



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, July 16, 2012

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 5 - Nicole Loop, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Lt. Chuck Weitzel and Chairman Weidner
EXCUSED: 1 - Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman DeHahn, Alderman Kaplan, Jim Rooney, Tom Ryan

Approval of Minutes for the June 18, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [12-7614](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District, on behalf of Bob Brown (3725 Haven Ave.), requesting that east/west facing stop signs be added at the intersection of Haven Avenue and Monroe Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 05-21-12: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-16-12: Defer

In the absence of the new alderman and Bob Brown, Alderman Weidner asked for the item to be deferred.

John Rooney noted the study was complete.

Lt. Weitzel asked for the speed report from John Rooney in advance of the next meeting.

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

Deferred

2. [12-7820](#)

Subject: Communication from Carolyn Chaplin, Co-Chairman for the Starving Artists Outdoor Fair, requesting the use of "Temporary No Parking" signs to be used on the east side of South Main Street, between 10th St. and 11th St. with restriction for the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM for Sunday, August 5, 2012; also requesting the "No Parking At Any Time" restrictions on 10th St. and 11 St. east of S. Main Street be waived for daylight hours prior to 9:00 AM and for a period not to exceed one hour from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 5, 2012.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-16-12: The request to use Temporary No Parking signs on the east side of S. Main Street between 10th and 11th Streets on August 5, 2012 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM be granted.

Further recommends the request to waive the "No Parking Any Time" restriction on 10th and 11th Streets before 9:00 AM and from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM on August 5, 2012, in connection with the Starving Artists Outdoor Art Fair, be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney explained this annual request for parking restrictions for the Starving Artist Outdoor Fair by Gateway.

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

Recommended For Approval

3. [12-7870](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 4th District, on behalf of Tom Ryan (1414 Michigan Blvd.) and James Rooney (1500 Michigan Blvd.), requesting an All-Way stop at Barker Street and Michigan Blvd.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 07-16-12: Defer

Alderman Kaplan briefly explained the request and indicated he had heard about the need for stop signs from as long as four years ago.

James Rooney appeared before the Committee with signatures for a request for an all-way stop at the intersection of Barker and Michigan Blvd.

Alderman Weidner asked that all the signatures on the petitions be scanned and sent to the members.

James Rooney also mentioned the Racine Yacht Club membership supports an all-way stop. He indicated he would like to see, at a minimum, a demo project be done to install all-way stops from at least Memorial Day to Labor Day. He indicated concerns about speed and from parking too close to the intersection. He noted it is

very difficult to see north and south down Michigan Blvd. to get across the street due to people parking right up to the crosswalks and sometimes blocking them. He suggested painting curb or even installing signs. He also noted there was significant delay on the approaches of Barker Street to get across the street.

Charlie French indicated if all-way stops were put up at this location it may wind up creating large queues on Michigan Blvd.

James Rooney also indicated the Parks Department could consider making it right-in, right-out into the Oasis parking lot. That would alleviate some of the traffic going back up the hill on Barker, at least from that parking lot location.

Secretary Rooney noted he would have to contact Tom Molbeck regarding that request as that is a Park's road.

Charlie French also commented by doing that you may wind up sending more people up to the intersection of Hoffert and English where there is a current problem being studied at that location.

Secretary Rooney suggested the item be deferred to do a traffic study. They could measure delay and also traffic counts. They could do a couple of one-hour counts at different times during the day this summer while the traffic is still fairly busy. We could inventory where the parking is, if it is being violated, if site lines need to be opened up, if warrants are met for an all-way stop, measure what the delay is on the east and west approaches of Barker Street and report back to the Traffic Commission in August with the studies.

After further discussion, motion made by French, seconded by Loop to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

Next Meeting Date - August 20, 2012 at 5:15 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

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