

**MINUTES OF THE
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MAY 5, 2016**
in the
Richard T. Flickinger Center
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairperson Keith White. Chairperson White led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Susan Lattanzi called the roll:

Present: Keith White – Chairperson
Amit Shah
George Karagozian
C. Norman Rockel
Teresa Sorensen
Karen Berkowsky

Absent: Ted Sievert

Also Present: Chris Tomich – Village Engineer
Adam Tabor – Police Department Community Liaison
Bill Porter – Fire Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 7, 2016, regular meeting were introduced. Commissioner Rockel moved to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Sorensen seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as follows:

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| Commissioner Shah | aye |
| Commissioner Karagozian | aye |
| Commissioner Rockel | aye |
| Commissioner Sievert | absent |
| Commissioner Sorensen | aye |
| Commissioner Berkowsky | aye |

The motion passed 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain 1 Absent

STAFF REPORT

There was no individual report presented by staff for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report upon at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A Request for Review was presented by Village Engineer Chris Tomich asking for a review of three proposed design options for improvements at the intersections of Theobald Road, Mango Avenue, and South Park Avenue. Mr. Tomich presented a slide presentation to the Commission which presented three different traffic route scenarios involving the intersection of Theobald Road, Mango Avenue, and South Park Avenue. He briefly stated this project is being looked into because this area needs to be repaved. While this area does not present a great hazard as a result of traffic congestion, it is a confusing intersection and one that can be difficult for seniors or individuals unfamiliar with the area. Mr. Tomich stated this is the perfect opportunity update the intersection so it can become more functional and at the same time lessen the possibility for pedestrian and/or vehicular accidents.

He then explained in Exhibit 1, the roadway could be left in its present state but it is a difficult intersection and the possibility for an accident to occur is ever present. Exhibit 2 would divert Mango traffic onto South Park and there would no longer be an intersection with Theobald. Theobald's roadway width would be lessened to create a safer crosswalk access for pedestrians and would resultantly cause traffic to slow. Mr. Porter expressed concern on whether the roadway would be wide enough to allow for emergency vehicles to pass. Mr. Tomich stated the narrowed roadway portion would actually be 11 feet wide with a 1 foot gutter area making it adequate for emergency vehicles to pass through safely. Exhibit 3 would be similar in that Mango would still turn into South Park and vehicle traffic would not be able to merge onto Theobald. This scenario keeps the roadway width on Theobald consistent but places medians in the middle of the street as a safe haven for pedestrians crossing the roadway. This scenario does however place a burden on snowplowing and with the minimal amount of traffic that does present itself on a daily basis staff is not recommending this scenario. It was noted all scenarios do not change the amount of on-street parking available in this area. Mr. Tomich did state diverting traffic would affect about twenty homes wherein they would need to reconfigure the way they traveled through this area.

Several Commission members briefly spoke. Chairperson White stated the low volume of traffic in this area allowed for either Exhibit 2 or 3 to be used. Ms. Berkowsky requested signs be placed at strategic locations to indicate where pedestrians should be crossing. Mr. Rockel felt the low volume of traffic and the confusing intersection would best be served with Exhibit 2. Mr. Karagozian thought there might be another alternative to the scenarios presented which involved closing off streets and rerouting onto Frontage Road.

There being no additional questions or suggestions regarding the improvement to this intersection Commissioner Rockel made a motion to recommend for consideration to the Village Board of Trustees, Exhibit 2 which would divert Mango traffic onto South Park and narrow the roadway on Theobald making it the safest alternative. Commissioner Berkowsky seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the recommendation was approved as follows:

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| Commissioner Berkowsky | aye |
| Commissioner Shah | aye |
| Commissioner Karagozian | aye |
| Commissioner Rockel | aye |
| Commissioner Sievert | absent |
| Commissioner Sorensen | aye |

The motion passed 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Mr. Tomich will prepare the appropriate documents for the Village Board as well as for the actual construction work. Work is anticipated to begin after the July 4th Holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMENTS

There was no additional business and/or comments to be discussed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was concluded at 8:00 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rockel. Commissioner Karagozian seconded the motion which was unanimously approved via voice vote.

It was noted the next meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is currently scheduled for 7:00pm on June 2, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,