

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 ◆ 2:30 p.m. Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room

# **Agenda**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

 Request of Michael Chiarelli, Kan Du Group located at 17728 County Road 99, Findlay, for a traffic signal facing north at Speedway Drive to allow motorists to safely be able to turn left (east) from their facility as well as Flashover Sports.

#### 4/16/2018

Chiarelli stated that the Kan Du Group is the former Blanchard Valley Industries and moved to a County Road 99 location. It serves adults with disabilities. There will be 45-50 adults on location at a time. There is a concern of the safety of turning left out of the drive onto CR 99. A traffic signal would allow a safer turn. The entrance to the facility will be moved to line up with the existing traffic signal. Schmelzer stated that usually the organization requesting an additional traffic signal would be responsible for the cost to purchase and install the signal. There may be grants or government funds available to cover the cost. Having a traffic signal there may spark additional development. Cost to install a new signal would be approximately \$15,000 if have to purchase all equipment. Schmelzer stated that if the owner moves the drive the City would pay for the signal. Chiarelli stated that the owner is aware that they would have to move the entrance.

Motion to table request pending further discussion regarding combining the driveways, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 8/20/2018

Schmelzer met with property owner. Doubt we will do anything there very soon. Keep on the agenda.

10/15/2018

No new information

2. Request to consider removing traffic signal at Lake Cascades and Western Avenue.

#### 9/17/2018

This item has been briefly discussed before. The traffic signal at the intersection of Western Avenue and Lake Cascades Parkway is failing. The cabinet and controller is also failing. Thomas stated that traffic counts did not meet warrant for traffic signal to remain. Engineering Department recommends to remove traffic signal and install stop signs on Lake Cascades Parkway. Western Avenue traffic will not stop. There are currently no sight issues. This may change if the southwest corner is developed. Chief Dunbar stated some concerns with the curve from Lake Cascades Parkway onto Western Avenue remaining a Yield. He proposes to eliminate the curve. Another suggestion was to replace the Yield with a Stop Sign. It is proposed to have Western Avenue as a thru street, have traffic on Lake Cascades Parkway stop at Western Avenue, keep yield sign at curve. Flash for two weeks on yellow for Western Avenue, red for Lake Cascades Parkway, then bag the traffic signals. If there are no concerns after this period, then come back for official determination of removing traffic signals. Motion to table and bring back to the Traffic Commission after review of the traffic pattern of the yield sign at the curve, by Chief Eberle, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 4-0.

#### 10/15/2018

The traffic count in this are showed that there is not much traffic. Need to look at traffic that uses the right turn curve with the yield sign.

11/19/2018

No new information.

Request of Councilwoman Holly Frische to look at the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Deer Ridge Drive and East Melrose Avenue.

## 9/17/2018

Thomas stated that the last traffic count done was in 2015. The average daily total did not meet the warrant for a traffic signal. With the new apartments going in on the north side of Melrose Avenue, there will be an increase in traffic. Deer Ridge is a private drive. A new signal will cost approximately \$150,000. Recommend get current traffic counts after the apartments are built and occupied. Motion to table until traffic counts are obtained, by Chief Eberle, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 4-0.

#### 11/19/2018

Traffic counters have not been placed yet.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Request of Holly Rucker, 1610 Autumn Drive, for a "No Outlet" sign on Autumn Drive at Cranberry East.
- 2. Request of David Adams, AME Mason Church, to change the parking on the west side of Liberty Street from Lima Avenue to W. Lima Street to allow for parking on Saturday mornings.
- 3. Request to revert East Crawford Street back to two-way traffic from Main Street to East Street.

From: City of Findlay, OH <findlayohio@enotify.visioninternet.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 3:37 PM

**To:** Mayor (website)

\*NEW SUBMISSION\* Report a Problem

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## Report a Problem

Submission #: 31542

IP Address: 174.233.21.109Submission Date: 12/04/2018 3:36Survey Time: 1 minute, 54 seconds

You have a new online form submission. To view full details in addition to all current submissions, please <u>log into your system of record</u>. Note: all answers displaying "\*\*\*\*\*" are marked as sensitive and must be viewed after your login.

#### **Your Information**

#### **Full Name**

Holly Rucker

#### Phone

4193064392

#### **Email**

hrnbsn1@yahoo.com

## How would you like to be contacted?

Phone

## **Section Break**

## **Details of the Problem**

#### Please select a category:

Other

## Please describe details of your issue

I live at the end of autumn drive and there are sooooo many cars that constantly pull in my driveway to turn around. There are no no outlet signs and I would like one placed.

