



Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request to review pedestrian safety downtown Findlay.

6/17/2019

Councilman Grant Russel stated that a resident that was struck in a crosswalk recently downtown approached him with ideas to make downtown streets safer for pedestrians. A suggestion is to make all intersections in Downtown Findlay "No Turn on Red." Also, installing left turn lights on all traffic lights Downtown. DeMuth stated that plans are already in place for traffic light upgrades which will include left turn lights on all intersections that have left turn lanes in Downtown. Director Schmelzer stated that we can look at the Capital Plan, and in the interest of pedestrian safety downtown, we can move the request for signal upgrades up on the list to have them completed sooner.

Discussion regarding "No Turn on Red" during certain hours. Have not done research on other downtowns or how this affect the Uniform Traffic code. Used to be No Turn on Red prior to 2003. Director Schmelzer stated that it makes sense for special hours. May back up traffic. What do we want to do in the interest of pedestrian safety. See what introduction to no turn on red would make on stacking. Maybe not on Main Cross and Sandusky intersections, but all other intersections in downtown have the "No Turn On Red" designation. Have DGL take a look at. Demuth stated that if you can't see to turn right on red without entering into the crosswalk to see to turn, then it should be "No Turn On Red." Director Schmelzer stated this should be part of the criteria along with stacking. Director Schmelzer requested the Engineering Department to do a study on the intersections with the criteria and come back with a list of intersections and a map to determine where we want to introduce the No Turn On Red. If we don't have anything conclusive, then look at engaging DGL. Director Thomas will contact DGL for a cost to do the study, if needed.

Motion to review the Capital Plan as it relates to the traffic signal upgrades in Downtown to determine if those projects can be moved up in the schedule; have Engineering Department study each Main Street intersection in the Downtown using the two criteria for right turn on red: 1. Do you have to encroach into the crosswalk to make a decision as to whether or not it safe to move forward in your vehicle, and 2. Stacking, then bring it back for further discussion, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Dunbar. Motion passed 4-0.

7/15/2019

Remains tabled.

8/19/2019

Motion to lift from table by Director Thomas, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 5-0.

Director Thomas stated that they looked at the intersections downtown, looked at which intersections if you stop at the stop bar you can see and which ones you can't when you turn right. Director Thomas will be checking on pricing with DGL to do a model regarding stacking with data relative to traffic counts that we collected for the Downtown project, provide level of service projections for those intersections if those movements are restricted.

Motion to table request, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Dunbar. Motion passed 5-0.

10/21/2019

Remains tabled.

2. Request of John DePuy, 3430 Crosshill Drive, to make the west side of Crosshill Drive from Hillshafer Drive north to dead end of Crosshill Drive No Parking Any Time.

7/15/2019

Concerns about vehicles parking in front of his mailbox as well as concerns about emergency vehicles being able to access his home.

Motion to table request until signatures of property owners approving the change can be obtained, by Director Thomas, second by Chief Dunbar, Motion passed 3-0.

8/19/2019

Remains tabled.

10/21/2019

Remains tabled.

3. Request of Cathy Weygandt, 204 Greenlawn Avenue, for a traffic signal at Sixth Street and Washington Avenue due to concerns of pedestrian and cyclist trying to cross over Sixth Street.

8/19/2019

Lee Weygandt stated that it is difficult and dangerous to cross Sixth Street at Washington Avenue. Suggests installing a signal similar to the one at South Main Street and Baldwin Street, a traffic tripped light and a button to push for pedestrians. Some children cross there to get to Jefferson School. Would like a study done. Director Thomas stated that there are crosswalks there but no signal. Schmelzer wants to differentiate between how long you have to wait to cross a busy road and something we would put in place to actuate to stop traffic. Would take a look at adding a midblock crossing with signalization if a significant number of students cross there to get to Jefferson School. Would like to see what the changes look like around Jefferson School before making a decision. Will be doing additional monitoring in the area due to changes we are making around Jefferson School and will monitor this area as well.

