. Request to Review On-Street Parking on Rolling Green and Carlson Drive

Staff presented a request from the Rolling Green Townhome Association to review the current on-street parking conditions on Rolling Green Lane and near its intersection with Carlson Drive based on the high volume of on-street parking the area is experiencing. Jim Santori, 2102 Rolling Green Lane stated employees of the Minnesota Autism Center park along Rolling Green Lane as their parking lot cannot accommodate all of its employees. As a result, there are issues with mail delivery, garbage pick-up and visibility at driveways for those living in the Rolling Green Townhomes. Mr. Santori stated his association is requesting no parking on the east side of Rolling Green Lane adjacent to their townhomes with consideration given to areas of no parking on Carlson Drive near the Rolling Green Lane intersection.

RECOMMENDATION

The Traffic and Safety Committee recommends the following:

1. Installation of No Parking signs on the east side of Rolling Green Lane from the Carlson Drive intersection to the northernmost townhome building.
2. Installation of No Parking signs on the north side Carlson Drive 100 feet east of the Rolling Green Lane intersection.
3. Installation of No Parking signs on the north side of Carlson Drive 50 feet west of the Rolling Green Lane intersection.

1. Review of Traffic Conditions on Lookout Drive

At the request of the Traffic & Safety Committee, staff presented the results of a traffic speed and volume study conducted in Lookout Drive. The results showed a median southbound speed of 43 MPH and a northbound median speed of 47 MPH. Public Works Director Swanson stated the City recently purchased a mobile traffic speed sign which will be placed on northbound Lookout for a period a time. Chief Boyer indicated that he spoke with the manager of CHS about the use of air brakes for trucks leaving the facility traveling on Lookout Drive and stated he has ordered more patrol on Lookout Drive.

RECOMMENDATION

The Traffic & Safety Committee recommends the use of the electronic traffic speed sign on Lookout Drive with more Police patrol.

3. Request for a Crosswalk on Belgrade Avenue near the Lake Street Intersection.

Staff presented a citizen request for a pedestrian crosswalk on Belgrade Avenue near the Lake Street intersection. The committee reviewed existing traffic volumes, sightlines and street design in this area. Additionally, the committee discussed the false sense of security a crosswalk provides to pedestrians.

RECOMMENDATION

The Traffic & Safety Committee recommends no changes at this intersection based on review of the existing conditions

4. Review On-Street Parking Within Pleasant View Court.

Based on a citizen concern, staff presented a summary of the on-street parking conditions within Pleasant View Court. It was indicated this cul de sac was designed and constructed using an oversized radius. As a result, residents are parking perpendicular to the curb versus parallel to maximize on-street parking opportunities. The committee reviewed the opportunity to access the street for emergency, garbage pick-up and snow plowing purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

With no concerns being identified on the current on-street parking conditions, the Traffic & Safety Committee recommends no changes to on-street parking.

5. Review On Street Parking on Lyndale Street Near the Wheeler Avenue intersection

Council Liaison Spears presented a citizen concern for on-street parking on Lyndale Street near the Wheeler Avenue intersection. The concern was based on safety and visibility as a result of on-street parking near this intersection.

RECOMMENDATION

The Traffic & Safety Committee recommends the yellow painting of curbs on both sides Lyndale Street a distance of 10 feet back from the Wheeler Avenue intersection.

In other business, Council Liaison Spears the need to review conditions at the intersection of Lor Ray Drive and Carlson Drive. Staff indicated that the MPO may be conducting an Intersection Control Evaluation study for this intersection in the near future.