



# 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, April 20, 2009

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:18 P.M.*

**PRESENT:** 4 - Gregory Holding, James Dobbs, Charles French and Richard Jones

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Nicole Loop and Martin DeFatte

Also Present: Jose Arteaga, Mike and Marcie Balcer, Scotty Martin

### Approval of Minutes for the February 16, 2009 Meeting

*The minutes of the February 16, 2009 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [08-3056](#) **Subject:** Communication from Mike and Marcie Balcer wishing to discuss their concerns regarding the dropping off/picking up at Park High School.

**Recommendation (01-19-09):** Defer

**Recommendation (04-20-09):** Recommends that Schedule F of Section 94-141 be amended to create "No Parking, Loading Zone from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on any school day."

Further recommends that this new section be amended to include:

1. 12th Street, north side, from Valley Drive to 330 feet west of Linden Avenue.
2. 12th Street, south side, from 375 feet west of Valley Drive west 415 feet.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Mike and Marcie Balcer appeared before the Commission and asked that changes be made to the parking restrictions on 12th Street near Park High School.*

*Traffic Investigator Greg Baldikus appeared before the Commission and displayed some proposed changes to the signs to accommodate some of the people who need to pick up and drop off students at Park High School.*

*The Commission discussed the changes for "No Parking Loading Zone" along the front of Park High School on the south side of 12th Street, while keeping a portion in for bus pickup with a "No standing, stopping or parking for school buses", the Commission also agreed to change the "No Parking" restriction on the north side of 12th Street, west of Valley Drive to a "No Parking Loading Zone During School Hours."*

*Lt. Dobbs noted this would allow parents to stop there to load and unload students, where as before no parking was allowed, and parents were subject to citation. He noted this would also serve the same purpose as the existing "No Parking" zones that are currently installed.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by French to approve. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

2. [09-3313](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Jose Arteaga wishing to discuss handicap parking spaces at 1330 State Street.

**Recommendation (04-20-09):** Defer

*Jose Aretaga appeared before the Commission to discuss his concerns with disabled parking across the street from the property he owns. He noted because the property he owns is on a narrow one-way street, one side of the street is prohibited parking at all times. He noted directly across the street the church has handicap parking which prohibits tenants from his property from parking there. He thought the parking restrictions were excessive for the handicap zones and wanted to know if they could be signed for only certain days, such as church service.*

*John Rooney noted he is not aware disabled parking zones can be signed time of day, he understands them to be 24/7 parking zones for the disabled, and further notes that the church is being treated consistently with other churches who have asked for multiple handicap zones. He also noted Nicole Loop of the Attorney's Office was not present and that perhaps she could investigate whether disabled parking signs can be signed for certain days of the week without being in violation of the American With Disabilities Act. He asked the item be deferred.*

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

**Deferred**

3. [09-3325](#)

**Subject:** Communication from St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church requesting current "No Parking" signs be changed to "Loading Zone" signs at 1100 Grand Avenue.

**Recommendation (04-20-09):** Defer

*Scottie Martin, on behalf of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, appeared before the Commission. He inquired about removing the "No Parking" signs in front of 1120 Grand Avenue. He indicated he would prefer to put a "Loading Zone" sign there.*

*John Rooney noted there was a cost to install a loading zone, and the church would be responsible for that annual front foot fee.*

*Scottie Martin indicated the real problem was needing parking for funerals and*

weddings and that was the idea of getting rid of the "No Parking" zone.

John Rooney noted there is a policy for churches for funeral and wedding parking and that is an option the church may want to consider before authorizing the removal of the parking restriction.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Holding, seconded by Jones to defer the item while the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church discusses options. Passed unanimously.

**Deferred**

4. [09-3342](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District, on behalf of Laura Jocius of 3415 Southwood, requesting a 4-way stop at Southwood Dr. and Emstan Hills Rd.

**Recommendation (04-20-09):** Defer

Alderman Holding asked that the intersection of Southwood Drive and Emstan Hills Road be considered for a 4-way stop on behalf of his constituent.

John Rooney explained this is currently a 2-way stop, with stops on the east west approach, and noted that Southwood Drive is a through street from Taylor Avenue all the way to State Trunk Highway 11, stopping only at Maryland Avenue. He noted the accident rate was relatively low and the intersection ranked about halfway for safety issues of the City's entire 1,779 intersections. He noted that no studies have been done in recent years at this location.

Motion made by Holding, seconded by Jones to defer the item for study for warrants for a 4-way stop.

**Deferred**

5. [09-3513](#)

**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 (7) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No parking from 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. on any school day" be amended:**

**By Deleting:**

1. 12th Street, north side, from Valley Drive to Linden Avenue.

**B. Recommends that Section 94-141 (8) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on any school day" be amended:**

**By Deleting:**

1. 12th Street, north side, from Linden Avenue west 330 feet.
2. 12th Street, south side, from Valley Drive to 330 feet west of Linden Avenue.

C. 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 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses and mass transit vehicles owned and operated by the City" be amended:

**By Including:**

1. 12th Street, south side, from Valley Drive west 375 feet.

Recommended For Approval

**Next Meeting Date**

*The next meeting will be May 18, 2009 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.*

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