Motion to table request pending additional investigation and analysis of the proposed changes of traffic patterns around Jefferson School, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 5-0.

10/21/2019

Director Schmelzer requested Chief Dunbar to place the camera trailer near the intersection of Washington Avenue and Sixth Street to monitor the number of cars and pedestrians at this intersection, and bring back results.

4. Request of Sonja Huffman, Center Street Block Watch, to make the intersection of Center Street and Carnahan Street a four-way stop.

9/16/2019

Ms. Huffman stated that Findlay is growing and more people are going to Riverside Park. There are also more activities going on at Riverside Park than there used to be. Ms. Huffman stated that members of the block watch approve the intersection Center Street and Carnahan Street becoming a four-way stop. Director Thomas stated that the City does not install stop signs for speed control. Traffic warrants need to meet requirements for an intersection to become a four-way stop. Motion to obtain traffic counts for Center Street and bring back to Traffic Commission for consideration of a four-way stop at Center Street and Carnahan Street, by Chief Eberle, second by Chief Dunbar. Motion passed 3-0.

10/21/2019

Director Thomas stated that there is some merit to activity of summer vs. non summer traffic. Traffic counts will be taken as soon as able to do so.

5. Request of Chad Richards, to add a turn lane at Flowers Avenue at 18th Street.

9/16/2019

Adding a left turn lane on Flowers Avenue at 18th Street would not make it safer. Adding a stop sign at that intersection would make it safer than adding a turn lane. Chief Dunbar stated that he can place an unmarked vehicle in the area to monitor traffic patterns during drop off and pick up of students.

Motion to table request to look at the traffic patterns in the area to determine a solution, by Director Thomas, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 3-0.

10/21/2019

Chief Dunbar stated that he has a report from three days of surveillance. The recommendation is for a stop sign on Flowers at 18th Street. A yield sign or "cross traffic does not stop" sign are other suggestions. Since the construction of Glenwood School this area has been cause for concern.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Lakeview Park Property Owners Association for stop signs at the intersection of Reimund Ct. and Lakebrook Drive.
2. Request of Lakeview Park Property Owners Association for stop signs at the intersection of East Woodland Trail and South Woodland Trail.
3. Request of Lakeview Park Property Owners Association to move the current no outlet sign from Brookview Trail, east of Clearbrook Circle, and place the no outlet sign on Brookview Trail just east of the intersection of Brookfield Drive.
4. Request of City Engineering Department to make Concord Court and Vincent Street a four way stop due to Bishop Lane extending into Concord Court.

Kathy Launder

From: James Beck <lvpprez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Stop sign installation and moving a no outlet sign

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On Thu, May 2, 2019, 11:07 AM James Beck <lvpprez@gmail.com> wrote:
To Whom It May Concern,

I am James Beck, President of LVP Property Owners Associaton, Inc. which is the HOA that represents the Lakeview Subdivision east of Deer Valley. I called the Street Department and was told to submit a request to you.

There are two intersections in our neighborhood which do not have a stop sign(s) installed: Reimund Ct. at Lakebrook Dr. and at the intersection of E. Woodland Tr. and S. Woodland Tr. we would like the city to install appropriate signage for these intersections.

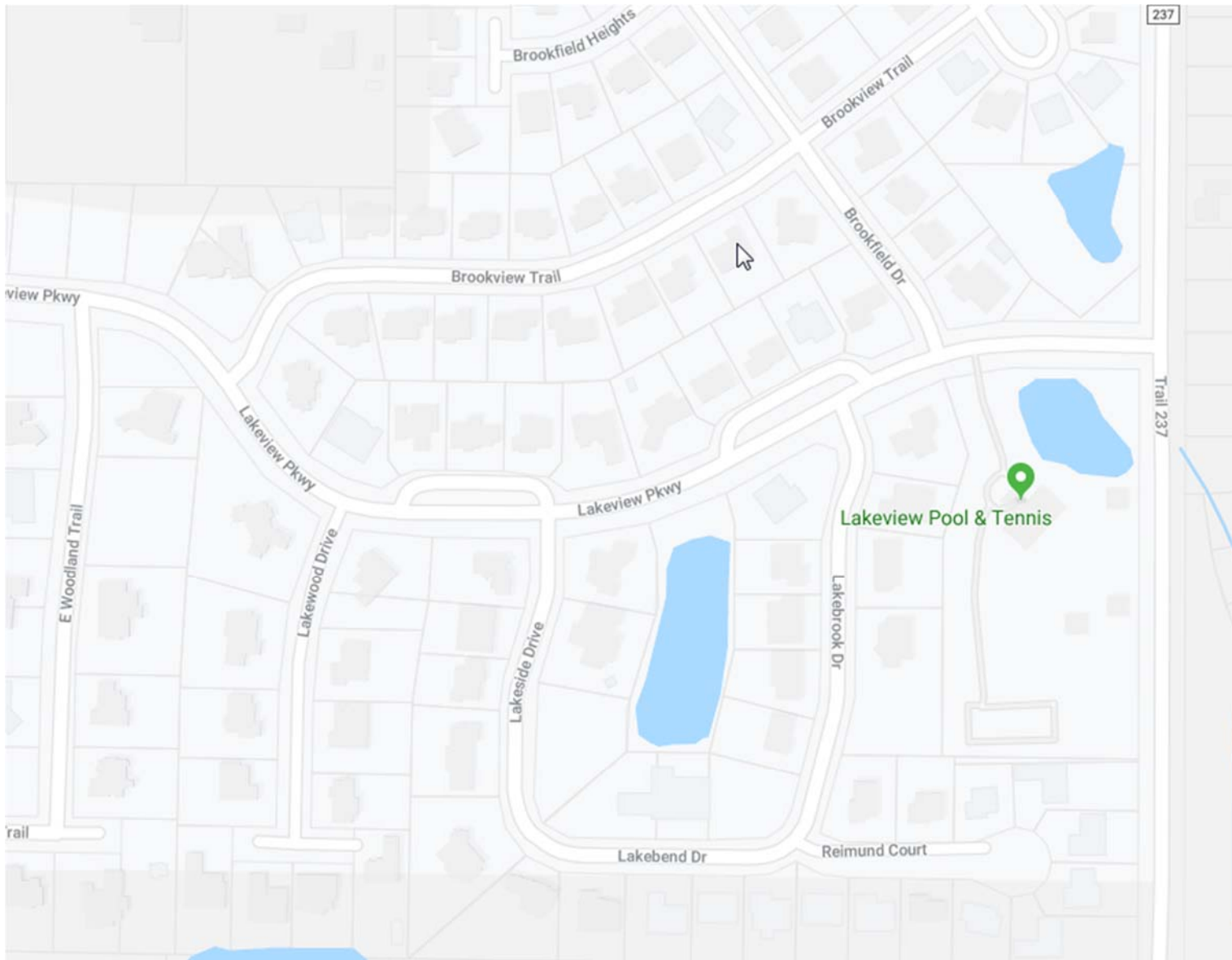
There is also a no outlet sign currently installed on Brookview Trail to the east of Clearbrook Circle, it is the opinion of our Board that this sign is misplaced and would be better placed on Brookview Trail just east of the intersection of Brookfield Drive.

