



NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

E. Wolfe Street Neighborhood

Wednesday, July 12, 2017
at City Hall, Room 011

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

Erin Yancey welcomed those in attendance to the first meeting for the Northeast Neighborhood to determine eligibility for the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. Ms. Yancey, Ian Pike, and Tom Hartman represented the Public Works department and Officer Piper and Corporal Westfall represented the Police department. There were 15 people from the neighborhood in attendance (see Attachment A).

II. Brief Overview of Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program/ Discussion

A brief overview of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program was provided, including the steps necessary to determine eligibility and enrollment, and the next steps for the Northeast Neighborhood.

At this point, several concerns related to the process were addressed. Some were concerned with what might be considered “the neighborhood” considering the Northeast Neighborhood had tried enrolling in the past. In the previous attempt, the neighborhood boundary was so large that they were not able to meet the threshold of signatures required to progress. City staff assured them that a boundary would be set later in the meeting based on concerns and geographical relevance.

Another concern was the percentage of rental units and students in the neighborhood and how that would be taken into account when gathering signatures and collecting traffic data. There were similar concerns from the Old

Town neighborhood during their time in the program so staff will be reviewing how that was handled. Either way, the signatures required will have to come from the property owners, not necessarily who is currently occupying the homes. Traffic data will also only be collected when JMU is in session and students are in the city.

One final concern was related to crash data. The group wanted to know if the crash data could still justify improvements, even if the neighborhood doesn't reach the threshold to enter the program. Staff noted that if there is a significant problem, specific problem intersections or street blocks can be brought through the Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission or through city-obtained grant funding.

III. Neighborhood Concerns Discussion

Below is a summary of areas of concerns in the neighborhood (see Attachment B):

Location	Concern(s)
Sterling & Wolfe	Near misses, actual crashes, cyclists and vehicles not stopping, speeding motorcycles at night
Sterling & Rock	Cyclists and vehicles not stopping
Elizabeth & Myrtle	Near misses
Broad & Elizabeth	Near misses, actual crashes, vehicles not stopping
Elizabeth & Sterling	Sight distance
Myrtle & Johnson	Vehicles not stopping
Simms & Johnson	Vehicles not stopping
Myrtle & Wolfe	Speeding motorcycles at night, vehicles not stopping
General neighborhood	Noise pollution, speeding vehicles, truck traffic, intersections perceived as dangerous
Sterling St	Sidewalks needed
Elizabeth St	Parked cars blocking traffic (particularly JMU parties)
Hill St	Sidewalks needed
Gay St	Pedestrian safety at church
Broad St	Higher children population
Community St	Higher children population

IV. Traffic Study – Discuss boundary

Based on the crash history and the discussion on neighborhood concerns, the neighborhood will be considered bounded by E Johnson St to the north, E

Elizabeth St to the south, Tower St to the east, and Broad St to the west (see Attachment C). Two blocks of Community St and one block of Broad St outside of these boundaries are also included.

V. Next Steps

Based on the neighborhood boundary, city staff will create a plan for the traffic study to be conducted. The neighborhood liaison and city staff will prepare a letter and short presentation for City Council to formally request the traffic study be performed. This will be planned to take to City Council in mid- to late-September. The traffic study will be performed in October. City staff and the neighborhood will then meet in early 2018 to discuss the data gathered and determined the next steps in the process.

VI. Adjourn

For a copy of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Booklet, visit
<https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/neighborhood-traffic-calming-program>

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Attachment A – Sign-in Sheet



SIGN IN SHEET

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program
Northeast Neighborhood
July 12, 2017

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Attachment B – Neighborhood Concerns

+ Actual
crashes

- Near Misses - Sterling & Wolfe

- Cyclists not stopping " + Rock

- Near misses - Elizabeth & Myrtle

- Broad & Eliz - crashes + near misses, running signs

- General speeding - Broad

- Shrubbing - 33 + Myrtle, Eliz + Sterling

- Running stop signs - Stirling/Rock; Stirling/Wolfe; Myrtle/Johnson
Simms/Johnson

- Speeding motorcycles @ night - no stopping @ signs - Stirling/Wolfe
→ Myrtle/Wolfe

- Noise from cars

- Truck traffic shake houses

- Wolfe St. intersections - espec. @ Myrtle - not stopping

- Process to get stop bar

- Stirling needs sidewalks

- Kids cant cross safely b/c speeding + not stopping

- Perception in neighborhood that intersections are dangerous

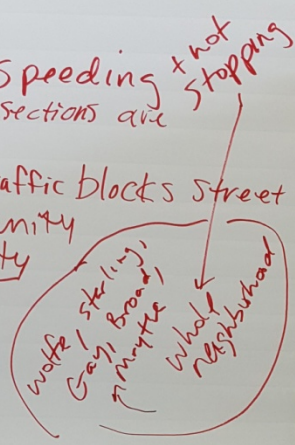
- Elizabeth btwn Hill + Stirling - JMU party traffic blocks street

- Many children on Broad + Community

- Gay St. - Church - pedestrian safety

- Hill St. - needs sidewalk

- observe Wolfe/Stirling + Gay/Stirling



Attachment C – Northeast Neighborhood Boundary



Northeast Neighborhood
Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program
Neighborhood Boundary
2014-2016

