



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

**Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner**  
**Co-Chairman Martin DeFatte**  
**Atty. Nicole Loop**  
**Charles French**  
**John Heckenlively**  
**Lt. Chuck Weitzel**  
**Mark Yehlen**

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Monday, June 20, 2011

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M.*

**PRESENT:** 4 - Martin DeFatte, John Heckenlively, Chairman Weidner and Mark Yehlen

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Nicole Loop, Charles French and Lt. Chuck Weitzel

Also Present: John Rooney, Kathy Kasper, Walter Robles

### Approval of Minutes for the May 16, 2011 Meeting

*The minutes of the meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [11-6152](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Walter Robles, Janes Elementary School Interim Directing Principal, requesting to discuss a crossing guard on the northeast corner of Wisconsin Street and Barker Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-21-11:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-16-11:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 06-20-11:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Secretary Rooney explained the gap study for pedestrians at the intersection of N. Wisconsin St. and Barker St. He noted adequate gaps were available in both the A.M. and P.M. arrival and dismissal for the school. He noted the number of children that crossed in that location and noted the warrants for a crossing guard were well below what was needed as it results to the ITE Method for a crossing guard. He also noted the Madison Method for determining whether a guard was warranted was used,*

*and both the A.M. and P.M. warrants were not met for that, as well. He noted an adequate crossing time of approximately 14 seconds showed the gaps were available approximately 70% of the time during the 30 minute A.M. and P.M. pedestrian gap study.*

*Walter Robles, on behalf of Jane's School, appeared before the Commission and was concerned the east-west approach of the intersection is uncontrolled and felt there was a safety issue that needed to be addressed. He explained he doesn't have personnel to provide crossing guard duties at that location.*

*Kathy Kasper, from the Racine Police Department, noted the Police Department Other Salaries Budget simply doesn't have funding to provide another crossing guard at that location.*

*In response to a question by Mark Yehlen, Secretary Rooney noted flash and beacon warning lights are only installed on a handful of arterial streets in the City that are manned by crossing guards. He noted that school reduction speed warning assembly signs are located on the side streets surrounding the schools in the area.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made Weidner, seconded by Heckenlively to receive and file the request. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

### **Next Meeting Date**

*The next Traffic Commission meeting will be July 18, 2011 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.*

### **Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:34 P.M.*

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