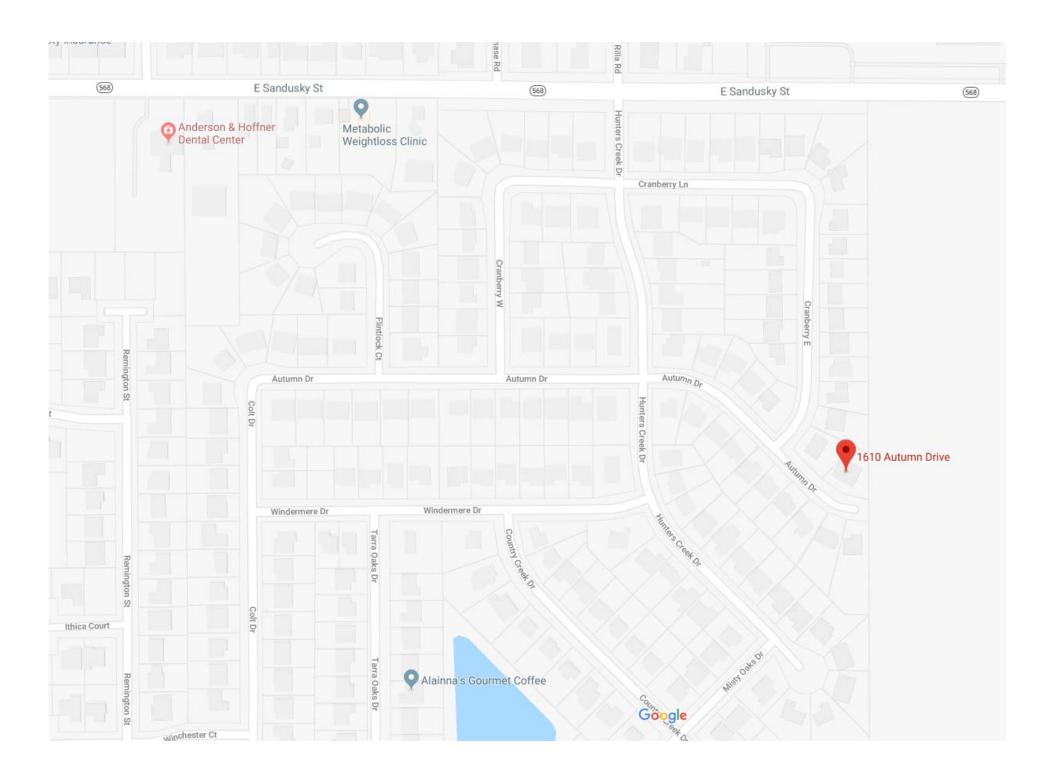
#### Location of problem

1610 Autumn Dr

## Attachment

Thank you,

City of Findlay, OH

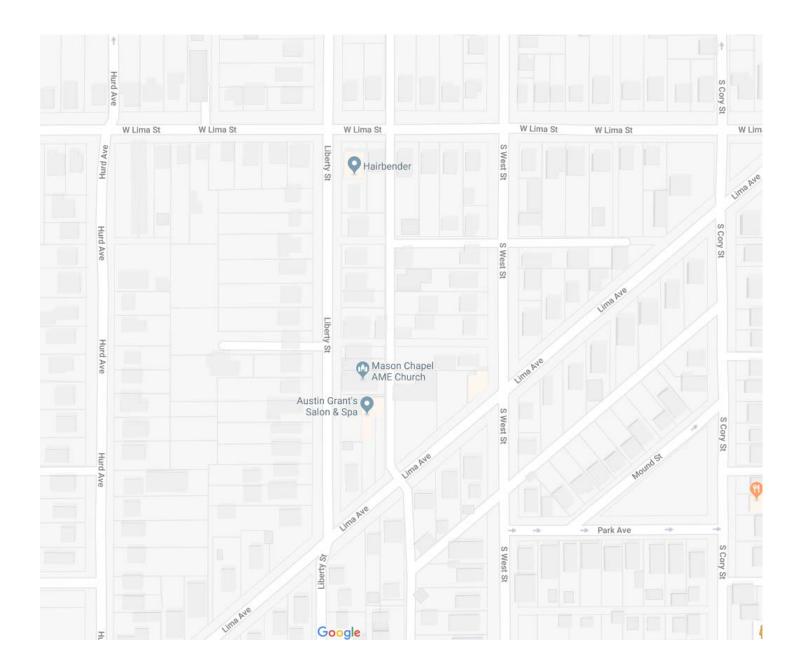




# City of Findlay All Events Permit Application

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Permit type requested:						
Oversized load travel permit [travel route]:						
	Parade [route]:					
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	Stationary event [list location]:					
□ Street closure [list street(s)].						
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	Police Department				Barricade lights	
	Public Works Department				Parking Cones	
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Fire Department Inspection request:		□ Yes		□ Pending	-	
	to applicants:	l Ordinances of the City of	Eindlay			
Pursuant to Section 711.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Findlay.  Placement of all signs, regardless of size or design, shall be prohibited on all City-owned property, including street rights-of-way and						
thoroughfares within the City. This prohibition includes light poles, telephone poles, and the like. The City of Findlay's Administration and						
employees are not responsible for any lost or stolen property, or damage to City property during approved permit days/hours.  The City of Findlay reserves the right to cancel use of public right-of-way and/or facilities.						
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<u>RETURN COMPLETED EVENT PERMIT TO</u>: Kathy Launder by Email: <u>klaunder@findlayohio.com</u> or Fax: 419-424-7245 or for questions call 419-424-7137.



From: Brian Thomas

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 6:37 AM

To: Paul Schmelzer; Joshua Eberle; John Dunbar; Jim Slough; Matt Stoffel; Kathy Launder

**Subject:** Exhibit for East Crawford Street

**Attachments:** Crawford St - 2-way.pdf

#### All:

As requested at the last traffic commission meeting, attached is an exhibit that shows what the parking would look like if Crawford was made 2 way again. At Main Street, the bump outs leave an area that would allow for 1 lane in each direction, but it would not allow for turn lanes.

There would also need to be traffic signal work done since the pole and mast arm for the signals on Crawford have been removed. This would mean a new pole (with foundation) and mast arm and since the controller is on the east side of Main Street, we would also either need to find the old conduit or bore a new conduit across main street. A super rough estimate for the signal work and replacing the sidewalk that needs to be removed for the work would be \$50,000.

Thank you,

## Brian A. Thomas, PE, PS, CPESC, CFM

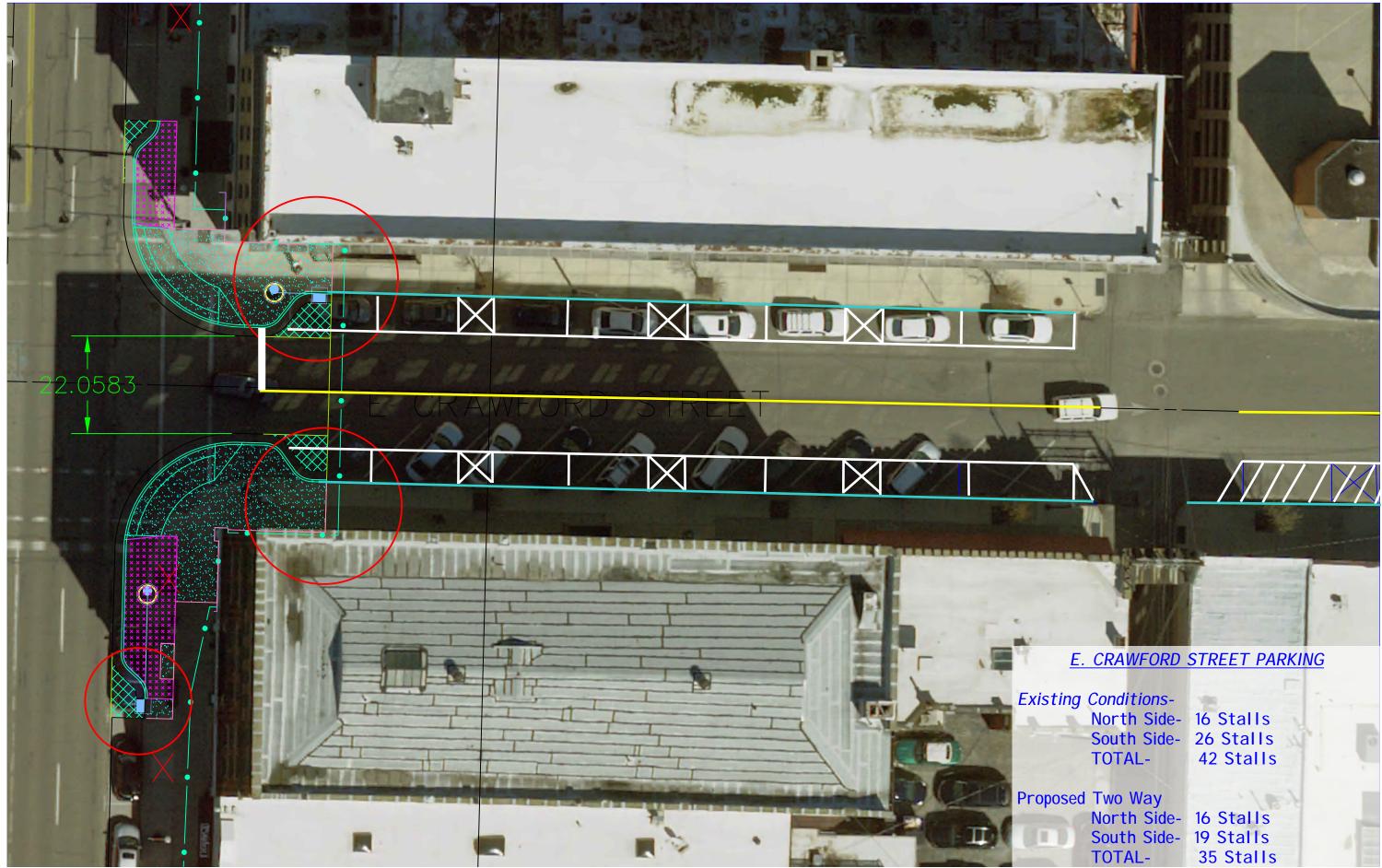
Director of Public Service/Acting City Engineer City of Findlay 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 304 Findlay, Ohio 45840 Phone: 419-424-7121

