



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes

Traffic Commission

City Hall
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Racine, WI 53403
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*Jarvis Finley, Alderman Ronald D. Hart,
Chairman Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Commissioner Richard Jones,
Deputy Chief Thomas Christensen, Atty. Scott Letteney*

Monday, August 21, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 301 - City Hall

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM

PRESENT: Jarvis Finley, Ronald D. Hart, Martin DeFatte, Charles French, Thomas Christensen and Scott Letteney

EXCUSED: Richard Jones

Also Present: John Rooney, Brian Anderson, Jim and Julie Kaplan, Tony Matson

Approval of Minutes for the July 17, 2006 Meeting

Minutes of the July 17, 2006 Traffic Commission meeting were approved. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by that this file be to Approve the Minutes .

New Business

1. [06-2389](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Deputy Chief of Police wishing to discuss school crossing guard locations for the 2006 - 2007 school session.

Recommendation: In accordance with Section 2-279(2) of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine recommends the following list of School Crossing Guard locations be approved for the 2006 - 2007 school year:

Arthur Ave. & Kinzie Ave.	Arthur Ave. & Osborne Blvd.
Arthur Ave. & Washington Ave.	Bate St. & Taylor Ave.
Blue River Ave. & Kentucky St.	Blue River Ave. & Lathrop Ave.
Byrd Ave. & Roosevelt Ave.	Goold St. & LaSalle St.
Drexel Ave. & Durand Ave.	Grange Ave. & Seventeenth St.
Graceland Blvd. & Ohio St.	Howland Ave. & W. 6th St.
Grange Ave. & Sixteenth St.	Kewaunee St. & Main St.
Kentucky St. & Twenty-first St.	Kinzie Ave. & Ohio St.
Kinzie Ave. & Osborne Blvd.	LaSalle St. & North St.
LaSalle St. & Romaine Ave.	Neptune Ave. & Yout St.
Ohio St. & Sixteenth St.	Roosevelt Ave. & Sixteenth St.
Seventeenth St. & Taylor Ave.	Seventeenth St. & West Blvd.

West Blvd. & Wright Ave.

West St. & Dr. M. L. King Dr.

Fiscal Note: Estimated salary cost is \$145,000 with funding available in Account 101-310-502, Police - Other Salaries.

Deputy Chief Christensen submitted the list of school crossing guard locations for the 2006-2007 school session and asked they be approved.

John Rooney noted that funding for the crossing guards comes out of the Police Department Other Salaries account.

Motion made by Letteney, seconded by Finley to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Acceptance

2. [06-2324](#)

Subject: Communication from Jim and Julie Kaplan requesting that "Two Hour Parking Signs, 7 AM to 6 PM except Saturday and Sunday and Holidays" be placed on the north side of the 400 block of Kewaunee Street from the northwest corner of Kewaunee Street and North Main Street.

Recommendation: The request for "Two Hour parking, 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on school days" be placed on the north side of Kewaunee Street from North Wisconsin Street to North Main Street.

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.

Jim and Julie Kaplan appeared before the Traffic Commission. They asked that some parking restrictions be placed on the north side of the 400 block of Kewaunee Street. Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan indicated they would like a two hour limit parking restriction placed on the north side of the street from 7:30 AM to 3 PM. They indicated there is difficulty with finding a place to park on their street because teachers or employees of Janes School use that location to park. Jim Kaplan indicated he had contacted the principal of the school who would not provide help with the employees parking in that location. He noted that the school is a year round school and parking is generally a problem everyday of the year.

There was some discussion if the restriction could be placed just in front of Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan's house or if it should be on the entire block. After further discussion, the Traffic Commission decided to post the entire north side with the two hour limit from 7:30 AM to 3 PM on school days.

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Hart to approve the parking restriction. Members voting aye: Hart, Finley, Christensen, Letteney.

Members voting no: None

Members abstaining: French

Motion passed.

Recommended For Acceptance

3. [06-2230](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the ACPW/Engineer regarding the installation of school zone parking restrictions for 21st Century School and Next Generation Now.

Recommendation: The request to install a 50 foot school parking zone restriction 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.

