



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner

Co-Chairman Martin DeFatte

Atty. Nicole Loop

Charles French

John Heckenlively

Lt. Chuck Weitzel

Mark Yehlen

Monday, May 21, 2012

4:00 PM City Hall, Room 304 (Engineering Conference Room)

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Lt. Chuck Weitzel and Chairman Weidner

EXCUSED: 2 - Nicole Loop and Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman DeHahn, Bob & Kristine Brown, Mitch Buenger, Tom Karkow

Approval of Minutes for the January 16, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the January 16, 2012 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [12-7585](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 14th District, requesting to discuss the City of Racine's traffic signal timing procedures.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-12: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney read the request for the Alderman of the 14th District. He noted the City does put some traffic signals into a flash mode during certain times of the evening. He noted that is permissible in the MUTCD. He noted that certain signals, if they are fully actuated, do not go into a flash mode because the traffic signals should respond to pedestrian and vehicle demand on the minor approaches. He noted the appropriate action would be to receive and file the communication. He indicated he would contact the Alderman of the 14th District and ask him what particular intersections he was concerned with and he would have the Engineering Department look to see if there were any improvements that could be made to conduct flashing operations at locations requested by the Alderman.

After further discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Weitzel to

receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [12-7614](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District, on behalf of Bob Brown (3725 Haven Ave.), requesting that east/west facing stop signs be added at the intersection of Haven Avenue and Monroe Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-12: Defer

Bob and Kristine Brown appeared before the Traffic Commission and requested east/west stop signs be added at the intersection of Haven Avenue and Monroe Avenue. They indicated excessive speeds on Haven Avenue and inquired about installation of a basket-weave pattern of stop signs in that location.

Lt. Weitzel noted that a speed trailer was recently put near Cleveland Avenue and would get the results of that speed study and forward it to the City Engineer for review.

John Rooney noted there were no studies done in this area in the last five years and indicated the item could be deferred while the City conducts a traffic study to look at volumes, crash history, speeding and other issues in the area.

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

Deferred

3. [12-7624](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 7th District requesting parking be prohibited on Jean Avenue around Heck Park.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-12: Defer

Alderman DeHahn noted there has been some problems with activities at the north end of Jean Avenue, near Heck Park. In an effort to get rid of some of these undesirable activities, he asked that parking be prohibited along Jean Avenue on the east side along Heck Park everyday of the week from 8:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M.

John Rooney noted that if you put in No Parking on one side of the street, but not the entire block, you still have to abide by alternate street-side parking in that area and indicated that may or may not be a problem for the residents of the district.

Charlie French noted that he didn't believe putting up signs for parking restrictions is a way to deter crime. He noted the COP House in the area should be a resource for checking on problems. He also noted the park is open until 10:00 PM and requesting that parking be prohibited at 8:00 PM may not be a wise decision.

Lt. Weitzel suggested the COP House get more involved in that area and have them do some type of patrol or increased presence and indicated that may be a better alternative than putting in a parking restriction.

Charlie French noted it would probably be best to defer the item for a couple of months while RPD looked into the matter.

Motion made by Weitzel, seconded by French to defer for a few months. Passed

unanimously.

Deferred

4. [12-7574](#)

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 5, 2012 between 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-12: The request of Evangelical United Methodist Church (212 11th Street) to use Temporary No Parking signs on the north side of 11th Street between S. Main and Wisconsin Avenue on August 5, 2012 between 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mitch Buenger appeared before the Commission requesting No Parking signs on the north side of 11th Street, between S. Main and Wisconsin, for the Evangelical United Methodist Church. This is an annual request to provide parking for the church during the Starving Artist Fair.

John Rooney noted this was an annual request and should be approved.

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

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be June 18, 2012 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

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