

**PARKING AND SAFETY  
MOTION SUMMARY  
August 20, 2018**

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Shafer called the Parking and Safety Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman Chris Jones, Vice-Chairwoman Lisa Keller and Chairman Kent Shafer

Staff Present: Jessica Ormeroid, Project Manager, Nathan McCoy, Project Manager, Bill Ferrigno, Public Works Director/City Engineer, John Donahue, Fire Chief, Bruce Pijanowski, Police Chief

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held April 16, 2018, as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Mr. Jones moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held April 16, 2018, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM 4. UPDATE and DISCUSSION of West Hull Drive

Mr. McCoy provided an update on the concerns voiced by residents a year ago regarding the high amounts of traffic on West Hull Drive. He reviewed the three different options that were presented as ways to reduce traffic in the neighborhood. He discussed the cost for a median island option and the option for elimination of turns out of the access drive. Mr. Ferrigno discussed the traffic counts on West Hull Drive and that a working group was formed last November with staff and residents. He recommended that any option chosen is done as a pilot program to determine if traffic is reduced and what impacts the changes have in other areas. He discussed the lack of response from U.S. Properties Group regarding the options that would affect the changes to the access road which resulted in the option to have changes in the public right-of-way. He discussed the option to use a median barrier after the pilot program of utilizing temporary delineators. This option will train drivers to utilize the traffic signal to exit left on U.S. 23 from the shopping center. Mr. Ferrigno discussed efforts to educate the community on access changes. Mrs. Keller requested if there was significant crash reports on West Hull Drive and voiced a concern over the changes having a significant impact to other areas. Mr. Ferrigno explained

that there was not a significant crash history or speed issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Bowers  
176 Hull Court  
Delaware, Ohio

David Hague  
180 Hull Court  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Bowers discussed how they had requested a year ago for the City to assist them and that in the past year staff has formed a working group that has representatives from Hull Drive, as well as, Wesleyan Woods and Stratford Woods. He expressed that the representatives from the other developments acknowledged the need for relief of traffic on Hull Drive. He discussed the possible use of curb bump outs. He stated understanding that this would be a pilot program and may need to look at different options.

Mr. Hague discussed efforts to reach out to neighbors for their input and to allow them to voice their concerns. He discussed visiting each house at least once in the neighborhood.

Mr. Ferrigno discussed how the high volume of traffic on West Hull Drive compares to other streets. He discussed that streets that are comparable often have a higher amount of homes in the neighborhood.

Rachel Spitzen  
U.S. Properties Group  
3665 Fishinger Blvd  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026

Ms. Spitzen apologized for the lack of response in the past from the shopping center. She discussed the concerns of preventing traffic to turn left from Hull Drive onto the access road and this will make it more difficult to access the Urgent Care. She discussed the concerns that the options do not prevent traffic from still turning from U.S. 23 onto Hull to cut over to Liberty Street.

Doug Bender  
Mannik Smith Group  
1160 Dublin Road  
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Bender questioned if speed is an issue of the residents. He also discussed that trucks often use the access road from Hull Road to make their deliveries.

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the different speed studies and how data was gathered. He discussed that 85% for speed is 30-31 mph. Ms. Ormeroid discussed different devices used to gather data which reflected about the same results. He discussed that traffic calming measures are more effective for higher speed and not higher traffic counts. He discussed a left turn in from Hull Drive onto the access road. Mr. Bender voiced his desire to work with staff on looking at different options. Mr. Ferrigno discussed that other options were provided which allowed full access in, but restricted access out. Ms. Spitzen informed the Committee that U.S. Properties Group would be interested in looking at this option with staff.

Randy Van Tilburg  
Mannik Smith Group  
157 Thonapple Trail  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Tilburg discussed his understanding of the high traffic on West Hull Drive and would like to look at the option to access the shopping center from Hull Drive and limit the left turn. Vice-Chairman Shafer recommended that U.S. Properties Group and Mannik Smith meet with staff and residents to look at the different options.

Councilwoman Keller discussed the design of the road as a connector. Mr. Ferrigno discussed the use of a pilot program to determine how the outcome of the access changes are. He discussed his preference to meet with residents and the US. Properties Group in August.

Bethany Davis  
297 West Hull Drive  
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Davis voiced concerns that speed is not an issue and that she has witnessed people hit the fire hydrant due to speeding. She voiced concerns over the safety of children in the area. Ms. Davis also discussed that the Urgent Care facility is not an emergency room.

Lewis Pierotti  
Ohio Health Urgent Care  
5005 Sunbury Road  
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Pierotti stated that much of their demographics who utilize the Urgent Care are from the north and that the access into the shopping center is important to them. He voiced no concerns over the access restrictions to leave the shopping center.

Jill Shepard  
309 West Hull Drive  
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Shepard discussed her preference for Hull Drive to not be used as a cut through. She voiced a concern over the difficulty to cross the street due to the high traffic.

