

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
7:30 P.M.

Petition Request for Traffic Calming on 49th Place
Between Cherokee Street And Delaware Street

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, and Stulich; Student Liaison Danielle Kogut.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Cook and Hampton (attending the NLC Conference)

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Steve Halpern, City Engineer

Mayor Brayman opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. and invited Steve Halpern to give an overview.

Mr. Halpern stated the residents of 49th Place between Cherokee Street and Delaware Street petitioned the City for traffic calming on that block to control vehicular speeding. A 48-hour traffic study was conducted from September 12 –13. The survey revealed the average daily traffic volume was 85 vehicles per day with 5.3% of all vehicles traveling in excess of 30 mph. The speed limit threshold is 15% so speeding was not identified as a problem. Staff found that the traffic volume and speeding warrants for traffic calming were not met. Therefore, staff recommended against traffic calming measures at this time.

Mayor Brayman invited public comment:

Vince Tacconelli, 9115 49th Place: He discussed problems they are having on the street: A car was struck that was parked on the street and he was hit by a driver at 11:00 p.m. on January 13 as he was putting his goddaughter into her car seat. There are children who live on the street and one handicapped child also lives there. They see problems on a regular basis.

Mayor Brayman noted that the petition was signed by 86% of the households on the street.

Mary Tacconelli, 9115 49th Place: She stated it would give her peace of mind to see speed humps installed on the block. She attributed a lot of the speeding issues to a family that had moved in to the block.

Liz Vincent, 9112 49th Place: Requests a high speed bump to slow people down. She believes people slowed down on the street when they noticed the traffic counters.

Linda Cheney, mother lives at 9113 49th Place: Stated it is not safe to cross the street anymore ever since a certain family moved in. She also discussed problems with people parking too close to the corner preventing the school bus from making the turn. Her mother supports this request.

Councilmember Krouse asked if there would be any problem installing a watts-type speed bump (the steep one) on the street. Mr. Halpern said that is the type he would recommend if he had made a recommendation in favor of a speed bump. He stated the street is 26 feet wide with parking on both sides.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Brayman declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:51 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk