



**AGENDA
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 10, 2016
6:00 PM**

- 1. Attendance**
 - A. Present**
- 2. Approve Minutes-none**
- 3. Agenda Items**
 - A. Brookhart Drive Truck Traffic Discussion**
 - B. Stop Sign - Elm and Halsey**
 - C. Twin Oaks Parking Request**
 - D. Harrisonville Cares Coalition**
- 4. General Discussion**
- 5. Adjournment**

This meeting will be open to the public.

Posted on City Hall Bulletin Board this 8th day of November, 2016

Kim Hubbard, City Clerk



TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: November 1, 2016
SUBJECT: Brookhart Drive Truck Traffic Discussion

Type of Item: *Discussion*

Issue: Request for a review of the traffic regulations enforcement on Brookhart Drive.

Background: On October 21, 2016 I received an email from the City Clerk in reference to Alderman Dickerson receiving complaints regarding truck traffic on Brookhart Drive. The email requested that I contact the Sheriff and Commissioner Scavuzzo regarding this problem and ask them to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting on November 10th. That day I emailed those individuals as requested, I emailed both Sheriff Diehl as well as Major Jeff Weber from the Cass County Sheriff's Office as he has been elected Sheriff starting in January 2017. To date I have not heard back from any members of the Sheriff's Office but Commissioner Scavuzzo did contact me and state that he has not received any complaints about truckers in this area but would try to attend the meeting. On October 27th I contact the local zone Sgt. for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and invited him to the meeting. He stated that he would and then contacted me the next day stating that two of the Commercial Enforcement Officers would like to attend the meeting as well as they have received numerous complaints regarding this matter as well. If I haven't heard back from the Sheriff's Office by next Monday I will re-contact them requesting their presence at the meeting.

Since Love's Truck Stop opened I have heard of several complaints about trucks on Brookhart. Approximately seven times I have sat out in the area watching for truckers to illegally drive down this roadway. I have only sat there about 6-7 total hours but I have never observed a truck violate this ordinance. Later this week I have scheduled an Officer for overtime to spend several hours watching for trucks on Brookhart. I will report the results of this enforcement at the public safety meeting.

The City's Street and Public Works Departments have added signage to this area to curb any illegal truck traffic.

A. Action Item (ID # 2372)

Brookhart Drive Truck Traffic Discussion



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STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: November 2, 2016
SUBJECT: Stop Sign - Elm and Halsey

Type of Item: *Discussion*

We have had a request come forward to place additional stop signs at the intersection of Elm and Halsey.

Street Superintendent Jacobs, Public Works Director Patterson and I have all looked at this request and support making this intersection a 4-way stop intersection. With the support of the Public Safety Committee we will prepare the ordinance and present this item to the Board of Alderman in the near future.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the office.

B. Action Item (ID # 2376)

Stop Sign - Elm and Halsey



City of
Harrisonville^{est. 1836}
STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: November 1, 2016
SUBJECT: Twin Oaks Parking Request

Type of Item: *Discussion*

Issue: Request for a review of the parking regulations on Twin Oaks Drive.

Background: On October 5, 2016 I received an email from Alderman Turner regarding a parking concern on Twin Oaks Drive. The email requested no parking on one side of Twin Oaks Drive and stated that the complainant was concerned with a commercial type vehicle that frequently parked across the street from her driveway.

Street Superintendent Rodney Jacobs, Public Works Director and I have all checked on the parking concerns documented and we all came to the same conclusion. Although is it troubling to have someone parked directly across from your driveway we don't support creating a no parking area across from driveways as we feel this will be a continuous request throughout the City.

Recommendation: Staff recommends no change to the parking requirement at this time.

C. Action Item (ID # 2373)

Twin Oaks Parking Request



TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: John Hofer, Director
DATE: November 2, 2016
SUBJECT: Harrisonville Cares Coalition

Type of Item: *Discussion*

Earlier this fall after a pedestrian fatality accident within the City I started to take a closer look at the driving behaviors in Harrisonville. I looked at both young drivers as well as experienced drivers. After a few weeks of observation I was very disappointed with the way many of our drivers conducted themselves while driving an automobile. I then decided to try to do something new.

I have convened a group of partners and we have now met on two separate occasions. The group's goal is to find and address areas of concern with vehicular and pedestrian traffic movements throughout the City of Harrisonville.

PARTNERS

The stakeholders invited to the meeting were as follows:

- Missouri State Highway Patrol
- Harrisonville School District
- Missouri Department of Transportation - Education Division
- Harrisonville Street Department
- Harrisonville Public Works Department
- Durham Bus Service
- Harrisonville Police Department
- Harrisonville High School SADD

PARTNER'S ROLES

All of the partners identified bring different strengths to the coalition, here is a brief list of some of the roles each bring to the group:

- **Missouri State Highway Patrol** - has several driver education programs that would be

very beneficial to high school aged drivers. Sgt. Stosberg has the first program scheduled for November 17th at the high school for the sophomore class. Members from the MSHP will also assist us in identifying areas of concern throughout the City.

