



## **Citizens Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes March 26, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Royal Oak Citizens Traffic Committee was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, in the city hall, 211 Williams Street, Royal Oak. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Godek at 7:02 p.m.

Chairperson Dan Godek recited the Traffic Committee preamble:

*"The Traffic Committee consists of property owners of Royal Oak appointed by the City Commission. We are volunteers and are not paid or elected. What we decide tonight is merely a recommendation to the City Commission. If you do not agree with the findings or decisions of this committee, you may go before the City Commission and petition and/or discuss your issue with them. At this meeting you will be given an opportunity to speak during your item on the agenda. However, at the City Commission meeting, you must be recognized during "public comment" on their agenda, not when the Traffic Committee resolutions are being voted upon. Otherwise you will not be able to voice your concerns.*

*It is important to understand that professionals make preliminary recommendations to the Traffic Committee. They consist of civil and traffic engineers, outside consultants and public safety officials. You may have been informed that these professionals have denied your request or petition. This denial does not mean that this committee will vote that way; however, we are committed to discussing the issues at hand in a pragmatic and sensible manner. Our ultimate recommendation to the City Commission will be one that benefits our citizens and community as a whole."*

### **1. Roll Call:**

Present

Dan Godek, Chairperson  
Richard Karlowski  
Matthew McCuen  
Belem Morales  
Amanda Morris-Smith  
Andrew Kowalkowski  
Mark Steiner, alternate

Also Present

Matthew J. Callahan P.E., City Engineer  
Holly Donoghue P.E., Engineering  
Sergeant Terry Oaks, Police

Absent

Thomas Allen

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### **2. Approval of Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019**

Motioned by Matthew McCuen  
Seconded by Richard Karlowski

Adopted Unanimously

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### 3. Public Comment

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### 4. Rescheduled Items/Old Business - None

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### 5. Business Items

#### 5.A. Traffic Calming Workshop for Albert, Merrill, Parker, Warick and Trafford (Coolidge to Woodward)

In 2018 the city engineering division began working with residents of Parker Avenue regarding the volume of traffic, speeding and non-residential parking on their street. In the course of reviewing traffic data collected for Parker Avenue, it was determined that cut through traffic was occurring in addition to business parking in the residential area.

In an effort to get a better understanding of traffic in this neighborhood, traffic was remeasured on all five streets simultaneously in the fall of 2018. There are significantly more vehicles traveling these streets than would be expected to be generated by the residents alone based on the collected data. The city has been requested to evaluate options that could reduce or eliminated cut through traffic and speeding. City Engineer Matt Callahan invited all residents of the neighborhood to come to the meeting tis evening to discuss various options for solving the multiple issues in the neighborhood. After discussing the results of the traffic studies, he presented several options for the residents to consider including:

- Signage
  - Install signage stating “No Thru Traffic” at the ends of the block
  - Install signage stating “Do Not Enter” at one end of the block and “No Right Turn” at specific times
- Barriers
  - Install a half road closure between the Woodward Ave commercial properties and the residential homes, prohibiting westbound through traffic. Includes “Dead End” and “No Outlet” signage as necessary
  - Install a full road closure between the Woodward Ave commercial properties and the residential homes, prohibiting through traffic on the block. Includes “Dead End” and “No Outlet” signage as necessary

After much discussion Chairperson Godek did a straw poll to see what options residents were most interested in. Residents were mostly in favor of the “No Thru Traffic” signage, although they knew it would be hard to enforce, and the half road closure. Residents wanted to see a temporary half road closure put in place for a trial period, prior to making a final decision.

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends having engineering staff prepare petitions, as necessary, for a common solution of traffic calming on these streets per the neighborhood residents’ request.**

Moved by: Matthew McCuen

Supported by: Amanda Morris-Smith

Motion adopted unanimously

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**6. Information Only Items**

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**Adjourn**

Upon the motion of Richard Karlowski, seconded by Andrew Kowalkowski, and adopted unanimously, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Cc: Traffic Committee Members, Inc. Ex-Officio Members:

Shelly Kamp, Chamber of Commerce  
Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Royal Oak School Superintendent  
Candi Drouillard, PTA Council President  
Corrigan O'Donoghue, Police Chief  
Lieutenant Chris Annetta  
Dave Cummins, Fire Chief  
Tim Thwing, Director of Community Development  
Greg Rassel, Director of Recreation and Public Services

**5A.** Residents of the neighborhood