



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Traffic Commission

*Dave Wohlgemuth  
Robert Mozol  
John Heckenlively  
Mark Yehlen  
Nhu Tran  
Charles French  
Alderman Henry Perez*

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Monday, April 17, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

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#### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.*

**PRESENT:** 5 - Dave Wohlgemuth, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Tran and Charles French

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Robert Mozol and Henry Perez

Also Present: John Rooney, Marisa Kasriel attended on behalf of Nhu Tran, Alderwoman Lemke, Margaret Brockman, Jeff Neubauer

#### Approval of Minutes for the March 20, 2017 Meeting

*The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

#### New Business

[209-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Margaret Brockman requesting to discuss parking issues at 1948 Saturn Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-20-17:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-17-17:**

Recommends that "No parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on any school day" in front of 1948 Saturn Avenue be removed.

**Fiscal Note:** The estimated cost of this signage will result in a modification cost of \$40.00.

*Margaret Brockman appeared before the Traffic Commission and requested permission to remove the school parking restrictions in front of 1948 Saturn Avenue.*

*Chairman French asked if a petition was circulated and if the other neighbors on Saturn would be interested in having the restriction removed as well.*

*Margaret Brockman indicated she is only interested in removing the restriction in front of her corner lot on Saturn at this time.*

*Mark Yehlen noted that he feels these types of requests should be more holistic covering the neighborhood and was not supported of piece mail removal of parking restrictions.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Wohlgemuth, seconded by Heckenlively to remove the restriction in front of 1948 Saturn Avenue.*

*On a roll call vote, members voting aye: Wohlgemuth, Heckenlively, Kasriel  
Members voting naye: Yehlen  
Motion passed: 3:1*

**Recommended For Approval**

[266-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Racine Police Department, on behalf of Kranz, Inc. - 2200 DeKoven Ave., wishing to discuss pedestrian safety issues on DeKoven Avenue near Hickory Grove Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-17-17:**

Recommends that the crosswalk at the west side of DeKoven Avenue and Hickory Grove Avenue be signed and marked.

**Fiscal Note:** The estimated cost of this signage will result in a modification cost of \$40.00.

*Jeff Neubauer appeared before the Traffic Commission and stated he was concerned about pedestrian safety on DeKoven Avenue near Hickory Grove Avenue. He noted there is a municipal lot across the street from Kranz where several employees park. He noted there is a large volume of traffic that uses DeKoven which goes around an angle point in the street which makes it difficult to see oncoming cars, particularly those driving in excess of the speed limit.*

*There was a discussion about midblock crossing directly into the parking lot.*

*Secretary Rooney noted that the City Engineer's office does not support midblock crossing. He noted the appropriate place to mark a crosswalk would be at the corner of Hickory Grove and DeKoven, where the angle point is in the street. He noted that DeKoven Avenue was recently paved a few years ago and that signs could be added to denote this as a crosswalk and pavement markings could be put down at this location as well. He did note there were advance warning signs for the brake point in the roadway, as well as some chevrons to guide vehicles through DeKoven Avenue. He noted that no traffic ordinances need to be modified, but the Commission could approve the request and it could be done administratively.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Heckenlively to add signage and pavement markings for the crosswalk on the west side of the intersection of DeKoven Avenue and Hickory Grove Avenue. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[268-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District requesting that a traffic study be undertaken at the intersection of

Lombard Avenue and Erie Street to determine if there are changes that might improve traffic control at that location, since there have been two incidents where a car hit a house there.

### **Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-17-17: Defer**

*Alderwoman Lemke spoke regarding issues with traffic safety and speeds at the intersection of Erie Street and Lombard Avenue and she inquired if traffic control could be changed at that location. She indicated she believes a 4-way stop sign or signalization could assist.*

*Secretary Rooney read the results of a traffic study that was done one block away at South Street and Erie Street within the last 3 years. He noted that the intersection at South Street did not meet any of the warrants for an all-way stop. He noted South Street was a collector street that serves more traffic than Lombard would. He highly doubted the warrants would be met at Lombard for additional traffic control if they weren't at South Street. He also discussed four separate speed trailer studies done by RPD over the last few years that indicated speeding was not a problem on Erie Street. He noted these speed studies occurred at several locations along Erie Street, including south of Melvin Avenue, and as far north near Carlton Drive.*

*Chairman French thought some accident reports could be obtained from RPD to substantiate some of the incidents that Alderwoman Lemke brought up at the intersection, and maybe those could be reviewed.*

*Secretary Rooney said the appropriate action would be to take a look at any accident or crash history from RPD at that intersection and see if there was anything out of the ordinary and that the item could be deferred until those accident reports were reviewed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Wohlgemuth to defer. Passed unanimously.*

### **Deferred**

[355-17](#)

**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:

**Recommends that Section 94-141(8) of Schedule F relating to "No parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on any school day", be amended:**

### **By Deleting:**

- 1. Saturn Avenue, both sides, from Yout Street to Jupiter Avenue.**

### **By Including:**

- 1. Saturn Avenue, west side, from 60 feet south of Yout Street to Jupiter Avenue.**
- 2. Saturn Avenue, east side, from Yout Street to Jupiter Avenue.**

**Recommended For Approval**

**Next Meeting Date - May 15, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 P.M.*

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