

MINUTES

CITY OF AUBURN - TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, November 18, 2008
8:30 A.M. @ City Hall Conference Room 10**

1. Public Comment:

N/A

2. Approval of October 2008 Minutes M/S Powers/Warren

ACTION ITEMS:

N/A

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. Traffic Congestion on Jacobs/Lewis Place

Frank Lewis, 185 Linden Ave, State Farm Insurance Building

Mr. Lewis has tried to contact the new tenants at 200 Linden three times regarding delivery trucks blocking traffic and he stated that his requests have been ignored. Chief Harris requested that Mr. Lewis phone dispatch when and if trucks were impeding traffic and an officer would check out the situation. This issue will carry over to the next meeting.

4. Tuttle Tract Neighborhood – Opposition of new Signage

Mark Gibson, Tuttle Street (Survey Results)

Survey results were placed into a spreadsheet, but published to protect the privacy of folks whom may not want their comments made public.

Question #1 stated, "Vote Yes for traffic flow to remain the same; Vote No if it needs to be restricted;" resulting in a 30 to 4 vote to remain the same.

Question #2, "Vote Yes if you feel traffic is safe; Vote No if you feel traffic is unsafe;" resulting in a 28 to 6 vote, feeling traffic is safe.

Question #3, "Vote Yes if the signage is adequate; Vote No if you feel more signage is needed;" resulting in a 26 to 7 vote feeling signage was adequate.

Several neighbors spoke regarding their take on the neighborhood traffic situation and offered several suggestions. Most felt that more signage was fine or to add four-way stop signs. There were several comments regarding children playing in the street and felt maybe signage stating, "Children at Play" should be put in place.

Warren acknowledged these suggestions confirming that stop signs aren't used for speed control; they are for taking turns in traffic. Placing children at play signs may give the children a false sense of safety. City Council would have to approve any variances. Richardson reiterated that stop signs are not traffic calming device; and that they were put to a vote years ago.

Another suggestion was to move the signs that are there to the opposite streets instead of adding new signs. Warren stated, "You normally place the signs on the street with the least amount of traffic, so that wouldn't work." The speed limit is 25 mph in the Tuttle neighborhood and the traffic strips show vehicles aren't speeding. Following the rules of engineers and signage; the survey wasn't even close to 50/50; most are satisfied with the way it is; more police visibility in the neighborhood; volunteers out there with traffic trailer and radar asking them to slow down. Lisa Worthington showed interest in starting a neighborhood watch program in the Tuttle neighborhood.

A motion and a Second were requested, but it was stated that this item should have appeared under action items, so it would have to be brought back to the next meeting and vote taken at that time.

OBTA AGENDA ITEMS PENDING PER FINALIZATION OF PARKING/TRAFFIC STUDY:

Brewery Lane Traffic Issue: Catherine Rowe

Request to remove "No Parking" signs from Brewery Lane and allow parallel parking: Bryan Hayes

2009 MEETINGS: February 17, 2009