\*Nothing in these comments is to be construed as authorizing extra work for which additional compensation may be claimed without prior approval.

Scale: 1"=20'

E. Crawford Street: Two-way







Scale: 1"=20'





From: Brian Thomas

Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2019 12:19 PM

**To:** Kathy Launder

Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL]FW: Fwd: DFID - two-way Crawford Street discussion

## Sent from my iPhone

## Begin forwarded message:

From: <<u>ryan@ourbourbonaffair.com</u>> **Date:** January 2, 2019 at 11:05:28 AM EST

**To:** <twatson@findlayohio.com>, <grussel@findlayohio.com>, <hfrische@findlayohio.com>, <rmonday@findlayohio.com>, <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>, <policechief@findlayohio.com>, <jslough@findlayohio.com>, <jederle@findlayohio.com>, <fireadmin@findlayohio.com>, <br/><bth>>, <bth>>, <bth>>, <bth>|

Subject: [EXTERNAL]FW: Fwd: DFID - two-way Crawford Street discussion

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#### Good morning -

I am addressing this memo to the members of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission & associated City Council members regarding the proposal to return Crawford Street to two-way traffic. My name is Ryan Leonard and my wife Staci and I are the owners of The Bourbon Affair located at 121B East Crawford street. I am writing to address my concerns and disagreement with the proposal to return to two-way traffic.

We first opened our business in October of 2015 prior to the move to one-way traffic so we have a perspective on the previous and current state of traffic flow. The change to one-way with reverse angle parking has greatly improved the pedestrian safety and parking density of East Crawford. In my opinion, there is not a compelling argument to revert back to two-way traffic. The primary reasons to maintain one-way with reverse angle parking are one, pedestrian safety and two, increase parking density. To Mr. Drakes point, there has been an increase in the number of businesses on East Crawford and as a result, the foot traffic has increased too. Without a doubt, one-way traffic is much safer for the pedestrians that cross Crawford. Secondly, the reverse angle parking has increased the number of parking spaces which has helped enable the business on Crawford. The elimination of these spaces would serve as a disadvantage to everyone and an advantage to only the owner of the parking garage. Additionally, the parking garage is not built to accommodate today's full-size vehicles.

I strongly encourage you to solicit the feedback from other business owners on East Crawford. I also encourage you to error on the side of public safety and recall that parking spaces are one of our biggest challenges downtown. The elimination of spaces would be counterproductive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ryan Leonard
The Bourbon Affair
121B East Crawford Street

From: Brian Thomas

Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:50 AM

To: Kathy Launder

**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL]Traffic Flow on East Crawford St.

## Sent from my iPhone

# Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Steve Treece < steve@findlaybrewingcompany.com >

**Date:** February 11, 2019 at 8:09:08 PM EST

To: twatson@findlayohio.com, grussel@findlayohio.com, hfrische@findlayohio.com, rmonday@findlayohio.com,

pschmelzer@findlayohio.com, policechief@findlayohio.com, jslough@findlayohio.com,

jeberle@findlayohio.com, bthomas@findlayohio.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Traffic Flow on East Crawford St.

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I have been made aware that consideration is being given to a change on East Crawford Street which would return the traffic to two-way from the current one-way operation. In my opinion, such a change would be detrimental to the traffic flow, parking, and pedestrian safety in that area.

I am one of the owners of Findlay Brewing Company and can attest to the value of the increased parking spaces that reverse angle parking provides. I have also seen the abundant flow of pedestrians walking on the sidewalks and in the streets during periods of mild weather, an activity made safer due to the one-way traffic flow.

I am hopeful that the current traffic arrangement remains unchanged for this street.

Steve Treece Findlay Brewing Company 213 E. Crawford St.