



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
Thomas Eeg
Lt. Chuck Weitzel

Monday, May 16, 2011

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 7 - Nicole Loop, Martin DeFatte, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Thomas Eeg, Lt. Chuck Weitzel and Chairman Weidner

Also Present: John Rooney, Julie Borglin, Anna Kirchenberg

Approval of Minutes for the April 18, 2011 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [11-6124](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District, on behalf of the residents in the Yout/Georgia neighborhood, requesting parking restrictions on Georgia Avenue between Northwestern Avenue and Yout Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-21-11: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-16-11: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney read the report from the City Engineer's Office regarding the proposed parking restrictions on Georgia Avenue between Northwestern Avenue and Yout Street. He noted an accident analysis was done of the area over the last five (5) years from 2006 through 2010. He noted no accidents have occurred in this location, noted the street is of standard width and noted typically substandard width streets require parking restrictions on one side or perhaps both. He noted the traffic study was done during arrival and dismissal of schools in the area and saw no conflict with vehicles moving through the area around parked cars or passing buses in the opposing direction. He did acknowledge the road does get narrow at times in the

winter, particularly with the record snow fall event we had in February of this past year. He did note this is a bare pavement street and noted the snow gets removed and pushed back and widened to the maximum extent possible. He noted that forcing patrons or workers from the hair salon to park further away would only move a potential parking problem further down the road on Georgia or Yout Street.

Anna Kirchenberg appeared before the Commission and thought that the winter restrictions for parking should be in place on the south side of the road from at least until December through March. She noted the difficulty she has had driving through the area.

John Rooney noted the north side of the street has a City bus stop that prohibits parking in that area and he noted it was essentially de facto a no parking zone on the entire north side of the street.

Julie Borglin appeared before the Commission and asked to have continued parking on Georgia Avenue for her business.

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

On a roll call vote, members voting aye: French, Eeg, Heckenlively, Weitzel, Loop
Members voting naye: Weidner
Motion passed: 5:1

Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [11-6152](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Walter Robles, Janes Elementary School Interim Directing Principal, requesting to discuss a crossing guard on the northeast corner of Wisconsin Street and Barker Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 03-21-11: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-16-11: Defer

In the absence of Walter Robles of Janes School and Kathy Kasper of RPD, Charlie French asked that the item be deferred.

Motion made by French, seconded by Loop to defer. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be June 20, 2011, at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

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