



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*

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M.

PRESENT: 6 - Gregory Holding, Nicole Loop, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte, Charles French and Richard Jones

Also Present: John Rooney, Staff; Patrick Starken, RUSD; Alderman Kaplan

Approval of Minutes for the August 17, 2009 Meeting

The minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [09-3953](#) **Subject:** Communication from Patrick Starken, Racine Unified Transportation Supervisor, requesting additional crossing guards at South Memorial and DeKoven Avenue (Bull Fine Arts & Mitchell Elementary Schools) and State Street (Julian Thomas Elementary).

Recommendation (08-17-09): Defer

Recommendation (09-22-09): Defer

Patrick Starken appeared before the Commission inquiring about a possibility of moving crossing guards to locations at South Memorial and De Koven to serve both Fine Arts and Mitchell Schools, and State Street to serve Julian Thomas Elementary School. He noted putting guards at these locations would reduce busing costs.

John Rooney noted from the last meeting, the Racine Police Department was going to look at the matrix submitted by Racine Unified School District to see if crossing guards could share locations during their 2-hour shifts.

Lt. Dobbs noted this has not been done yet and would meet with Sgt. Kupper to discuss it.

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

Deferred
2. [09-4012](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 4th District, on behalf of residents in the 800 and 900 blocks of Jackson Street, requesting signage be placed on that street.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Kaplan appeared before the Commission and noted there were some cut-through problems on Jackson Street, for the State Street project currently going on and the work that will be done next year. He asked that speed limit signs be placed at both ends of the block and asked that "Children At Play" signs as well as "Deaf Child" signs be placed at those locations.

John Rooney noted that "Deaf Child" signs can be placed administratively and an application would need to be filled out by the person making the request. He noted speed limit signs are not placed on local streets. He noted State Statute requires that all streets be 25 mph, and if the local municipalities accept them to be something other than that, then those streets get posted for the varying speed limits. He further noted the "Children At Play" sign is not a sign posted by the City of Racine. He noted the sign is in conflict with an existing City Ordinance not allowing children to play in the streets.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [09-4148](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering, on behalf of the Alderman of the 4th District, requesting the removal of school signs near the former San Juan Diego Middle School (1101 Douglas Ave).

Recommendation: The request to remove "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on any school day except for school buses" at 1101 Douglas Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: There is a nominal cost to remove these signs.

Alderman Kaplan appeared before the Commission and asked that the school parking restriction signs for buses near the San Juan Diego Middle School, at 1101 Douglas Avenue, be removed now that the school is no longer in existence.

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

Recommended For Approval

4. [09-4082](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District, on behalf of RAMAC, asking the City of Racine to improve the safety of the intersection of 5th Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Holding explained his request on behalf of RAMAC.

John Rooney noted a similar study was done a few years ago at the request of Attorney John Knuteson. He noted parking was removed on the east side of Wisconsin Avenue, north of Fifth Street. He noted meters were removed and "No Parking" signs were put in place to provide better sight lines for westbound vehicles seeing southbound traffic. Rooney also noted the road will be resurfaced next year and new pavement markings will be put in that will better define the intersection as well.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be October 19, 2009 in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

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