



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Jim Kaplan
Nicole Larsen
Charles French
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol*

Monday, July 21, 2014

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 106

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 P.M.

PRESENT: 5 - Nicole Larsen, John Heckenlively, Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol and Jim Kaplan

EXCUSED: 2 - Charles French and Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Perez, Don Damaschke

Approval of Minutes for the June 16, 2014 Meeting

New Business

1. [14-10291](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Evangelical United Methodist Church (212 11th St.) requesting temporary "No Parking" signs be installed on the north side of 11th Street, between S. Main Street and Wisconsin Avenue on August 3, 2014 between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on July 21, 2014: The request to use Temporary No Parking signs on the north side of 11th Street between S. Main Street and Wisconsin Avenue on August 3, 2014, between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Don Damaschke appeared before the Commission and explained the request to use temporary no parking signs on the north side of 11th Street, between S. Main and Wisconsin Avenue on August 3, 2014 between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

John Rooney noted this was an annual request to alleviate parking issues at the same time the Starving Artist Fair is going on across the street.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Mozol to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

2. [14-10386](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a traffic study for the intersection of W. 6th Street and Memorial Drive.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on July 21, 2014:

Deferred

*In the absence of Alderman Kaprelian-Becker and Nikki Aiello this item was deferred.**Motion made by Mozol, seconded by Wohlgemuth to defer. Passed unanimously.***Deferred**

3. [14-10387](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District requesting a traffic study be conducted on Ohio Street by Lockwood Park.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on July 21, 2014:

Deferred

*Alderman Perez requested that a traffic study be done on Ohio Street by Lockwood Park, from south of Spring Street to Kinzie Avenue to see if speeding is an issue and what can be done to combat the problem. He noted the speed trailer had been deployed out there and the results of the speed trailer from Lt. Zuehlke indicated speeding was a problem in this area.**John Rooney did not have the speed study report. He asked that the speed trailer report be provided to him by Lt. Wohlgemuth. He also noted he would like to review the speed trailer report and based on the data if tube counters could be placed out there to conduct a more inconspicuous speed study. He cautioned the Traffic Commission and Alderman Perez that installing stop signs or other regulatory traffic control devices, such as traffic signals, is not an application to reduce speeds. He noted those devices are meant to assign right-of-way.**In response to a question by Alderman Perez, Lt. Wohlgemuth said the way to get compliance with speeding is targeted enforcement.**John Rooney asked that the item be deferred until he could review the speed trailer report from the RPD.**Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Mozol to defer. Passed unanimously.***Deferred**

4. [14-10388](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District requesting that street signs on the north side of Lockwood Park be clearly designated as North in the street name.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on July 21, 2014:

Deferred

Alderman Perez request that street signs on the north sign of Lockwood Park be

replaced to have the north designation on them as a prefix of the street name sign. He believes Ridgeway and Illinois are not properly marked on the street name signs. He also referenced an emergency call that could not find the proper address due to the improperly named street name sign. He noted this is what he heard from a constituent.

John Rooney noted the City can't arbitrarily add prefixes to street name signs. He noted the street name signs are made based on what the platted right-of-way has for street dedication at the Register of Deeds. He indicated he would look to see what the dedicated right-of-way street names are and report to the Traffic Commission to see if they are properly named.

Alderman Perez also asked the Traffic Commission to send a communication to the Village of Mount Pleasant to see if their street name signs need to be changed, as well.

John Rooney indicated he would first check to see what the actual platted street names are before any action is taken and asked that this item be deferred.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Mozol to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

5. [14-10389](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District recommending that signs for the Downtown tourist locations be larger and more numerous.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on July 21, 2014:
Deferred

Alderman Perez noted he would like better signage to direct tourists to the Downtown location. He noted they should be larger and more numerous. He didn't specify exact locations.

John Rooney indicated the Public Works Department took this task on several years ago under Commissioner Rick Jones' tenure to provide way-finding signs on all connecting highways leading towards Downtown. He noted these signs are as big as could be made by the Traffic Sign Shop in DPW. He noted these signs indicate where all the destination locations are into Downtown, noting locations such as West Racine, Uptown, Downtown and the marina. He also noted there are way-finding signs that are placed Downtown as part of the master plan for that area. These signs were installed as part of the Main Street Project, they are decorative in nature and provide way-finding for many visitors along Main Street to find destinations Downtown. He added that public parking signs were also made at the same time to be very consistent with the same size and type to provide way-finding to all public parking facilities for the City of Racine. He mentioned that the way-finding signs that are in place, in his opinion, are adequate and he would inventory those locations and provide that information to the Traffic Commission at the next meeting, if he has it available. He noted anything more than what is currently out there, would probably require an item placed in the 2015 budget to do something at a larger more detailed scale by those requesting the change. He asked that the item be deferred until he could gather some information for the Traffic Commission.

Motion made by Mozol, seconded by Wohlgemuth to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

Next Meeting Date - August 18, 2014 at 4:00 PM in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

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