



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner
Atty. Nicole Loop
Charles French
John Heckenlively
Lt Dave Wohlgemuth
Mark Yehlen
Robert Mozol

Monday, December 16, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 106

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Charles French, John Heckenlively, Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol and Sandy Weidner
EXCUSED: 2 - Nicole Loop and Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Perez, Dixit Patel

Approval of Minutes for the October 21, 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [13-9598](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Chief Howell, on behalf of Alderman Perez, requesting a traffic study be done on Cleveland Avenue, near Fratt Elementary School (3501 Kinzie Avenue).

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-16-13: Defer

Alderman Perez appeared before the Commission. He noted he attended a PTA meeting where problems were discussed regarding parking and traffic on the west side of the building, particularly with school bus parking. He also noted some issues he observed with traffic. He suggested changes to parking in the area, as well as making Cleveland Avenue, from Lindermann Ave. to Kinzie Avenue one-way northbound.

John Rooney noted he had spoken with Pat Starken from RUSD about this issue. He noted Mr. Starken wasn't aware of any issues near Fratt Elementary School. John Rooney indicated making draconian changes, such as one-way streets around schools for traffic issues that exist for a short time in the morning and afternoon, 180 days of the year, may be onerous on the residents who live in that neighborhood. He further stated typically one-way streets have a one-way pair associated with them for the purpose of moving traffic. He noted the appropriate action would be to defer the item on the long-deferred agenda while the Engineering Department can analyze the

problem, speak with RUSD and the Racine Police Department to discuss what enforcement issues need to be taken. He also noted he would keep Alderman Perez in the loop.

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

Deferred

2. [13-9604](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 3rd District requesting that the no parking and loading zone signs at 1527-1530 Washington Avenue be removed.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-16-13: Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney noted this item could be received and filed. He noted loading zones or area privilege permits are taken care of administratively by the City Engineer. He noted, typically, loading zones are applied for and are paid for on an annual basis based on front footage. After looking at this location, he noted the business that requested the loading zone is no longer there. He indicated the signs have been removed and temporary two-hour parking signs have been put up in the area until 2-hour meters can be installed this spring.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [13-9589](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Dixit Patel requesting a limited parking sign at Christiano's Supermarket (2054 Kearney Avenue).

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-16-13: Recommends that Schedule G of Section 94-143 be amended to create "One-half hour parking from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday, and 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Sundays".

Further recommends that this new section be amended to include "Kearney Avenue, west side, from 15 feet north of Twenty-First Street north 25 feet".

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.

Dixit Patel appeared before the Commission seeking a limited parking sign at Christiano's Supermarket at 2054 Kearney Ave. Mr. Patel noted the business is open seven days a week and noted the hours. He was desirous of half-hour parking to create turnover for his customers. He noted the problem stems from the residents parking in front of his business, not allowing customers a place to park.

John Rooney noted these types of limited parking restrictions are common place to assist businesses. He indicated he would create a limited parking restriction in the Transportation Ordinances to cover the times requested.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Heckenlively, seconded by Mozol to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - January 20, 2014 in Room 306 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

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