



Citizens Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes
 May 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the Royal Oak Citizens Traffic Committee was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, broadcasted from city hall, 211 Williams Street, Royal Oak. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Godek at 7:02 p.m.

Chairperson 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
 Amanda Morris-Smith
 Belem Morales
 Thomas Allen
 Andrew Kowalkowski
 Mark Steiner
 Richard Karlowski

Also Present

Holly Donoghue, P.E., City Engineer
 Stephen Pernal, P.E., Civil Engineer III
 Sgt. Brian Kucel, Police

Absent

Blaine Tillander (alternate)

2. Approval of Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2020

Moved by: Thomas Allen

Supported by: Richard Karlowski

Motion adopted unanimously

3. Public Comment

4. Rescheduled Items/Old Business

5. Business Items

5.A. Request to install a “Stop” sign on E. Bloomfield Avenue at Ardmore Avenue

A request was received from Gail Burkholder, who resides on E. Bloomfield Avenue, to install a “Stop” sign on E. Bloomfield Avenue at Ardmore Avenue. There is a crosswalk for Oakridge Elementary at this location. She states drivers are speeding without awareness of children and safety guards.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Holly J. Donoghue, P.E.

Mr. Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends installing two (2) R1-1 stop signs on E. Bloomfield Avenue at Ardmore Avenue.

Moved by: Amanda Morris-Smith

Supported by: Belem Morales

Motion adopted unanimously

5.B. Request to install “No Thru Traffic” signs on S. Wilson Avenue at 10 Mile Road

A request was received by Patricia Reinis and David Leone, who reside on S. Wilson Avenue, to install “No Thru Traffic” signs on S. Wilson Avenue at 10 Mile Road. Patricia states traffic on her street has become extremely heavy since the road diet on Campbell Road. During rush hour, cars speed down the street to avoid Campbell Road. She is concerned for the safety of her child and pet. David also provided similar concerns in his request; traffic has increased especially during evening rush hour due to the road diet on Campbell Road and the I-75 construction. He requested “No Thru Traffic” signs on all the north/south streets at 10 Mile between Campbell Road and the West I-696 on ramp.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Holly J. Donoghue, P.E.

Mr. Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends denying the request to install “No Thru Traffic” signs.

Moved by: Thomas Allen

Supported by: Richard Karlowksi

Motion adopted unanimously

5.C. Request to install “Stop” signs on Woodcrest Drive at Austin Avenue and on Maxwell Avenue at Austin Avenue

A request was received from Laura Fraga, who resides on the southeast corner of Woodcrest Drive and Austin Avenue to install “Stop” signs on Woodcrest Drive at Austin Avenue, and on Maxwell Avenue at Austin Avenue. She states motorists are speeding on both Woodcrest and Maxwell, especially now since the roads have been repaved, and she is concerned for the safety of residents. She noted the other north/south streets in the neighborhood west of Woodcrest (Hilldale, Lockwood and Fernwood) all have “Stop” signs at Austin Avenue. There are many small children on her street and since there is no “Stop” sign from Farnum Avenue to Catalpa Drive drivers can really pick up speed. She states Maxwell is used at a cut-through between 11 Mile Road and Catalpa. There is no parking along Maxwell by Meininger Park and many people park their vehicles on Austin Avenue and Crane Avenue and walk to the park. A crosswalk and “Stop” sign at this intersection would increase the safety of residents and visitors to the park.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Holly J. Donoghue, P.E.

Mr. Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends denying the request to install “Stop” signs on Woodcrest Drive at Austin Avenue and on Maxwell Avenue at Austin Avenue; and to install 6-inch white crosswalk striping across Maxwell Avenue at Austin Avenue and at Crane Avenue and four (4) W11-2 & W16-7P pedestrian crossing signs.

Moved by: Richard Karlowksi

Supported by: Mark Steiner

Motion adopted unanimously

6. Information Only Items

Adjourn

Upon the motion of Belem Morales, seconded by Andrew Thomas Allen, and adopted unanimously, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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.** Gail Burkholder
- 5B.** Patricia Reinis, David Leone
- 5C.** Laura Fraga