



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner
Atty. Nicole Loop
Charles French
John Heckenlively
Lt Dave Wohlgemuth
Mark Yehlen*

Monday, May 20, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M.

PRESENT: 4 - Charles French, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen and Dave Wohlgemuth

EXCUSED: 1 - Nicole Loop

Also Present: John Rooney, Richard Christensen

Approval of Minutes for the April 15, 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [12-8397](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District requesting 4-way stop signs at the intersections of 10th Street and Center Street and 11th Street and Center Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-21-13: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-20-13: Defer

In the absence of Alderman Coe, motion made by French, seconded by Yehlen to defer the item. Passed unanimously.

John Rooney noted the study was complete for this particular item.

Deferred

2. [13-8572](#) **Subject:** Communication from Charlie Petrach requesting a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Franklin Street and 20th Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-18-13: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-20-13: Defer

In the absence of Charlie Petrch at the meeting, a motion was made by French, seconded by Yehlen to defer the item. Passed unanimously.

John Rooney noted the study was complete for this particular item.

Deferred3. [13-8751](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District, on behalf of Richard Christensen (1831 Neptune Ave), to install 2-hour parking only on school days for the 1800 - 1900 blocks of Neptune Avenue and No Parking on the south side of Yout Street on school days from Wustum Avenue to Mt. Pleasant Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-15-13: Defer**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-20-13:**

Recommends that the request to install "Two-hour parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on school days" be approved. Further recommends that no changes in parking restrictions be made on Yout Street between Wustum Avenue and Mars Avenue.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$600.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$240.00.

Alderman Weidner noted that she had contacted most of the residents in the 1900 block of Neptune Avenue and indicated there was a majority support for two-hour parking restriction on school days and she asked that this item be approved.

There was also a discussion that no changes needed to be made on parking restrictions along Yout Street based on the last meeting discussion. However, it was noted that some enforcement needs to be done on Yout Street to make sure that vehicles that are parking legally per the restrictions are parked at least 15 feet away from the crosswalk at Neptune to provide a better site line for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Richard Christensen also attended the meeting and indicated he supported the request for the two-hour parking on Neptune.

After further discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Heckenlively to approve two-hour parking on school days only on the 1900 block of Neptune Avenue. It was further recommended that no changes be made to parking restrictions on Yout Street. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval4. [13-8797](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Sgt. Brian Neubauer requesting parking restriction changes at Park High School (1901 12th Street).

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-15-13: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-20-13: Defer

Sgt. Neubauer was not in attendance at the meeting but Lt. Wohlgemuth did distribute the request for parking changes at Park High School to accommodate an earlier start time. There was a discussion about the number of changes that have been made to parking restriction signs based on the repeated change in the start and dismissal time for the school.

The Traffic Commission members indicated they feel that the Racine Unified School District should be paying for these type of sign changes because of the frequency of the requests. It was recommended that a communication be sent in to the Public Works and Services Committee to discuss the charges of these sign changes for Unified and what those charges would amount to.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Heckenlively, seconded by Wohlgemuth to defer the item. Passed unanimously.

Deferred5. [13-8799](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Sgt. Brian Neubauer requesting parking restriction changes at SC Johnson School (2420 Kentucky Street).

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-15-13: Defer**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-20-13: Defer**

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After further discussion, a motion was made by Wohlgemuth, seconded by Heckenlively to defer the item. Passed unanimously.

Deferred6. [13-8992](#)

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 94-143 (14) of Schedule G of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "Two-hour parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on school days" be amended:

By Including:

- 1. Neptune Avenue, both sides, from Yout Street south 450 feet.**

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be June 17, 2013 in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

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