



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Jim Kaplan
Nicole Larsen
Charles French
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol*

Monday, March 16, 2015

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: 7 - Nicole Larsen, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol and Jim Kaplan

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman Sarrazin, Alderman Kaprelian-Becker, Alderman Coe, Patrick Starcken, Jeff Miller, Zach Tracy, Ben Schultz, C. Henry Kinnard, Christopher Olley, Autumn Heath, Ariana Kovara, Vollen Flynn, Manssa Joers, Kristi Parsons, Piera McVeigh, Luke McVeigh, Madison Poole, Michele French

Approval of Minutes for the January 19, 2015 Meeting

The minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [15-00112](#) **Subject:** Communication from Christopher Olley, St. Catherine's High School, requesting parking restriction changes at 1200 Park Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on March 16, 2015:
Recommends that the request to remove two-hour parking from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays in the 1200 block of Park Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage change will result in a removal cost of \$100.00 and no annual maintenance cost.

Christopher Olley appeared before the Commission and asked to remove time-of-day parking restrictions across the street from St. Catherine's High School. He noted it would provide more student and visitor parking during the day and would have no impact on neighborhood parking.

After further discussion, motion made by Yehlen, seconded by French to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval2. [15-00125](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District, on behalf of the Walden III School students, requesting a 4-way stop at the intersection of 10th Street and Center Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on March 16, 2015:
Recommends that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Coe appeared before the Commission and requested that an all-way stop be placed at the intersection of 10th Street and Center Street. He noted this has been through the Traffic Commission in the past, but feels the students at the school know what the problem is and invited them to speak regarding the issue.

Several students spoke in favor of the all-way stop signs at the school location noting problems with vehicles driving too fast by pedestrians and having close calls in the intersection.

John Rooney noted the study was done for this location about two years ago and did not meet warrants at that time.

There was an inquiry as to whether school speed limit assembly signs are used at the school.

John Rooney said they should be and should be at all schools. If they were missing, they would be replaced.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed3. [14-10625](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District requesting referral to the Traffic Commission a request to remove the east/west stop signs on DeKoven Avenue at Mead Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on October 20, 2014:
Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on November 17, 2014: Recommends that the request to remove the stop signs on the east and west approaches of the intersection of DeKoven Avenue and Mead Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage change will result in a removal cost of \$100 and no annual maintenance cost.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on January 19, 2015:
Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on March 16, 2015:

Recommends that the request to remove the stop signs on the east and west approaches of the intersection of DeKoven Avenue and Mead Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage change will result in a removal cost of \$100.00 and no annual maintenance cost.

Alderman Sarrazin and Principal Miller, from Stephan Bull Fine Arts School, appeared before the Commission asking for a 4-way stop at the intersection of Franklin and DeKoven. Alderman Sarrazin also supported the removal of the all-way stop at Mead and DeKoven.

John Rooney went through the study that was submitted to the Traffic Commission several months ago indicating the all-way stop at Mead Street was unnecessary and the all-way stops at Franklin Street, as well as the street to the east at the school, were unwarranted four-way stop locations.

He noted if there was a problem with students not being able to cross the street or find gaps, that they could certainly do a gap study and report back to the Traffic Commission.

Principal Miller indicated there were very few, if any, kids walking to school anymore.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Yehlen, seconded by Wohlgemuth to approve the removal of the all-way stops on Mead Street and DeKoven Street and have two-way stop control facing the north and south approaches of Mead Street. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval**4. [14-10626](#)**

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District requesting referral to the Traffic Commission a request to add stop signs on De Koven Avenue at Franklin Street, making it a four-way stop.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on October 20, 2014:

Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on November 17, 2014: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on January 19, 2015:

Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on March 16, 2015:

Recommends that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Bob Mozol made a motion to defer for additional study. There was no support for the motion. The motion died.

There was a motion then made by Yehlen, seconded by Heckenlively to receive and file. Motion passed 5:1. Mozol voting naye.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [15-00201](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Bill Folstrom requesting No Parking restrictions on 8th Street, south side, from Washington Avenue to Marquette Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on March 16, 2015:

Recommends that the request for No Parking At Anytime on the south side of 8th Street between Washington Avenue and Marquette Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$100.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$40.00.

John Rooney noted this was a request from the Superintendent of Public Works seeking no parking restrictions on the south side of 8th Street, between Washington and Marquette. He noted it was to better facilitate getting solid waste vehicles in and out of the yard. He noted there was ample places for Public Works employees to park off-street in the area.

Motion made by French, seconded by Wohlgemuth to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

6. [15-00237](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Robert Mozol wishing to discuss a right-turn lane at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Goold Street for westbound traffic.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on March 16, 2015:

Recommends that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney submitted a study noting that while there is some delay on the east approach of the signalized intersection of Douglas Avenue and Goold Street for westbound traffic, he noted it was within acceptable margins. He noted there used to be a separated right-turn lane at that intersection for the movement of truck vehicles off of Highway 32. He noted that right-turn lane has been removed as truck traffic now only is permitted to go down Douglas Avenue and not Goold Street, east of that intersection.. He noted there is only one lane in the through direction and while it is wide enough to accommodate bicycles, it is not wide enough to be split in two lanes to provide a right-turn movement.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [15-00273](#)

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 94-66 (1) of Schedule C of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "Through Streets" be amended:

By Deleting:

1. DeKoven Avenue, from west line of Wisconsin Avenue to east line of Taylor Avenue except at Mead Street.

By Including:

1. DeKoven Avenue, from west line of Wisconsin Avenue to east line of Taylor Avenue.

B. Recommends that Section 94-66 (3) of Schedule C of the Municipal Code of the General ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "All-way stop intersections" be amended:

By Deleting:

1. Mead Street and DeKoven Avenue.

C. 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 Including:

1. Eighth Street, south side, from Washington Avenue to Marquette Street.

D. Recommends that Section 94-143 (21) of Schedule G of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "Two-hour parking from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays" be amended:

By Deleting:

1. Park Avenue, east side, from 12th Street south 140 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - April 20, 2015 at 4:00 PM in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

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