

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD: JUNE 16, 2009
7:30 AM, LEAWOOD CITY HALL-MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee Members in attendance:

Adam Abrams
Michael DeMent
Mike Gill, Chair and Councilmember Ward 3
Jon Grams
Marsha Monica
Gregory Peppes, Councilmember Ward 1
Kip Strauss

Committee Members absent:

John Burge
Julie Cain, Councilmember Ward 4
Ken Conrad
Sherman Titens

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Anderson, Superintendent, Parks & Recreation Department
Patty Bennett, Leawood City Attorney
Chris Claxton, Director, Parks & Recreation Department
Joe Johnson, Director, Leawood Public Works Department
Scott Lambers, Leawood City Administrator
David Ley, City Engineer, Leawood Public Works Department
John Meier, Chief of Police, Leawood Police Department
Troy Rettig, Major/Deputy Chief, Leawood Police Department
Julie Stasi, Administrative Services Manager, Leawood Public Works Department

Guests: (by order of sign in sheet-scan attached)

Susan Goodwin, 3201 W 132nd Street, Leawood, KS 66209
Valerie Zell, 3308 W. 132nd Street, Leawood, KS 66209
Pat Wolf, 3305 W. 132nd Street, Leawood, KS 66209
Dale Wolf, 3305 W. 132nd Street, Leawood, KS 66209
Aaron Hochanadel, 13205 High Drive, Leawood, KS 66209
Jason Wichman, 13208 High Drive, Leawood, KS 66209
Jeff Logan, 13220 High Drive, Leawood, KS 66209
Matt Hall, 13200 High Drive, Leawood, KS 66209
Jeannine Wilkerson, 3300 W. 132nd Street, Leawood, KS 66209

- Chair Gill called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM.
Chair Gill welcomed guests and made introductions.

- The first item on the agenda was to review the previous meeting minutes.
Committee Member Jon Grams made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2009, committee meeting. Committee Member Greg Peppes seconded the motion. All members were in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- The second item was approval of the agenda. Committee Member Jon Grams made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Committee Member Greg Peppes seconded the motion. All members were in favor; motion passed unanimously.
- The third item was of NEW BUSINESS: Traffic Concerns in the Waterford Subdivision along 132nd Street.
Staff described the area of concern and displayed a map of the subdivision on the screen. Both the Police and the Public Works Departments had taken traffic counts at different times and had reports in the Committee packet for the committee's review. Chief Meier advised since 2004 to 2009, there had been eight (8) motor vehicle accidents in the area. One of the accidents was due to the driver reading mail while driving, other reasons noted were driver inattention, driver inexperience, weather conditions, and a motorcycle back-flip. An abundance of young drivers in the neighborhood adds to the concerns along with 132nd and High there is a 3-way intersection.

Chair Gill is familiar with the neighborhood and commented that the 3-way intersection is dicey to drive. Asks about signage in the area.

After much discussion by the Committee and staff with variable opinions given in the way of traffic calming, speed bumps, islands and stop signs; residents present were given a chance to comment.

Many residents felt that the speed was too fast and that opening up 133rd street was the main cause of all the increased traffic on their street. Some cut through to get to State Line Road. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf stated that they have been unable to sell their house because of all the traffic on 132nd. Most residents do not like their children to play in their front yards anymore because of all the vehicles that drive so fast down their street. Stricter enforcement? Stop Signs? A round-about? What can be done? Residents were not hearing any solutions; only things that could not be done.

Chair Gill requested that the assignment be studied further and brought back to a future Public Works Committee Meeting. Chair Gill asked that staff include all of today's' guests in the next meetings invitation along with the area homes association board representatives. Encourage them to send us ideas of the extreme to that of the mild. Chair Gill requested a copy of the minutes from today's meeting also be sent to today's attendees. Staff was instructed to come to the next meeting with ideas on alternative ways of looking at this situation, speed humps and or speed tables, additional signage, looking further at suggestions. Is there something the City can do with the Homes Associations; maybe something we are not thinking about that can be done? Staff member J. Stasi advised that a copy of Leawood's Traffic Calming Policy would also be distributed to the Committee along to the residents for their information.

Chief Meier advised they have new technology now that can be attached to a street light pole that will take traffic information. Unlike a trailer, motorists will not know it is there.

Chair Gill did advise that in all fairness 133rd Street had been in the City's Master

Plan for years.

Committee Member Peppes suggested that the Homes Associations need to come together and work together and get talking. As they would in an effort to fight something that they didn't want or was unacceptable in their neighborhood like a sewer plant; they need to address the fact that most of the traffic that we all are living with is from our own neighborhoods. Emails, newsletters, gatherings. Ideas and meetings can get the word out that people need to slow down.

- The final item on the agenda: Bicycle Friendly Community was postponed to a future committee meeting.
- Staff reminded those in attendance that the Committee regularly meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (if there is an assignment), and that the next meeting would most likely be Tuesday, July 21, 2009. The meetings are held at 7:30 AM in the Leawood City Hall Main Conference Room. Notifications would be sent to those in attendance today. If changes were made, a note also would be sent.
- Chair Gill adjourned the meeting at 8:40 AM.

Minutes transcribed by Julie Stasi

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