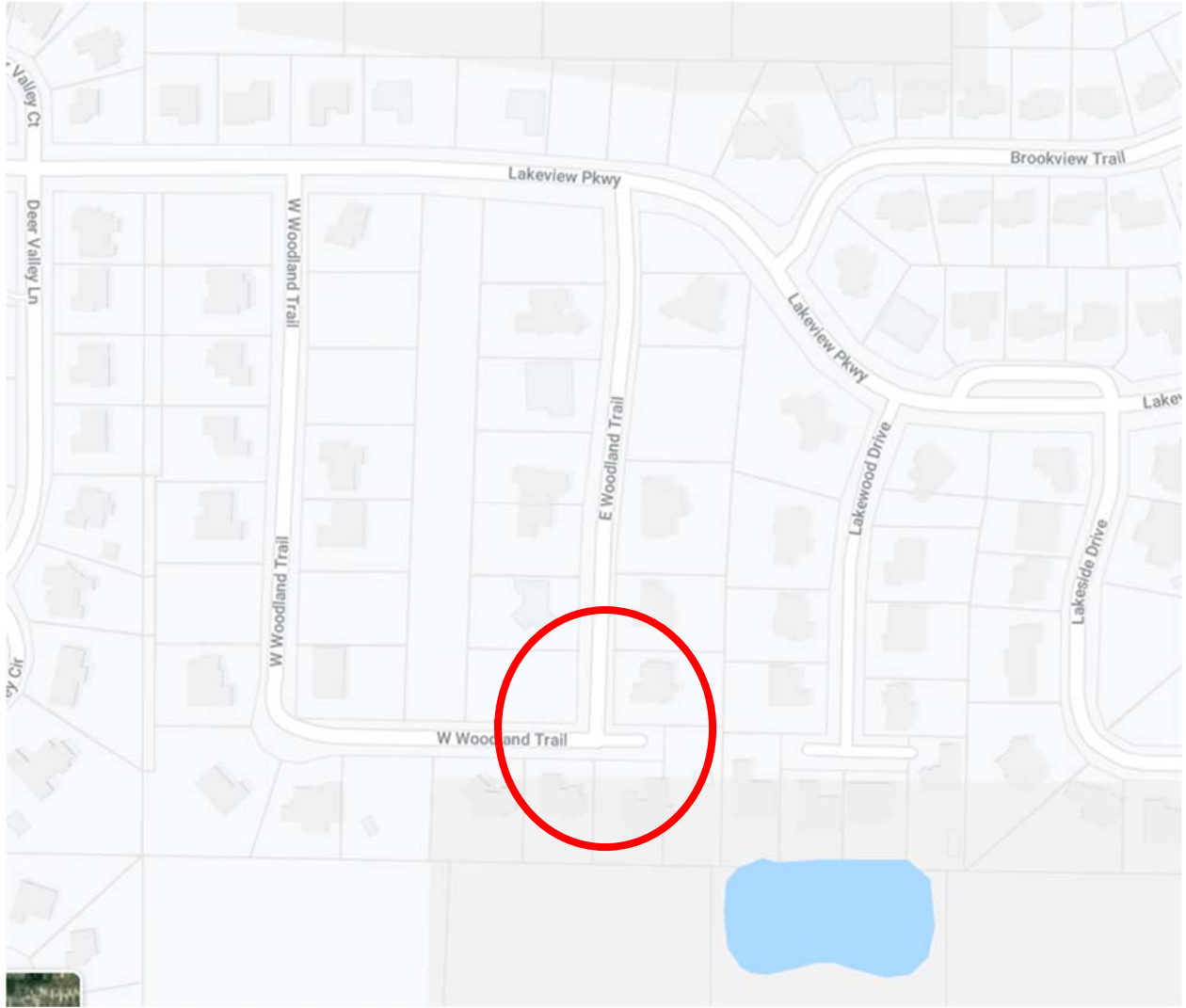
Please let me know if there is any additional information that you need about these issues.