Brian Anderson and Tony Matson appeared before the Traffic Commission in regards to school parking zone restrictions installed on Mound Avenue for 21st Century Preparatory School and Next Generation Now. Brian Anderson indicated that Mound Avenue Associates is the manager of the building that Next Generation Now and 21st Century Preparatory School occupy. He noted there are several other tenants in the building and he had approached both schools and had come to an agreement on how they would like to see Mound Avenue, in front of the building, signed. He asked that most of the school parking restrictions be removed and the one hour parking be returned to Mound Avenue as it was before, with school parking zone restriction for buses, centered on the mid-block crosswalk in front of the building.

John Rooney reiterated for the Commission that the request for the signage was the result of the Racine Police Department Traffic Investigators bringing it to the Engineering Department's attention on behalf of the schools. He noted there was a problem with parents double-parking in the street because cars occupy the space in front of the building. He did note, however, that his recommendation to sign the school in the manner in which it was done, is consistent with the way other schools in the City of Racine, whether they are public, private, or charter schools, have been marked. He still noted that he believes his recommendation was accurate given the use of the building. However, it is entirely up to the Traffic Commission if they want to make modifications to the signage in front of the building to accommodate Mound Avenue Associates.

Anderson noted the owners of the building were not invited to the last meeting when the decision was made to post the signage as it currently is.

Rooney commented the traffic technician did go out to the location and did speak with the representatives at Next Generation Now and 21st Century Preparatory School and they were in agreement with signage that was posted.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Hart, seconded by Finley, to post the area one hour parking as it was before, with the exception of a school zone parking restriction for bus drop off as requested by Mound Avenue Associates.

Members voting aye: Hart, French, Finley, Letteney

Members voting no: Christensen

Motion passed 4 to 1.

A motion was made by that this file be Recommended For Acceptance .

4. [06-2280](#)

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 94-141(1) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No parking anytime" be amended:

By Adding:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 1000 feet south of Liberty Street south 1,240 feet, and from West Sixth Street north 560 feet.
2. Mound Avenue, west side, from 16 feet south of Liberty Street, south 48 feet.
3. Mound Avenue, west side, from 235 feet south of Liberty Street, south 328 feet.

By Deleting:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 300 feet south of Liberty Street south 400 feet and from 1,000 feet to 1,240 feet south of Liberty Street, and from West Sixth Street north 560 feet.

B. Recommends that Section 94-141(9) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses" be amended:

By Adding:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 625 feet south of Liberty Street south 448 feet.

C. Recommends that Section 94-143(8) of Schedule G of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "One-hour parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays" be amended:

By Deleting:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 700 feet south of Liberty Street south 240 feet.

John Rooney indicated these were the municipal code changes for the location on Mound Avenue from last month's meeting and indicated this item could be received and filed and a new entry to the municipal code would be prepared for the next Traffic Commission report.

A motion was made by Hart, seconded by Finley to receive and file.

Members voting aye: Hart, French, Finley, Letteney

Members voting no: Christensen

Motion passed 4 to 1.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [06-2444](#)

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 94-141(1) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No parking anytime" be amended:

By Adding:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 1,000 feet south of Liberty Street south 1,240 feet, and from West Sixth Street north 560 feet.

2. Mound Avenue, west side, from 16 feet south of Liberty Street, south 48 feet.

By Deleting:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 300 feet south of Liberty Street south 400 feet and from 1,000 feet to 1,240 feet south of Liberty Street, and from West Sixth Street north 560 feet.

B. Recommends that Section 94-141(9) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses" be amended:

By Adding:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 835 feet south of Liberty Street south 50 feet.

C. Recommends that Section 94-143(8) of Schedule G of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "One-hour parking from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except Sundays and holidays" be amended:

By Deleting:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 700 feet south of Liberty Street south 240 feet.

By Adding:

1. Mound Avenue, west side, from 420 feet south of Liberty Street south 369 feet.

2. Mound Avenue, west side, from 894 feet south of Liberty Street south 74 feet.

D. Recommends that Section 94-143(14) of Schedule G of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "Two-hour parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on school days" be amended:

By Adding:

1. Kewaunee Street, north side, from North Main Street to North Wisconsin Street.

Recommended For Acceptance

6. Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be September 18, 2006.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM

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