- **Harrisonville School District** - will work with the MSHP and MoDot's Educational Division on bringing safe driver programs to the students as well as some for the students and their parents. Thus far, the school district and the High School's SADD organization has shown a strong interest in the It Only Takes One program as well as the 1st Impact for New Drivers program. The school district is also a key component to recognizing areas of concern within the community.
- **Missouri Department of Transportation - Education Division** - was able to attend the first meeting however being based out of Jefferson City it is difficult to attend all the meetings. Kacey Buschjost plans on bringing additional MoDot personnel and resources to our future group meetings.
- **Missouri Department of Transportation** - will work closely with city staff on solutions to the many areas of concern that are around state highways.
- **Harrisonville Street Department** - is a key component to the group and some of their roles are identifying areas of concern as well as assisting with doing what they can within budget to address areas of concern that the group has brought forward.
- **Harrisonville Public Works Department** - is a great partner to the group because they can help identify problems areas as well as provide solutions to those problems.
- **Durham Bus Service** - for a number of years they have generated concerns around bus stops as well as poor driver behavior around buses, most notably stop arm violations. They have often had concerns about bus movements through busy intersections. They will be an asset to the coalition as they are active on the streets each day during peak school traffic times.
- **Harrisonville Police Department** - will have the primary role of enforcement in addition to being the lead with areas of concern recognition. Traffic enforcement will be targeted in key areas of the city that are recognized as areas of concern by the coalition. Enforcement efforts will focus on all violations but key areas of concern will be emphasized such as speeding, stop sign violations, parking across sidewalks and careless driving.

- **Harrisonville High School SADD** - joined our group after the first meeting and brings a different perspective to our group, a young person's perspective which is fantastic. They have an existing relationship with the MoDot Education Division as they have participated in a few of their educational programs in the past. The SADD group is also responsible for the bi-annual mock crash at the high school which held just prior to prom. They have also showed some interest in providing Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to the student body to assist with our efforts.
- **Harrisonville VIPS** - will periodically assist the coalition by lending a helping hand during events as well as occasionally collecting data. The VIPS will not be assisting with enforcement efforts.

AREAS OF CONCERN

As stated earlier this group has met on two occasions with our next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2016. In the short time that we have been together we have identified several areas of concern:

- **Pedestrian Crosswalks**
 - Mechanic at the Middle School - line of sight, flasher awareness, and non-school hour crossings.
 - Mechanic at Price - line of sight, non-school hour crossings.
 - Washington Street at Independence - sight issues.
 - South Street at the Bridge (Low Water) - line of sight, flasher awareness, and non-school hour crossings.
 - Commercial at the Fire Station - individuals crossing for Sonic.
 - Commercial at South Street - concerns for Christian School students, line of sight issues, individuals crossing at all times.

The coalition is looking into different crosswalk systems that are self-activated by individuals using the crosswalk to increase yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks. To view an informational video regarding one of these systems you can visit the following webpage: <https://www.tapconet.com/solar-led-division/rectangular-rapid-flash-beacons>

- **Seatbelt Usage**
 - Educational Program - very low usage amongst teens
 - Traffic stop education - seatbelt violations are a primary offense that can be used to distribute educational material among violators.

- **Speed Limits**
 - Independence Street = 35 mph zone at the Washington Street crosswalk and a residential area.
 - Elm Street = 35 mph zone in front of the high school during non-school hours. It is a residential area and frequently has evening events hosted by the school.
 - Mechanic Street (MoDot regulated) = 45 mph zone starts in front of Mazzio's going north to City limits with student crosswalks at Elm Street for both HHS and HES schools.

- **School Bus Movement**
 - School buses have a very difficult time leaving the Middle Scholl after school both onto Mechanic Street and South Street (both are MoDot regulated).

- **Student Pickup/Drop Off**
 - All schools have a significant problem with parental drop off and pickup before and after school because of the lack of a proper staging area.

- **Low Hanging Trees**
 - Some residential sidewalks have low hanging tree limbs causing pedestrian traffic to walk off the sidewalk and potentially be injured. We would like the Community Development Department to be able to address these concerns when brought to them by our coalition.

- **Vehicles Parked on Sidewalk**
 - This is a community problem where individuals park their vehicles in their driveway but across the sidewalk causing any pedestrian traffic to get off of the side walk, sometimes into the street, to maneuver around the parked vehicle.

- **Traffic Enforcement and the BOA**
 - As stated earlier I feel that driver behavior in Harrisonville is not good and to address this issue will require an increase in enforcement activity. It must be noted that this is an effort to curb this type of behavior and not for punitive reasons.

In doing so we anticipate that some of our upset customers might reach out to you as an Alderman. I would propose coming up with a guideline for speed enforcement for the officers to follow. I will discuss this further at the public

safety meeting and have already spoken with the municipal prosecutor and gathered his professional opinion.

- **Public Education**

- In fairness to the public we will use every avenue available to get this program, and especially enforcement information out to the public. Some of the media resources we have identified to use are as follows:
 - Facebook (HPD, City, School)
 - City Newsletter
 - Cass County Democrat
 - School Newsletter
 - City Website

We as a coalition are very excited to start this program in Harrisonville and would greatly appreciate your support. Please feel free to contact me at the office if you have any questions or concerns I can address.

D. Action Item (ID # 2377)

Harrisonville Cares Coalition