

**WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA**

**TIME:** 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 18, 2007

**PLACE:** West Lafayette Board of Works Room

**PRESENT:** Evan Apotheker  
Bob Bauman  
Dave Buck  
David Christian  
David Downey  
Carrie Ehresman  
Desiree Lord  
Gil Satterly  
Kumares Sinha

**VISITORS:** Tom Bernet  
Beth Cook  
Wendy Field  
Karen O'Farrell  
Natalie Villwock

Chairman Sinha determined there was quorum and called the meeting to order. The March minutes were corrected to record that Mr. Satterly was NOT present. Mr. Apotheker made a motion to approve the March minutes as corrected, Mr. Christian seconded and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**07-09 Cumberland Avenue Reconstruction Project**

Mr. Buck stated that the Project Planning Committee will be having its forth meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The group has identified focal points along Cumberland, and will be condensing three design concepts into two before the next meeting. Mr. Buck stated that he will be asking the group to help form timelines for the reconstruction work. If the project start date is three to five years out, we may need to consider doing some repair work in the travel lanes.

Project Planning Committee member, Desiree Lord, made the comment that she hopes the group will be "open" to roundabouts. Once the public understands how to drive through them, they are very effective at moving traffic. Chairman Sinha asked how she felt about the pedestrian aspect. Ms. Lord stated it can be difficult at first, but drivers need to understand that pedestrians have the right-of-way. Mr. Bauman stated that he would be concerned about placement of a roundabout in a high pedestrian area.

**07-10 Crestview and Northridge Parking**

Mr. Downey requested that members drive through the Crestview and Northridge area before the May meeting. This item may be an item brought to the commission for discussion. The police chief has expressed a concern that these streets are parked heavily. It appears that parking on the

east side of the circle is related to high school traffic. Parking the west side appears to be overnight parking from a nearby fraternity.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **07-01 Neighborhood Permit Parking Request – Littleton Street**

One petitioner has requested to take their name off the parking petition, reducing the percentage of required signatures to below the 51% necessary to add Littleton Street into the NPP program. Mr. Bauman stated that because the city has not implemented the program yet, we should notify the petitioners that they no longer have the 51% necessary to implement the change in parking. If they can get another signature on their petition, then adding the area to the NPP program could go ahead. If another signature cannot be obtained, then Littleton Street will not be added into the NPP program.

### **07-02 Wabash Commons**

The Wabash Commons traffic plan was discussed at Tech Highway. INDOT brought a concern regarding the US 52 entrance east of Nighthawk. INDOT recommended a deceleration lane or turn lane into the drive, and an acceleration lane for vehicles leaving the drive. They also recommended providing more room within the development for vehicles to stack before turning into an outlet.

Mr. Buck stated that one or the other would likely be sufficient; adding a right turn lane and leaving the outlet access points as they are, or not adding a right turn lane and moving the access points further into the development. Mr. Buck also stated that the acceleration lane may not be necessary because the light at Nighthawk will provide a natural break for vehicles to leave the development.

### **07-06 Allen Street Loading Zone**

Tom Bernet, representing Follett's, requested that the loading zone remain at its current location. He stated that Follett's uses this loading zone for deliveries. Trucks which are too large to fit into the loading dock, park in the loading zone to unload. Smaller delivery trucks that can use the loading dock need the loading zone to maneuver into the loading dock.

Mr. Downey asked Mr. Bernet if he would consider providing a parking space for the homeowner in the Follett's parking lot which runs adjacent to the homeowner's property. Mr. Bernet stated that, "yes" he would work with him on that. The Engineering Department will provide the homeowner contact for Mr. Bernet.

### **07-07 Salisbury Street Sewer Improvement Project**

Mr. Buck stated that the Board of Works opened bids on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. He hopes to have a recommendation to the board in one to two weeks. Mr. Buck stated he plans to bring a traffic plan to the commission at the May meeting. Work will begin at the State Street end of the

project and move north. Right now, it looks like Littleton will become a two-way street during construction. Salisbury will be closed from State to Columbia, but the section from State Street to the Razor's Edge parking lot will be reopened as soon as possible.

Ms. Ehresman asked if there will be any disruption to her sewer service at the Triple X. Mr. Downey replied that there is no planned utility closure, but the city and the contractor will work out the steps necessary to notify customers of an unplanned, temporary closure. Ms. Ehresman asked if there is any "loss of business revenue" money built into the project. Mr. Downey replied, "no".

#### **07-08 Chauncey and Williams Visibility**

Mr. Buck stated that he has looked at this intersection, but is not prepared to make a recommendation. He did state that more yellow will be added to Williams Street as part of the Tapawingo South project. This may help with the visibility at Chauncey. Mr. Buck will have his office staff take a closer look at this intersection, and report back to the commission.

**NEXT MEETING:** 5:00 pm, Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. M. Buck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David M. Buck, P.E.  
City Engineer

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