



Rochester Hills Meeting Minutes Advisory Traffic and Safety Board

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7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

City Hall Auditorium

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~~December 9, 2003 Advisory and Traffic Board Meeting Minutes~~

~~**Attachments:** December 9, 2003 Minutes.pdf, 3-11-03 Minutes Pages for 03-09-04 Meeting.pdf~~

~~This matter was Approved Minutes of December 9, 2003 approved as written. The motion carried.~~

~~Approved~~

2004-0226

Traffic Control Order No. PK-78: No Parking along Hampton Circle from Barclay Circle to east of Sandhurst

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf, Traffic Control Order 78.pdf, Map.pdf, Minutes ATSB 030904.pdf, Resolution.pdf

Mr. Joel Mueller talked on behalf of the medical business at 645 Barclay Circle. They have spent thousands of dollars on trying to find an alternate to parking on the street, without any success. They are out of options on alternate places to park. The employees at 645 Barclay Circle have stopped parking at the Hampton Golf Course as they felt a threat to their safety. They certainly do not want to put anyone in the association at risk. The only thing they ask is that the decision made is consistent with policies throughout the City, and that this 1200 or 1250 feet is not an arbitrary distance that has been designed to basically inhibit them from making it feasible to have people park on the street. As long as that is the case and it is consistent with the rest of the City, they don't know of anything they can do about it. They have to, within their own means, try and solve this parking problem. The agreement they had previously was with the Golf Course and maybe they will have to see about this agreement with them again.

Pat Somerville, Mayor for the City of Rochester Hills, stated that she drives this way every morning and every night. She stated that the business has to have somewhere for their employees to park and she has yet to see that the way that they park has been a problem. They are parked solid on the one side of the street. She doesn't see how we can take away the parking from a business and make them pay for parking or force them into the subdivisions to park. She has failed to see anyone parked improperly and she doesn't think we should do this to any business and that these employees should have the right to park within safe walking distance of their business.

Board discussed that the reason for this change is the proposed resurfacing and re-striping of Hampton Circle and the creation of continuous turn lanes and the width of the roadway. The reason the "No Parking" was initially proposed was because of new striping and the alignment of the new courthouse driveway with Barclay Circle and across from Hampton Circle to the south.

Marc Matich stated that the parking restrictions made now to extend was mainly due because of restricted sight distance for the driveway of Ashley Circle and also Sandhurst and the traffic control order does extend back that far in case we do have a problem as far back as Sandhurst.

Chairman Colling stated that the one reason the proposed "No Parking" is being extended to the south side is because the road doesn't widen up any further until past Sandhurst at this point. The current additional restriction leaves a 120 foot section for parking and protecting the sight distance on Ashley Court coming out to Hampton Circle. Marc Matich stated that for this kind of roadway and this type of speed the minimum sight distance for this intersection would be 410 feet. The complaint the City had from the Barclay Condominium Association was that the parking was encroaching into the intersection radius' and limiting the sight distances to less than the 410 feet. They are down around the 200 feet range for sight distance there currently and this is less and substandard to what the City usually requires for a typical sight distance in an intersection. Paul Shumejko, Transportation Engineer for the City, reminded everyone of the continuous left turn or center lane that will be constructed this summer on Hampton Circle. This paving project will mean that an additional two feet of roadway widening will occur and will prohibit parking on the street. Chairman Colling stated that he could understand no parking restrictions from Barclay Circle at least to past Ashley Court. On the south side of the roadway, he can see the restrictions all the way to Sandhurst because this is a natural break point. There have been no complaints on Club Drive, just Ashley. Chairman Colling stated that the problem is from Barclay to Sandhurst and we already know about the problem from Barclay to Ashley from the last meeting. The roadway will not be wide enough once the center lane is constructed all the way through Hampton Circle this August. Chairman Colling stated he wanted to modify the parking order so that it includes from Barclay to Sandhurst and have the sight

distance maintained at Ashley Court (so leave the 120 foot section there), and suggest they allow parking from the corner of Ashley Court to just before Club Drive maintaining sight distances. Chairman Colling told Mr. Mueller that they basically have until August to come up with a permanent solution to this parking problem.

Mr. Hunter asked that new traffic counts be done on Hampton Circle now that the new courthouse is there and operational. Would like the counts done from now until August of 2004. Chairman Colling also wants to bring this issue back before the board before August to see where they are at.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Buiteweg, that this matter be Referred to the City Council No Parking along the south side of Hampton Circle from Barclay Circle to just east of Sandhurst, as amended, allowing parking from Ashley Court to Club Drive outside of the safe sight distance area. The motion carried by the following vote:

Referred to the City Council

Aye: Brown, Buiteweg, Colling, Hunter, Moore and Zendel

Enactment No: RES0119-2004