

AGENDA  
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015; 5:30 P.M.

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF JULY 6, 2015 MINUTES

*The MUTCD guidelines for STOP or YIELD signs at intersections are included in your packet.*

- III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. REQUEST TO REMOVE *YIELD* SIGN AND INSTALL *STOP* SIGN ON UPLAND CREST AT HEIGHTS DRIVE

Ms. Bonita Entsminger is requesting the *YIELD* sign on Upland Crest be changed to a *STOP* sign at the intersection with Heights Drive. The concern is that drivers are running the yield sign and presenting a danger to vehicles on Heights Drive. Ms. Entsminger feels that if a stop sign was placed at the intersection vehicles would approach the intersection at a slower speed and be able to negotiate the curve.

Heights Drive is curved south of the intersection and straight north of the intersection. Upland Crest intersects Heights Drive at an angle. An aerial photo is attached. Visibility for both streets north of the intersection is good. Visibility south of the intersection is limited somewhat with the combination of the curve in Heights Drive, the angle of Upland Crest, and area landscaping.

Each leg has a yellow *PLAYGROUND* sign with 20 MPH plaques (advisory).

There were two accidents in May. In both accidents, southbound drivers did not slow down at the intersection, failed to negotiate the curve, and one hit a vehicle parked on Heights Drive and one hit a tree.

The Traffic Commission tabled this item at the July meeting and requested the Police Department monitor the area.

The Police Department monitored the volume of speed and traffic at this intersection for several days. The average speed was below 25 mph. A memo from Police Captain Austin is attached.

The existing *YIELD* sign is 30". Options for improving visibility are increasing the size of the sign to 36" and/or installing a red reflective strip in the post.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move to deny the request to remove the yield sign and install a stop sign on Upland Crest at the intersection with Heights Drive.

- B. REQUEST FOR *STOP* SIGN AT LINCOLN TERRACE AND PIERCE TERRACE

Ms. Layla Rismoen has requested stop signs be installed at the intersection of Lincoln Terrace and Pierce Terrace. The concern is the speed of vehicles and the number of children in the area. The e-mail submitted by Ms. Rismoen is attached.

Pierce and Lincoln is a “T” intersection with through traffic on Pierce Terrace. Visibility at the intersection is good.

The Traffic Commission tabled this item at the July meeting and requested the Police Department monitor the area.

The Police Department monitored the volume of speed and traffic at intersections of Lincoln Terrace/Johnson Street and Pierce Terrace/Lincoln Terrace for several days. The average speed was below 20 mph. A memo from Captain Austin is attached.

IV. OTHER OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

VII. REPORTS

A. CITY ENGINEER

B. POLICE CHIEF

C. COMMISSIONERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

