

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, August 8, 2006
7:30 P.M.

**Petition Request For The Installation Of A Traffic Calming Device On 48th Avenue
Between Pontiac Street And Berwyn Road**

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Hampton and Peña-Melnyk; Student Liaison Jesse Blitzstein.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Olson and Fellows

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Halpern, City Engineer; Jim Miller, Parking Enforcement Supervisor.

Mayor Brayman announced that this Public Hearing was being held to discuss the petition request for the installation of a traffic-calming device on 48th Avenue between Pontiac Street and Berwyn Road.

Mr. Halpern gave an overview of this request by reviewing the petition, the subsequent staff work and staff report. The investigation revealed that only one warrant for traffic calming was met, and that speeding was not identified as a problem. Staff recommended that no traffic calming measures be implemented at this time.

Councilmember Catlin asked why no average speeds were given. Mr. Halpern said it was because traffic speeds were below the threshold.

Councilmember Krouse asked if this street was a cut through. Mr. Halpern indicated there appears to be some cut through traffic. There was further discussion about future traffic patterns.

Councilmember Perry asked about the street grade and sight distance.

Mayor Brayman invited public comment.

Larry Wenzel, 8501 48th Avenue: He is opposed to installation of traffic calming devices in this block. He cited reports from several other cities around the country, discussed the street grade, and concerns about rescue vehicles.

Janet McGrath, 8405 48th Avenue: She favors installation of traffic calming devices. Street has narrowed because of parked cars on both sides of street, but speeds have not decreased. She is worried about safety of children.

Richard Winston, 8411 48th Avenue: He favors installation of traffic calming devices. He is concerned for the safety of children.

Allison Russell, 8504 48th Avenue: She initiated the petition. The street is narrowed down to one lane because of parked cars on both sides of the street, she has experienced damage to parked vehicles because of speed, and attributes an accident at the intersection of 48th Avenue and Berwyn Road to speed (she distributed a picture of this accident), there is considerable cut through traffic, there are a lot of pedestrians on the street, and conditions are unsafe.

Lily Fountain, 8411 48th Avenue: She favors traffic calming devices. Traffic is getting worse on what is essentially a one-lane road. Conditions are unsafe.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:50 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk