

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER THE SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 15.09.003 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOR A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION TO BE LOCATED AT 848 AND 854 WOODLEY DRIVE, AND TO THEN CONSTRUCT A TRIANGULAR, LANDSCAPED TRAFFIC ISLAND AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOODLEY DRIVE AND HOWELL MILL ROADS IN LIEU OF 1,872 SQUARE FEET OF SIDEWALKS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON WOODLEY DRIVE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the application of Forrest Speed for a subdivision located at 848 and 854 Woodley Drive the developer is required to comply with the provisions of Section 15.09.003 of the Code of Ordinances to provide sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the construction of sidewalks along the frontage of 848 and 854 Woodley Drive would adversely affect the appearance and character of the neighborhood due to the lack of existing sidewalks along Woodley Drive to which the new sidewalks could connect; and

WHEREAS, the City and area residents would be better served by the construction of a triangular traffic island at the intersection of Howell Mill Road and Woodley Drive (see attached map), as conceived in the city's sidewalk plan for Howell Mill Road, to complement sidewalks that are to be constructed under the City's sidewalk project on the west side of Howell Mill Road; and

WHEREAS, the traffic island will provide a much needed traffic calming effect at a major pedestrian crossing point between two city parks, Atlanta Memorial Park and Beaverbrook Park.

WHEREAS, neighbors and other residents along Woodley Drive and both the Memorial Park Civic Association and Wildwood Neighborhood Civic Association are in support of Mr. Speed's desire to eliminate sidewalks along 848 and 854 Woodley Drive in order to construct a landscaped traffic island at the intersection of Woodley Drive and Howell Mill Road. Letters of support and a petition are attached herewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: That the requirements of Section 15-09.003 of the Code of Ordinances are hereby transferred for the construction of 1,872 square feet of sidewalk, that would have been constructed along the 312 linear feet fronting the subdivision to be located at 848 and 854 Woodley Drive.

Section 2: That all other requirements of the Code of Ordinances for the subdivision located at 848 and 854 Woodley Drive shall remain in full force and effect.



Section 3: That the issuance of said permit shall be conditioned on the written agreement of the applicant to construct the triangular landscaped traffic island, complying with the City of Atlanta's specifications and sidewalk plan at Woodley Drive and Howell Mill Roads, and at a location to be determined and indicated to applicant by the City.

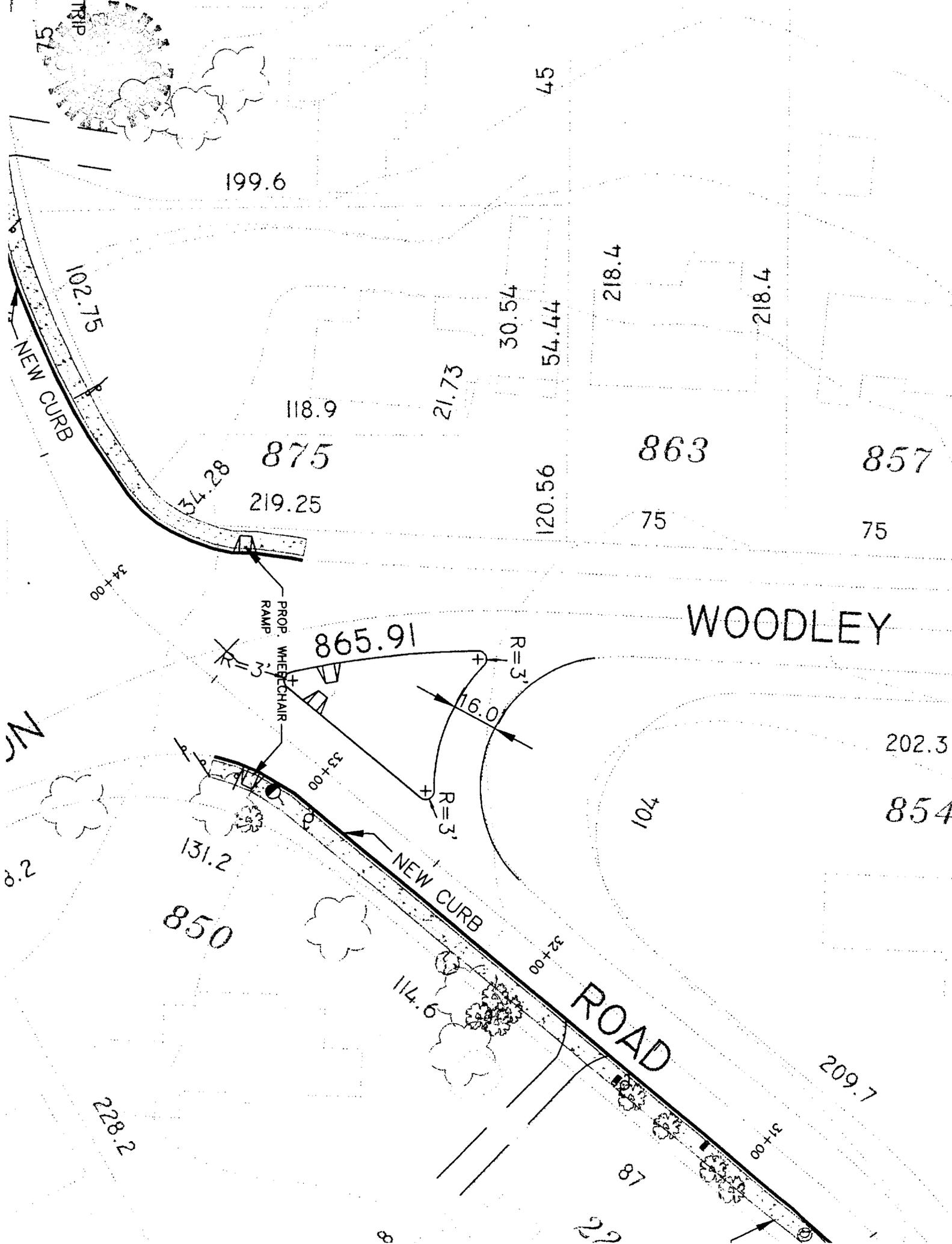
Section 4: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

