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City of Portsmouth
Traffic Committee Meeting
May 8, 2007

To: James D. Kalb

A Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in the Engineering Department Conference Area.

Committee Members Present:

Captain David Thoroughman (for Chief)
Arlene Dever (replacing Bob Boldman)
Bob Gambill
Richard Grimm

John Grooms
Kerry Keating
Jim Lodwick
Mike Penn

Guests:

Alex Watts (Service Dept)
Michael Mearan (Councilperson)
Howard Harrison (King's Daughters)
Dr. Carson (optometrist)

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

Michael Mearan introduced his new appointment for the Traffic Committee. Arlene Dever is replacing Bob Boldman.

The Committee recognized the guests who have new business on the agenda:

New Business:

- 1) Guests representing Dr. Raies optometry and King's Daughters medical facility were present at this meeting concerning traffic backing up on Scioto Trail and Kinney's Lane. They are asking that the Committee make a recommendation to alleviate this traffic backup. They had suggested making a fourth lane and having the center lane marked for left turn. Dr. Carson suggested making this location the same as signals at Scioto Trail and Coles Boulevard. Mr. Grimm suggested that Captain Thoroughman contact Division 9 and have them review from Tracy Park through this Scioto Trail and Kinneys's Lane location. In the event the city recommends making a fourth lane, the state would need to purchase property. Bob Gambill added that at the 15th Street to Chillicothe Street

location, the yellow lines need to be repainted. Alex Watts advised he would take care of this. The Committee will review this request and discuss at the next meeting. Mr. Harrison left his business card if we need to contact him further.

Old Business:

- 1) Request from Jeff Brant on re-establishing the traffic signal light at Pleasant Avenue and Harrisonville Avenue.

It was discussed that Mr. Grimm spoke with Mr. Brant about this request and he and the Committee are still not clear on what he is requesting and the reason. Captain Thoroughman will invite Mr. Brant to the next meeting to give him a chance to explain his request. No further action will be taken on this request until Mr. Brant is present for a meeting.

- 2) Richard Grimm brought a concern from Kevin Johnson on behalf of residents in the Alexandria House. The concern is for residents using their motorized scooters going to Kroger and having a safe cross on Gay Street.

Mike Penn visited this location and stated the city could help with a curb cut if Kroger is willing to make the other necessary changes on their property. It was suggested this curb cut could be between the two curbs where grass is and eliminate one parking space. Perhaps Kroger would be willing to build a ramp and crosswalk to the sidewalk. Captain Thoroughman will contact the manager of Kroger and ask him to attend our next meeting and assist with suggestions. No Action at this time.

New Business (continued):

- 2) Request made to the Mayor's Office for a traffic study at Coles Boulevard and Forest Avenue. Caller states Forest Heights residents are having difficulty getting out onto Coles.

Bob Gambill stated that early morning traffic from the hospital shift changes make traffic heavy on Coles, and he also has witnessed excessive speed on Coles. He asked about the accident record on Coles and Captain Thoroughman advised he would check and report at the next meeting. Kerry Keating stated that he feels a three-way stop (similar to the four-way stop at Hutchens and Grant) might be a good solution to slow and control traffic flow. Alex stated that a three-way stop could be possible. Mr. Gambill stated he believes the bulk of the traffic is from Sherman. He also stated that he spoke with the Mayor and the Mayor advised him that he had done a traffic study and no light is justified. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

- 3) Richard Grimm was requested to bring to the Committee a request to study the traffic situation at Norfolk/Walnut/Gallia Streets. He states that increased traffic and parking at the restaurant location is a safety concern.

Mr. Mearan stated that with the new activity projected at the N&W railroad yards traffic will increase significantly, in addition to the other business in the area.

The concern is that we should put a traffic control light there or take out the yellow flashing. Richard Grimm made a motion to erect a three-way traffic signal device on Gallia at Norfolk and a three-way traffic signal device on Walnut at Norfolk. John Grooms seconded the motion and the motion carried.

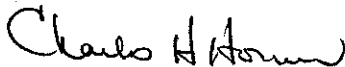
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Arlene Dever stated that she is concerned about traffic accidents at Gay and Gallia. She believes motorists traveling north on Gay see the traffic signal at 6th Street and run the red light at Gallia.

John Grooms made a motion to sinc the lights at 6th and Chillicothe street north on Gay. Captain Thoroughman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in the Engineering Office Conference Area.

All items before the Committee having been discussed, the meeting adjourned.



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Cc: City Council ✓
Committee Members
Chris Murphy/ Alex Watts
Captain Thoroughman