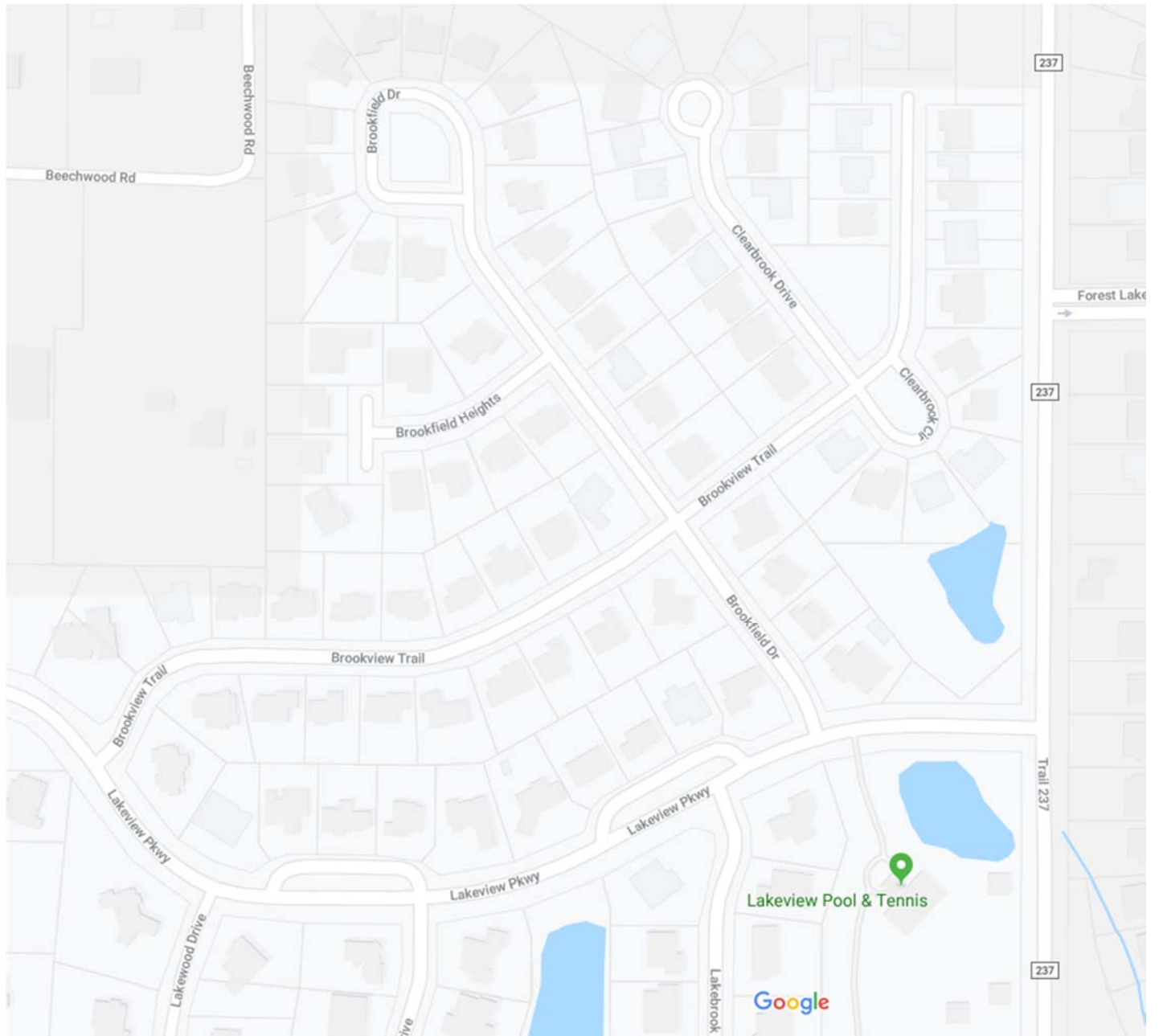
Thank you,
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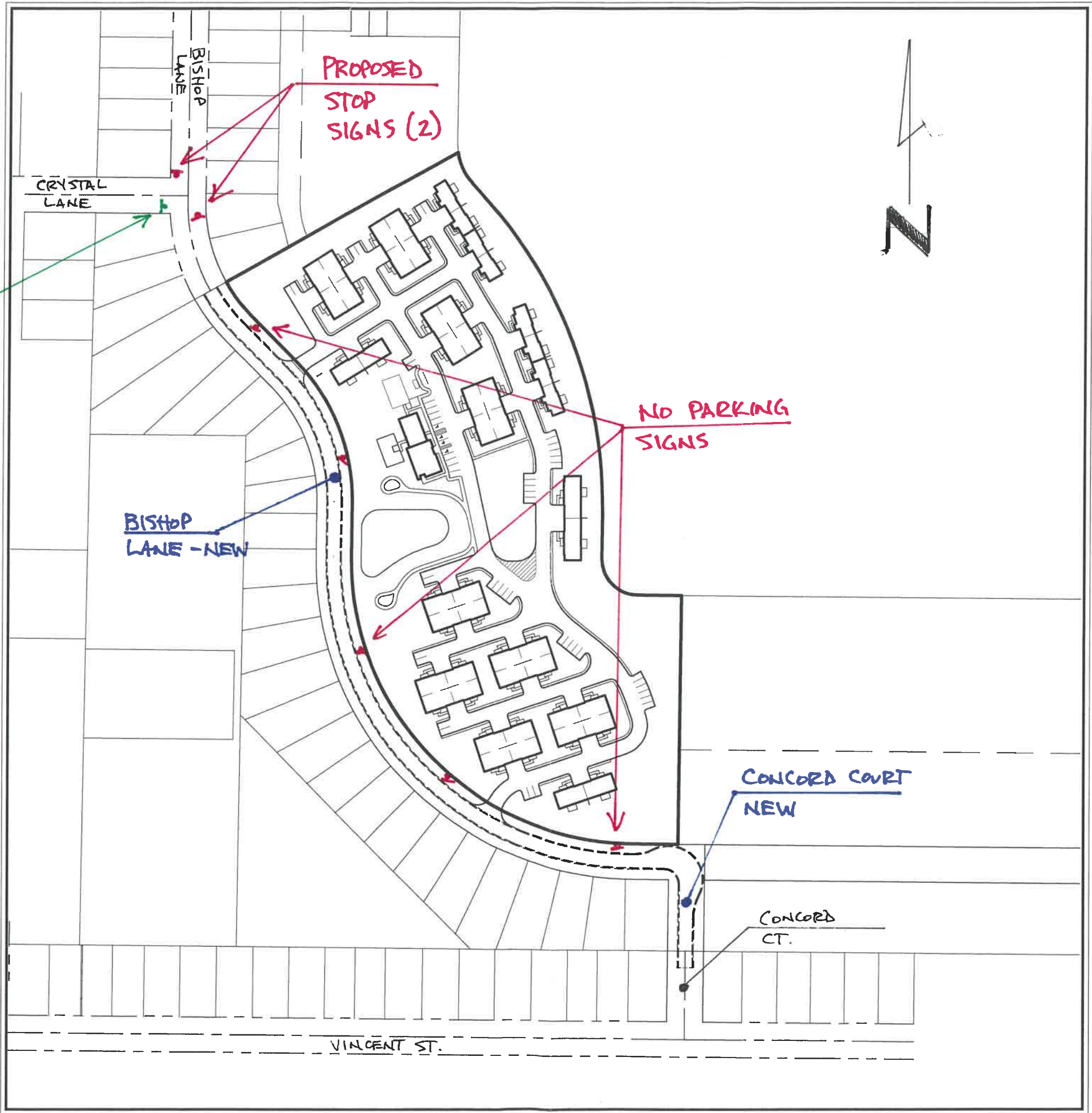
From: Mitchell Heacock
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 8:00 AM
To: Kathy Launder
Subject: Traffic Commission

Kathy,

We are currently building Bishop lane that will be extended into Concord Ct. Currently at Concord Ct. and Vincent street there is a 3 way stop. This intersection will now need to be a 4 way stop now that the short stub of Concord Ct. is being extended into Bishop Lane.

If you need any further information let me know.

Thanks
Mitchell Heacock



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