-A true copy,

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

JAN 21, 2003
JAN 28, 2003



Memorial Park
Civic Association
792 Wellesley Dr. Atlanta GA 30305
"Caring for our neighborhood"

August 31, 2001

Madeline Grant
City of Atlanta- Infrastructure Planning Group
55 Trinity Ave. SW
Suite 4500
Atlanta, GA 30335

Dear Ms. Grant,

You have been in discussions with Mr. Forrest Speed of Woodley Dr. who is representing the interest of residents with regards the construction of a 'Traffic Island' on Woodley Dr. Mr. Speed and his neighbors are strongly in support of this effort as is our association (MPCA). As President of the Memorial Park Civic Association, I would like to add my own comments in support.

I spend a good bit of time traveling around this neighborhood reviewing any particular need that may require our attention. The corner of Woodley Dr. and Howell Mill Rd is an area that has caused me considerable concern particularly with regards to safety. You may have heard other issues, but this is certainly at the forefront. I have personally been subject to a near accident some months ago during my rounds. The reason this corner is so dangerous is because the entrance into Woodley Dr. is almost twice the length of any similar street near by, and also, it is between two opposite corners as you make the bend around Howell Mill from either direction. This makes it difficult to judge where you should enter or exit the street from any direction. Too, an oncoming driver is not able to judge where a car, exiting from Woodley Dr., will actually position his vehicle leaving seconds of critical judgment time by both oncoming vehicles. If this sounds confusing it is, and more so for drivers and pedestrians.

In strong support for this effort I would ask that the city consider correcting this hazardous area so that it does not become a story of misshape on the evening news. None of us will want to say later that there was an opportunity that was neglected. The opportunity I speak of is the convenient construction of sidewalks that are currently taking place in this area. It would seem appropriate to take advantage of this, and provide Woodley Dr. with clearly defined routing of traffic that could only be achieved in this instance, by a traffic Island. This will offer the city, and our neighborhood, a safe harbor for walkers and clarity for drivers.

As you are aware, the residents are prepared to do their part to contribute to this effort for which I am quite please and impressed. We truly do "care for of neighborhood". I hope this letter helps demonstrate our concern and is constructive in its commentary. Please be assured of our sincerity in this matter and in our hope for a positive outcome from your very fine department.

Sincerely,



Garth Z. Peters
President - Memorial Park Civic Association
Cc: Clair Muller - District 8
Forrest Speed



Memo

To: Madeline Grant
City of Atlanta
Infrastructure Planning Group

From: Michael O'Shaughnessey
President
Wildwood Civic Association

CC:

Date: 8/31/01

Re: Traffic Control Island - Woodley Drive and Howell Mill Road

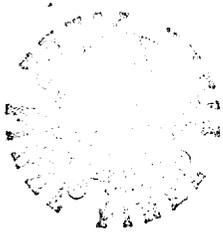
The Wildwood Neighborhood is very excited to see the sidewalks moving down Howell Mill toward our neighborhood and we want to thank you for all of your help with this.

As you know there has always been a safety concern regarding the intersection of Woodley, Northcliffe and Howell Mill Roads. This is a very wide intersection and a natural crossing point for people headed toward Atlanta Memorial Park. Our neighborhood would like to see this intersection improved. We know that Forrest Speed and other neighbors have suggested an Island to help with traffic and provide a more appealing entrance to the neighborhood. The Wildwood Neighborhood strongly supports this plan. It seems to us that during the construction of the sidewalks, this Island could be quickly and inexpensively installed. Neighbors on both sides of Howell Mill have agreed to help with the planting and upkeep of this island. This would improve the street and be a very small investment by the city.

