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To: Mayor James Kalb:

A Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the Engineering Department Conference area.

Committee Members Present:
David Thoroughman (for Chief)
Theora Bradley
Earl Braun
Darlene Daub
Arlene Dever
John Grooms
Richard Grimm
Mike Penn

Committee Members Absent:

Guest: Carolyn Elliott
Captain Robert Ware

Captain Thoroughman opened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Ms. Theora Bradley was introduced to the Committee Members as a new member replacing Jeff Dempsie from Sciotoville.

Old Business:

- 1) Mayor Kalb has requested that we install proper lines or signage on Chillicothe Street at 2nd Street for right-hand turn lane (heading south).

Chris Murphy reported to the Committee that in order to have proper lane width the city would need to remove parking on both sides of the street. It was discussed that it would be difficult for trucks to maneuver a left turn onto Chillicothe Street from Second Street if two lanes of southbound traffic were at the intersection. It was further discussed that this would require a shift in the recommendation of the Committee that "No Action" be taken on this request; however, Arlene Dever made a motion to paint diagonal lines on Chillicothe Street to designate that the area is not a turn lane. John Grooms seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Busines:

- 1) Ms. Carolyn Elliott attended this meeting. She lives at 5616 5th Street in Sciotoville. School buses cannot come down the street because they cannot make a turn with cars parked on both sides of the street. Ms. Elliott stated the city painted the north side of the curb in error. It was discussed and agreed that the City will paint over the north side and paint the entire south side of the curb on 5th.
- 2) David Adkins of Newman Tin Shop is requesting a two-hour parking sign for the shop and building beside it at 434 and 440 Second Street. His customers cannot park near his business because other business employees park there all day.

Richard Grimm made a motion to erect a two-hour parking sign for Mr. Adkins, Captain Thoroughman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- 3) Susie Conner lives at 23rd and Potts. (1027 23rd). The Street is very narrow and it is nearly impossible for her to get in and out of her driveway. Sergeant Laura Davis agrees that this street is a problem with parking on both sides of the street. She even mentioned that she has had to back up in her cruiser when she could not pass between the cars.

The Committee discussed this situation and agreed to look at the location and make a recommendation at the November meeting on parking on just one side of the street.

- 4) Arlene Dever presented a complaint from a resident that motorists are using Noel as a shortcut from CVS and other businesses in that area to Coles Boulevard. She stated the complaint is that vehicles are speeding on Noel Drive.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that the Service Department erect the radar board at this location and discuss at the November meeting.

- 5) Richard Grimm made a recommendation that the city paint center lines on Grandview. It was discussed by another that vehicles are speeding and the request for a stop sign at 23rd street was not approved.

All items having been discussed the meeting adjourned. The next Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the Engineering Department Conference area.

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Cc: City Council
Committee Members
Chris Murphy