

Honorable Council

City of Newark, Ohio

August 1, 2012

Monday, July 30, 2012, the Street Committee met in Council Chambers following a meeting of the Service Committee. These members were in attendance:

Ed Houdeshell, Chair	Shirley Stare
Jeff Rath	Rhonda Loomis
Duke Frost	Doug Marmie
Carol Floyd	

1. The petition received requesting the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of West Main St and Terrace Ave was discussed.

Gay Weinberg: 37 Stone House Way, she addressed the committee regarding the petition that was submitted requesting the traffic light at W Main St and Terrace Ave. On July 19, 2012 at approximately 11:00 A.M. she stated that there was a second accident. She doesn't feel as though the street safety has not kept pace with the demographics of the area. There are more medical buildings and apartments within the last 13-15 years.

Jeff Rath- stated that this area is in his ward and when he began complaining he stated this is one item he talked with many residents who stated that they felt a light was necessary. He stated he has spoken to Director Rhodes about a light and they have concerns regarding the installation of a traffic light there. He stated as the ward councilman he is in favor of the installation of a traffic light.

Ms. Stare- stated she agrees that there is more traffic due to the medical facilities; she is also in favor of the traffic light.

Director Rhodes- stated the administration is not taking this request lightly and he stated they did a traffic study that he will give to Mr. Rath. B.J. Varner with the Traffic Department has been directed to put up additional speed limit signs, Nick, with the City Engineer office did an intersection study and an executive summary, Director Spurgeon went to the South side of Terrace and put a speed trailer as well as had an officer there for speed enforcement. A letter was written and dropped off to the neighbors on north and south Terrace, businesses and residents alike. This is the result of poor planning. The business and condos have changed the demographics. He stated that a light has to be determined to be warranted then you have to fund it. It costs approximately \$150,000. Everyone will receive a copy of the executive study. He stated that they were committed to continue discussions between the residents and the administration.

Mr. Rath- inquired when the studies were conducted.

Director Rhodes- June 1, 2011 second study was done a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Frost- inquired as to what was considered within the study.

Director Rhodes- crash history, traffic volumes, vehicle speeds, intersection configuration and current analysis of other signals in the area.

Mr. Frost- he stated he was inquiring as to where the study was conducted.

Nick Shults, City of Engineer Office- intersection of S Terrace N Terrace, W Main St was considered. The entire corridor area was not considered.

Mr. Marmie- he felt that before we do anything the entire corridor should be considered. He is concerned where we would stop if we install one light. He stated that he felt that if more studies are done the entire corridor should be done.

Ms. Weinberg- inquired as to where the corridor that is being referenced is. She also inquired as to whether lights can be changed.

Mrs. Floyd- inquired as to what the recommendation is at this time.

Director Rhodes- at this time a traffic light is not warranted.

Mr. Rath- he stated that the residents in this area are very astute and he receives letters from those residents each time they see a light go down elsewhere and wish to have it added at Terrace.

No legislation to be prepared at this time, traffic light found to not be warranted.

2. Update on request for the installation of a traffic signal at Jackson Blvd and 21st St.

Ms. Stare- stated that she went to the Jackson Blvd, N 21st St intersection as well as Catalina Dr., she stated that the same situation as Jackson Blvd. She inquired whether it possible to encompass the both streets.

Director Rhodes- stated that is the issue it is not possible to encompass both streets. He also stated that studies were conducted there as well and a traffic light is not warranted.

Mr. Houdeshell- stated that he personally doesn't experience trouble in this area. He stated he doesn't feel a light is warranted.

Mr. Frost- he stated he travels down 21st St, Jackson and Moull St and at certain times it is a problem; he stated he would like to help residents in his ward but if the light is not warranted it is not warranted.

No legislation to be prepared at this time, traffic light found to not be warranted.

Ed Houdeshell, Chair