

**MINUTES**  
**Public Hearing of the College Park City Council**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Petition Request To Remove Traffic Calming**  
**(In The Form Of Pavement Striping)**  
**In The 7300 Block Of Radcliffe Drive**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Brennan, Dennis, Day and Hew. Councilmember Stullich arrived at 7:04 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Fellows.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Steve Groh, Acting City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Steve Halpern, City Engineer; Robert Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell opened the public hearing on the Petition Request to remove Traffic Calming (in the form of pavement striping) in the 7300 block of Radcliffe Drive at 7:00 p.m. and invited Steve Halpern, City Engineer, to provide an overview.

Mr. Halpern said that in 2004 residents of the 7300 block of Radcliffe Drive petitioned the City to address an apparent speeding problem. He conducted a traffic study and found that there was a significant speeding problem and recommended three speed humps. After an August 2005 Public Hearing, the majority of residents preferred edge striping over the speed humps, and that is what was done. In 2013 WSSC repaved this roadway which removed the edge striping. Before the striping was replaced, residents petitioned the City not to have it reinstalled. In August 2014, Mr. Halpern performed another traffic study in the same location. The findings show that speeding in excess of 5 mph was reduced by 44% and that average daily traffic decreased by 22%. As a result, staff recommends that the edge striping not be installed at this time.

Councilmember Day asked if there were any specific reasons why the traffic was so high at that time; was this the same time that the bridge was closed between Berwyn Heights and College Park Estates. Mr. Halpern didn't know exactly when the bridge was closed. He asked if parking on both sides of the street would create the same passive deterrent as the edge striping. Mr. Halpern said yes.

**Joyce Quandt, 7408 Radcliffe Drive:** Supports the petition to not restripe. She thinks the traffic stripes were more "traffic-confusing" than "traffic-calming", and people thought they were on a one-way road, and would not move over when an oncoming car approached. She thinks speed humps would be better if there is still a problem.

**Jeff Quandt, 7408 Radcliffe Drive:** Supports the request not to restripe with the calming strips. People drive down the center of the road and don't move to the side when there is oncoming traffic which is more of a danger.

**Gerald Borgia, 7316 Radcliffe Drive:** They had many discussions in 2005 to address the speeding problem. A neighbor came up with the striping idea, and he felt it worked. There are no sidewalks, people walk in the street, he walks every day and has almost been hit several times. He sees the stripes

as protection. When two cars see the striping they slow down. The striping is on a hill and a curve where the speed limit is 15 MPH and drivers can't see what's coming. He loves the striping.

**David Gray, 7306 Radcliffe Drive:** He agrees there is a speeding problem on that road and also has almost been hit. Most people on Radcliffe can park in a driveway so there is less on-street parking so people race up and down the street. He proposes putting a stop sign at Baylor to make that intersection a full three-way stop because people can't see over the hill. The stripes didn't solve a problem in his part of the neighborhood and he thinks you need something else to work. The volume of traffic seems high and he thinks that is because Radcliffe is the fastest way out of the neighborhood. Maybe there is another way to provide a deterrent.

**Gerald Borgia, 7316 Radcliffe Drive:** He requests that where the speed limit is 15 MPH that the speed limit be painted on the roadway.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell mentioned the written comment in the red folders. There being no further public comment, she closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

Date Approved