



**Citizens Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes
 May 28, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Royal Oak Citizens Traffic Committee was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the city hall, 211 Williams Street, Royal Oak. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Chairperson Richard Karlowski at 7:01 p.m.

Deputy Chairperson Richard Karlowski recited the Traffic Committee preamble:

"The Traffic Committee consists of property owners of Royal Oak appointed by the City Commission. We are volunteers and are not paid or elected. What we decide tonight is merely a recommendation to the City Commission. If you do not agree with the findings or decisions of this committee, you may go before the City Commission and petition and/or discuss your issue with them. At this meeting you will be given an opportunity to speak during your item on the agenda. However, at the City Commission meeting, you must be recognized during "public comment" on their agenda, not when the Traffic Committee resolutions are being voted upon. Otherwise you will not be able to voice your concerns.

It is important to understand that professionals make preliminary recommendations to the Traffic Committee. They consist of civil and traffic engineers, outside consultants and public safety officials. You may have been informed that these professionals have denied your request or petition. This denial does not mean that this committee will vote that way; however, we are committed to discussing the issues at hand in a pragmatic and sensible manner. Our ultimate recommendation to the City Commission will be one that benefits our citizens and community as a whole."

1. Roll Call:

Present

Richard Karlowski
 Amanda Morris-Smith
 Andrew Kowalkowski
 Thomas Allen
 Mark Steiner, alternate

Also Present

Matthew J. Callahan P.E., City Engineer
 Sergeant Chris Annetta, Police

Absent

Dan Godek, Chairperson
 Matthew McCuen
 Belem Morales
 Holly Donoghue

2. Approval of Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2019

Motioned by Amanda Morris-Smith
 Seconded by Andrew Kowalkowski

Adopted Unanimously

3. **Public Comment** - No speakers came forward

4. **Rescheduled Items/Old Business** - None

5. **Business Items**

5.A. Request to install an additional “Stop” sign on the eastbound side of Northwood Boulevard at Bonnie View Drive in the median to increase visibility and awareness for motorists

A request was received from John O’Keefe of 2325 Oliver to install an additional “Stop” sign in the median on the eastbound side of Northwood Boulevard at Bonnie View Drive. He states cars routinely drive through the intersection or barely stop. The opposing corner (westbound) has two “Stop” signs and drivers seem to be more aware there. Mr. O’Keefe also requested additional police enforcement which has been received and he appreciates.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Matthew J. Callahan, P.E.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends the following:

- **Deny the request to install an additional “Stop” sign on the median of eastbound Northwood Boulevard at Bonnie View Drive, and**
- **Install five (5) “All Way” signs below each of the stop signs at this intersection.**

Moved by: Amanda Morris-Smith

Supported by: Andrew Kowalkowski

Motion adopted unanimously

5.B. Request to install “Stop” signs on S. Alexander Avenue at E. Second Street, creating a 4-way stop

A request was received from Kelsey & Christopher Atkins of 828 E Second Street to install “Stop” signs on S. Alexander Avenue at E. Second Street. They reported speeding issues from vehicles coming off 11 Mile Road onto S. Alexander, as well as vehicles coming north up S. Alexander Avenue. Their concerns are for the safety of pedestrians, children in the area and residents who live there.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Matthew J. Callahan, P.E.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends denying the request to install “Stop” signs on S. Alexander Avenue at E. Second Street.

Moved by: Thomas Allen

Supported by: Mark Steiner

Motion adopted unanimously

5.C. Request to install a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign on southbound N. Main Street at Woodside Road

A request was received from John Schultz of 502 Woodside Road to install a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign on N. Main Street across from Woodside Road. He states when the light on N. Main Street at Normandy turns red, traffic backs up and cars attempting to exit Woodside Road to head south onto N. Main Street have nowhere to go.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Matthew J. Callahan, P.E.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue.

- John Schultz of 502 Woodside spoke regarding the difficulty of exiting Woodside Road onto southbound Main Street. He was open to any other solutions offered by staff or the committee.

Staff noted that the existing traffic signal at Normandy will be reviewed for upgrades in 2020 and the city could investigate changing the way the intersection functions at that time to include both Normandy Road and Woodside Road as part of the intersection and traffic signal design which could be a solution to this issue.

The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends denying the request to install “Do Not Block Intersection” signs on southbound N. Main Street at Normandy Road.

Moved by: Andrew Kowalkowski

Supported by: Thomas Allen

Motion adopted unanimously

5.D. Request to improve signage and markings for pedestrian safety at the offset intersection of Glenwood Road, Shaw Street and Shenandoah Drive

A request was received from Steve Harris of 2616 Glenwood Road with concerns regarding the offset intersection of Glenwood Road, Shaw Street and Shenandoah Drive. He states that vehicles traveling north/south on Shenandoah Drive often run the “Stop” sign. There are many children that live in this area, and the intersection is also part of the walking route for children who attend Addams Elementary School. He proposes adding “4-way” signage to the existing “Stop” signposts and reflectors or reflective tape; also painting a cross walk (piano keys) on the intersection where the crosswalk ramps are and stop bar lines.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Matthew J. Callahan, P.E.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends the following:

- **Install standard crosswalk markings on Shenandoah at Glenwood Road;**
- **Install pedestrian crosswalk signs (W11-2 and W16-2P) at the crosswalk, and pedestrian crossing signs (W11-2 and “Ahead” sign) 250 feet north and 250 feet south of Glenwood Road;**
- **Install “All Way” signs below each of the existing four (4) stop signs at the offset intersection of Glenwood Road, Shaw Street and Shenandoah Drive.**

Moved by: Andrew Kowalkowski

Supported by: Thomas Allen

Motion adopted unanimously

5.E. Request to review traffic issues on Merrill Avenue between Coolidge Highway and Webster Road

A request was received from Kathie Roggenbuch of 3323 Merrill Avenue to review traffic on Merrill Avenue between Coolidge Highway and Webster Road. She states her block experiences excessive cut-through traffic and speeding, similar to the residential streets between Coolidge Highway and Woodward Avenue, and expects it will increase with the construction of Beaumont's new shopping center.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Matthew J. Callahan, P.E.

Mr. Karlowski opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue.

- David Roggenbuch of 3323 Merrill spoke about how the existing “No Thru Traffic” signs are disregarded and not followed by motorists. He suggested adding speed bumps on the street or just making it into a dead end.
- Kathie Roggenbuch of 3323 Merrill also spoke about how this is a safety issue and she sees more vehicles cutting through towards Webster Road than heading east towards Coolidge Highway

Staff, the committee and the requestors discussed options for traffic calming on their street. The residents inquired about blocking the end of their street to traffic. City engineer, Matt Callahan, explained that the property owners on the block could petition for a dead end. A petition request should be in writing and should be specific and the city would review the request and prepare options for a petition.

The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends no action at this time.

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Moved by: Amanda Morris-Smith

Supported by: Mark Steiner

Motion adopted unanimously

6. Information Only Items

Adjourn

Upon the motion of Thomas Allen, seconded by Amanda Morris-Smith, and adopted unanimously, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Cc: Traffic Committee Members, Inc. Ex-Officio Members:

Shelly Kamp, Chamber of Commerce
Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Royal Oak School Superintendent
Candi Drouillard, PTA Council President
Corrigan O'Donoghue, Police Chief
Lieutenant Chris Annetta
Dave Cummins, Fire Chief
Tim Thwing, Director of Community Development
Greg Rassel, Director of Recreation and Public Services

- 5A. John O' Keefe, 2325 Oliver
- 5B. Kelsey & Christopher Atkins, 828 E Second
- 5C. John Schultz, 502 Woodside
- 5D. Steve Harris, 2616 Glenwood
- 5E. Kathie Roggenbuch, 3323 Merrill