Thank you for your help with this issue. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Michael O'Shaughnessey
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mdosha@aol.com



WILDWOOD

Pedestrian Safety
COMMITTEE

September 7, 2001

September 7, 2001

Madeline Grant
City of Atlanta – Infrastructure Planning Group
55 Trinity Ave. S.W.
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Atlanta, GA 30335

RE: Proposal for landscaped traffic island at Woodley Drive and Howell Mill Road

Dear Madelyn,

Our continued gratitude comes your way as we see progress on the sidewalks on Howell Mill Road. The completed portion from West Wesley to Peachtree Battle looks great, and I can't wait to see the construction continue toward Collier Road through our neighborhoods. You know how anxious we all are to see this happen!

In the past we have had several discussions regarding the previously designed and planned traffic island at the intersection of Woodley Drive and Howell Mill Road. This triangle was originally planned to serve a variety of purposes:

- Provide directional lanes for traffic (currently cars drive all over the intersection since there are no lanes indicating which way they should go)
- Act as a crossing point (crosswalk stopover) for the sidewalk and pedestrians
- Break up and soften a large patch of concrete with an aesthetically pleasing, landscaped triangle
- An additional feature of the original plan proposed by Carlos Christian was to redefine the curbs where traffic either turns off Howell Mill onto Woodley or vice versa. This was needed particularly because cars tend to take the right turn off of Howell Mill onto Woodley **at a high speed – often right into the path of a pedestrian** (I attest to this personally because I have almost been hit several times!). Turning onto Howell Mill from either Woodley or Northcliff is very dangerous because of the high speeds the majority of the cars travel through this visibly-limited area.

In recent conversations we have learned this island was simply deleted due to budgetary constraints and the impression by an engineer that the island wasn't needed. I can assure you it is most necessary, not only from a traffic safety standpoint (that intersection is a nightmare oftentimes), but also from a traffic-calming and urban improvement. From a cost standpoint, all the city needs to do is remove the asphalt and install curbing - From the very beginning of this concept, Woodley residents had indicated they would handle the cost and labor of the landscaping. And as you know, now Woodley residents, led by Forrest Speed, are guaranteeing \$1,000 toward the cost of this island. I have also personally committed to Forrest both monetary and labor support from our household to help see this triangle happen.

As always, I am deeply committed to the benefits the sidewalks and this triangle will bring our communities. I appreciate anything you can do to speed it's arrival and ensure completion of these much needed amenities for our neighborhood.

Best regards,

Lori Smith
Sidewalk Committee
Wildwood Civic Associations

cc: Rob Pitts
Clair Muller – District 8
Michael O'Shaughnessey – Wildwood
Garth Peters – Memorial Park

RCS# 4404
1/21/03
3:19 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT 1 Pgs. 1-8; Except 03-R-0035; 03-R-0050

ADOPT

YEAS: 11
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 5
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	NV Archibong	Y Moore	NV Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	NV Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	NV Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

1/21/03 FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**Items Adopted on the
Consent Agenda**

1. 02-O-2129
2. 03-O-0040
3. 02-O-2132
4. 02-O-2133
5. 02-O-2128
6. 03-O-0047
7. 03-R-0029
8. 03-R-0030
9. 03-R-0025
10. 03-R-0032
11. 03-R-0036
12. 03-R-0058
13. 03-R-0059
14. 02-R-1137
15. 02-R-1628
16. 02-R-1874
17. 03-R-0031
18. 03-R-0046
19. 02-R-2056
20. 03-R-0001
21. 03-R-0002
22. 03-R-0013
23. 03-R-0014

**Items Adversed on the Consent
Agenda**

24. 03-R-0003
25. 03-R-0004
26. 03-R-0005
27. 03-R-0006
28. 03-R-0007
29. 03-R-0008
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36. 03-R-0017
37. 03-R-0018
38. 03-R-0019
39. 03-R-0021
40. 03-R-0022
41. 03-R-0023
42. 03-R-0024

Consent I Vote: 11 Yeas; 0 Nays: (See RCS #4404/Reconsidered; See RCS # 4376
for Initial Vote & RCS #4403 for vote to Reconsider)
Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: 03-R-0035 & 03-R-0050

03-0-0047
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JAN 21 2003

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER **COUNCIL**
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 1/6/03
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First Reading
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Committee City Utilities
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
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 Consent V Vote RC Vote

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 JAN 21 2003

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Robert W. Woodruff

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 JAN 21 2003

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK
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MAYOR'S ACTION
 JAN 28 2003
Andy Shands