



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Traffic Commission

*Chairman Martin DeFatte
Commissioner Richard Jones
Alderman Ronald D. Hart
Lt. James Dobbs
Atty. Nicole Loop
Charles French*

Monday, March 17, 2008

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: 6 - Ronald D. Hart, Nicole Loop, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte, Charles French and Richard Jones

Also Present: Sharon Fliss; Alderman Anderson

Approval of Minutes for the January 28, 2008 Meeting

Motion made by Hart, seconded by French to approve the minutes as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- 08-1629** **Subject:** Communication from Sharon Fliss, owner of The Cabinetry Shop Inc., regarding limited parking in front of her store at 1800 N. Main Street.

Recommendation: The request for 2 hour limited parking from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays be approved.

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.

Sharon Fliss appeared before the Traffic Commission. She noted that she bought the business approximately one year ago and noted problems with having a place for customers to park in front of the building. She asked that some limited 2 to 3 hour parking restrictions be placed during business hours.

John Rooney noted an existing Ordinance 94-143 (17) is 2 hour limited parking from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M., except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. He said this would match the request, and it is an existing traffic code in the transportation ordinances.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Hart, seconded by French to approve the request. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Acceptance
- 08-1822** **Subject:** Communication from Mayor Becker wishing to discuss returning Marquette Street and ML King Drive back to two-way streets.

Recommendation: Defer**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (03-17-08): Defer**

John Rooney indicated the item was also referred to the Public Works and Services Committee. He noted that the Public Works and Services Committee Commissioner Rick Jones asked that the item be deferred while the Engineering Department solicits proposals from consultants for the cost estimates to do a traffic impact analysis of changing the one-ways to two-way streets on Marquette Street and Dr. M. L. King Jr. Drive. He also indicated the study would estimate what the Engineering costs would be for the alternatives and construction costs as well. He noted this would be brought back to the Public Works and Services Committee to see if they were interested in funding such a study and all the Engineering costs that would go with it. He did note that Dr. M. L. King Jr. Drive and Marquette Street were two-way traffic prior to 1975, and the geometry of the intersections at State Street were much different than they are today. He noted that Dr. M. L. King Jr. Drive, which was Milwaukee Avenue at the time, was a T-intersection into State Street, and Marquette Street was the signalized intersection to go north and southbound.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hart to defer it on the long-term agenda. Passed unanimously.

Deferred3. [08-1823](#)

Subject: Communication from the 2nd District Alderman on behalf of resident Ken Taylor requesting a four way stop sign be installed at the intersection at Park & 18th Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (03-17-08): Defer

Alderman Anderson appeared before the Traffic Commission and noted he had a request from one of his constituents regarding putting in a 4-way stop at the intersection of Park Avenue and 18th Street. He noted that the request was to install additional stop signs and slow down traffic. This arose from a concern of many kids walking in the neighborhood.

John Rooney indicated the accident rate was not problematic at this intersection and that no traffic studies have been performed at this location.

In the absence of Alderman Anderson's constituent, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Hart to defer the item so the constituent could attend the next meeting.

Deferred4. [08-1903](#)

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 (17) of Schedule G of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "Two-hour parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays." be amended:

By Including:

1. North Main Street, west side, from 348 feet north of High Street north 50 feet.

Recommended For Acceptance

Miscellaneous

5. [07-0044](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Mayor wishing to discuss the changing of one-way streets back to two-way. Austin and Mertens Avenue from 16th to 17th Streets. Wilson, Garfield, and Peck Avenues from State to West Streets.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (02-19-07): Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (03-17-08): Receive and file.

This item came off the Deferred Agenda. Martin DeFatte asked if this item could be received and filed.

John Rooney noted the information regarding this item has been sent to the Aldermen of the district at both locations. He has e-mailed the information to them several times and spoke to them. He noted the ball was in their court to pursue the item, and to this point, they have been non-responsive and noted it was up to the Commission if they wanted to receive and file this request.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Hart, seconded by French to receive and file the request. Passed unanimously.

Received and Filed

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be on April 28, 2008 at 5:15 P.M., in Room 301 at City Hall.

Please note there was a conflict with holding the meeting on April 21, 2008. The Finance and Personnel Committee is meeting and using Room 301.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

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