

Report to the PGC Board Traffic Calming Meeting November 4, 2014

I met with David Junger, Assistance City Manager, Public Works; John Maximuk, Director, Design, Environment, and Construction; Lena Stevens, Resource Conservation Coordinator for the City Manager; and John Madajewski, Senior Engineer, Design, Environment, and Construction, Engineering at 8:00 am Nov 4th at the traffic circle at West Parkwood and East Lake.

The purpose of the meeting was to solicit help from the City of Decatur to address traffic issues in our neighborhood as a follow up to Sean's Sep 19, 2014 email to the City Manager. Specific concerns raised were the volume of traffic that uses the Parkwoods as a cut through, the impact of the changes to East Lake (especially the proposed turn lane) to traffic through our neighborhood, the fact that trucks ignore the "no trucks" postings, and GPS routings through our neighborhood. It was good that we were at the traffic circle at eight in the morning so that they could appreciate the traffic volume.

We discussed a lot of possible ideas. There are a few things in the works that may help our situation. The remake of the railroad crossings at McDonough and Candler will improve traffic flow through the city that may help us. The repaving of East Parkwood may include ADA sidewalk crossings to include all way stops at Upland and the cut through. Following the meeting, I sent David a link to the DOT plans for East Lake.

There is a working group with in the city government for issues like ours. We will be added to list of neighborhoods that they will look at.

It took a while to get this meeting, but I believe that the City now appreciates our concerns and is going to address them.

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