



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Martin DeFatte, Alderman Gregory Holding,  
Commissioner Richard Jones, Atty. Nicole Loop, Lt. James  
Dobbs, Charles French*

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Monday, March 15, 2010

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:** 6 - Gregory Holding, Nicole Loop, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte, Charles French and Richard Jones

Also Present: John Rooney, Staff; Kim DeLaO; Pete Karas

### Approval of Minutes for the February 15, 2010 Meeting

*The minutes for the February 15, 2010 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [10-4742](#) **Subject:** Communication from Pete Karas, Jim Spodick, Thomas Holmes and Keith Fair, requesting the removal of parking restrictions on Water Street in Downtown Racine.

#### **Recommendation on 03-15-10:** Defer

*Pete Karas appeared before the Traffic Commission and inquired about removing some parking restrictions on Water Street. He noted the area he was interested in was the area west of Park Avenue, down to the area of Villa Street. He noted there was some No Parking on the north side on Water Street, and some No Parking on the south side of Water Street, further to the west. He noted many customers of his park in that area when they can't find parking near his business, and they have gotten tickets. He asked that either the parking restrictions be removed, or if they cannot be removed, that some additional signs be installed for clarification.*

*John Rooney noted he would look into the parking restrictions and do some research, and asked that the item be deferred until the next meeting.*

*Motion made by Jones, seconded by Loop to defer. Passed unanimously.*

#### **Deferred**

2. [10-4799](#) **Subject:** Communication from Kim DeLaO, principal of SC Johnson Elementary School, requesting to speak with the Traffic Commission about issues regarding loading/unloading, parking at the school and requesting a study of the traffic pattern in front of their building be

done.

**Recommendation on 03-15-10:** Recommends that Schedule F of Section 94-141 (40) be created to include "No stopping, standing or parking from 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM on any school day except for school buses and mass transit vehicles owned and operated by the City."

Further recommends that this new section be amended to include:

1. Ohio Street, west side, from 340 feet north of Graceland Boulevard north 160 feet.
2. Graceland Boulevard, north side, from 200 feet west of Ohio Street, west 200 feet.
3. Kentucky Street, west side, from 330 feet south of Olive Street, south 240 feet.
4. Oregon Street, east side, from 330 feet south of Olive Street, south 180 feet.

**Fiscal Note:** The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$200.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$80.00.

*Kim DeLaO appeared before the Commission and noted there was a change in the school start time and asked that the signs be changed to represent the earlier start.*

*John Rooney noted there was a similar request done by another school this year and the signs could be changed to the appropriate time.*

*Kim DeLaO noted approximately ten buses pick up students on Oregon, while Kentucky is used as a loading zone for parent drop off and pick up. She also noted some of the problems with the intersection of Kentucky and Blue River.*

*John Rooney noted the history of the removal of the diverter island at that location back in 2002.*

*Rick Jones suggested RUSD expand their drop off/pick up area that is off street to the south of the school.*

*Charlie French noted these items should be going through Central Office for communication and that the Central Office should be communicating with the Traffic Commission, rather than each individual school.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Holding to approve the sign changes to reflect the earlier start time. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [10-4892](#)

**Subject:** In accordance with Section 2-95 of the Municipal Code of the general ordinances of the City of Racine, recommends that the

following requests for changes in traffic code be granted:

**A. Recommends that Section 94-141 (9) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM on any school day except for school buses and mass transit vehicles owned and operated by the City" be amended:**

**By Deleting:**

**1. Kentucky Street, west side, from 330 feet south of Olive Street, south 240 feet."**

**2. Oregon Street, east side, from 330 feet south of Olive Street, south 180 feet."**

**B. Recommends that Schedule F of Section 94-141 (40) be created to include "No stopping, standing or parking from 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM on any school day except for school buses and mass transit vehicles owned and operated by the City."**

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**Recommended For Approval**

**Next Meeting Date**

*The next meeting date will be April 26, 2010 in Room 304 (Engineering Conference Room) at City Hall.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.*

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