



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner
Atty. Nicole Loop
Charles French
John Heckenlively
Lt. Chuck Weitzel
Mark Yehlen

Monday, October 15, 2012

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 6 - Nicole Loop, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Lt. Chuck Weitzel, Chairman Weidner and Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Sgt. Pavilonis on behalf of of Lt. Weitzel, Al Stanek, Denessa Redding

The minutes of the September 17, 2012 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for the September 17, 2012 Meeting

New Business

1. [12-8188](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer wishing to discuss parking restrictions at Barker St. and Michigan Blvd.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-15-12:

Recommends that No Parking from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. from May 31 through September 1 each year, on the east side of Michigan Boulevard, from 91 feet north of Barker Street to 124 feet south of Barker Street, 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

John Rooney noted that the parking restrictions that were rescinded at the intersection of Michigan Blvd. and Barker St. at the last meeting were done so to eliminate the No Parking Any Time at this intersection. He noted that the parking restrictions really only needed to be during the summer months and needed to be at the time of day when the beach had the most activity. He indicated the parking restrictions that should be approved by the Traffic Commission should be No Parking from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. May 31st to September 1st, 91 feet north of the intersection and 124 feet south of the intersection. He noted this would free up

visibility on the east approach and also allow for parking in the evening for the residents in the summer months, particularly for alternate side street parking and open up parking in its entirety in the off peak periods along the beach.

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

Recommended For Approval

2. [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

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-15-12: Defer

Charlie French noted he had discussed the issue with the COP House, but in the absence of Alderman DeHahn he asked that the item be deferred.

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

Deferred

3. [12-8201](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 7th District requesting to allow parking from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. by Heck Park at the end of Donna Avenue - cul-de-sac area.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-15-12: Defer

Charlie French noted he had discussed the issue with the COP House, but in the absence of Alderman DeHahn he asked that the item be deferred.

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

Deferred

4. [12-8122](#)

Subject: Communication from Denessa Redding (2530 Maple Grove Ave.) requesting the "No Parking on School Days 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM" signs be removed from her street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-15-12:

Recommends that the parking restrictions on Maple Grove Avenue, both sides, from Arcturus Avenue southwest 550 feet, be removed.

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

Denessa Redding appeared before the Traffic Commission and inquired about removing the parking restrictions on school days from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the 2500 block of Maple Grove Avenue. She noted that these restrictions have been up in excess of 25 years and noted that this area is not a problem anymore where students from Horlick parked in the area. She noted there has been difficulty in finding on-street parking spaces, particularly with additional vehicles and renters living on the block.

John Rooney noted that this is the southern most area of all the restricted parking south of Horlick High School. He did note that Horlick now leases parking space on their own property to students and also has an agreement with the church across the street in the Pick-N-Save area to lease space there, as well. He did not see any problem with the request.

Alderman Weidner asked that a petition be submitted from the residents of the block with at least 50% supporting the removal of the parking signs.

Denessa Redding indicated she would do so.

John Rooney noted the item could be approved subject to the petition being submitted before Common Council approval.

Motion made by Weidner, seconded by Yehlen to approve the removal of the parking signs subject to a petition submitted with greater than 50% of the residents approving the request. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

5. [12-8158](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting an additional 10 feet of "No Parking" area at the bus stop on the east side on Main Street at 10th (SE corner) to reduce accident potential and eliminate traffic back-ups.
Al Stanek invited to the meeting.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-19-12: Refer the communication to the Traffic Commission with a recommendation to eliminate at least one parking space on Main St. at 10th St. to improve traffic flow and eliminate a potential traffic hazard.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-15-12: Recommends that the No Parking Any Time on Main Street, east side, from Tenth Street, south 117 feet be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Al Stanek appeared before the Traffic Commission. He noted that some additional No Parking is needed south of the bus stop and shelter, located at the southeast corner of Main St. and Tenth St. by Gateway. He noted that the additional parking restriction, that would amount to 20 feet, would allow buses to pull in curb side and pick-up and discharge passengers without having the bus being stopped out in the travel lane for northbound.

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

Recommended For Approval

6. [12-8273](#)

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 at any time" be amended:

By Deleting

1. Main St., east side, from Tenth Street south 75 feet.

By Including

1. Main St., east side, from Tenth Street south 117 feet.

B. Recommends that Section 94-141 (8) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No parking from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on any school day" be amended:

By Deleting

1. Maple Grove Ave., both sides, from Arcturus Avenue southwest 550 feet.

C. Recommends that Schedule F of Section 94-141 be amended to create "No parking from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. from May 31 through September 1 each year".

Further recommends that this new section be amended to include:

1. Michigan Blvd., east side, from Barker Street south 124 feet.
2. Michigan Blvd., east side, from Barker Street north 91 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

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

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