Jim Bowers  
176 Hull Court  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Bowers provided an example he observed about the high traffic in which a bus was dropping off students for over two minutes and that traffic was stacked up approximately 20-30 cars each way.

David Hague  
180 Hull Court  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Hague voiced frustration that staff has attempted to receive input from U.S. Properties Group and that the City of Delaware authorized the cut through 22 years ago and the problem was started by the City of Delaware.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION for the installation of “No Parking” signage on Richardson St., from Hayes St. to the alley between Richardson St. and Cheshire St.

Chief Pijanowski provided a review of the recommendation for “No Parking” signage on Richardson Street. He discussed the concern of parking on both sides and that the width of the street is a safety concern with parking on both sides of the street.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ashlie France  
161 Richardson Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. France stated that the issue occurred due to a feud with her neighbor and that she was told that city easement is 15 feet from the middle of the street which allows him to park on the city easement. She stated that the neighbor was upset that it was an eyesore with parking across the street and that these neighbors no longer live in the neighborhood. She stated that there is little traffic on the street and that they all use parking on both sides of the street. She recommended that the city consider widening the street or make it a one-way

street. She discussed that the neighbors that had a concern no longer live in the neighborhood. She informed that her partner has a concrete building and sometimes the vehicles remain at the house as he goes to jobs. She stated that they did not remove the trees and that was another neighbor, but that the area was recently cleaned up. She voiced a concern that her neighbors at times park inappropriately in their front yard and their cars are partially on the road.

Chief Donahue stated that the road is only 17 feet wide and that is a narrow road by today's standards. He discussed that parking on both sides of the street does not give the fire department the feasibility to operate properly in the event of an emergency.

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Keller motioned to approve the installation of "No Parking" signage from the alley at Richardson Street to Cheshire Street, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

Ms. France requested how to have the City consider Richardson to be a one-way street. Mr. Ferrigno recommended that she provide a petition with support of surrounding neighbors and that discussion can be brought back before the Committee. Mrs. Ormeroid recommended that even with a one-way street the parking restrictions would still need to remain.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION of "No Parking" signage on the south side of Diverston Way on the north and south side of Diverston Way from Houk Road to Blakemore Drive.

Chief Pijanowski provided background on the concern regarding congestion on both sides of the road around the Rockport model home. He recommended to restrict parking 75 feet from the sidewalk on both sides. He did speak with Rockport and informed them of the meeting. He was informed that Rockport will be vacating the home in the next 6-8 months. The Committee voiced concerns over parking restrictions on both sides of the road as it may push parking down Diverston Way along the curve. Chief Donahue and Chief Pijanowski informed the Committee that Rockport does not utilize the driveway. Chief Pijanowski recommended that parking be restricted on the north side from the sidewalk to the driveway. Mr. Ferrigno discussed that the south side statutory restriction of 30 feet from the stop sign.

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Keller motioned to approve "No Parking" signage on north side of Diverston Way from Houk Road to west edge of the first driveway on Diverston Way, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION of Dynamic Speed Feedback Sign Report  
Mrs. Ormeroid discussed the 12 month pilot program and put on 12 streets determined by stealth speeds that have 5 mph more than allowed. She discussed

a noticeable reduction of speed while in place and that when the signs were removed the speed went back up. She discussed positive feedback from the residents and that some residents offered to purchase the signs themselves. Ms. Ormeroid discussed the requirements to consider the signage and the cost to purchase and maintain. A discussion was held on moving the signage to different locations as was done during the pilot program. Mr. Ferrigno discussed allowing for Home Owner Associations to have the option to purchase a sign and that the City provide maintenance. The Committee was in agreement to have staff create a policy internally regarding the signage.

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION of the recommendations of the Downtown Parking Advocacy Committee – Enforcement Work Group, as listed:

- a. Extend Days and Hours of parking enforcement
- b. Expand downtown time limited parking to 3 hours
- c. Change in fine structure

Chief Pijanowski discussed that there was not a consensus from downtown merchants regarding parking changes. He recommended that the Committee table the discussion until there is more agreement between the downtown businesses.

**Motion:** Councilman Jones motioned to table indefinitely the discussion and consideration of recommendations of the Downtown Parking Advocacy Committee, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 9. STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Pijanowski provided an update on downtown parking relating to the County offices being changed that meters on the north side of Central are infrequently being used. He recommended that the City Manager authorize the meters to change from 3 hour to ten in this location.

ITEM 10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Councilman Jones voiced a concern over increase of speed on Houk Road. A discussion was held on ways to change the striping to help people to slow down.

Vice-Chairwoman Keller voiced a concern regarding West Hull Drive and that any changes will transfer the problem to a different area.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Councilman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting,

seconded by Chairman Shafer. The Parking and Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



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Kent Shafer, Chairman



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~~Elaine McCloskey, Clerk~~

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