



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*

Monday, April 15, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 6 - Nicole Loop, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Chairman Weidner, Mark Yehlen and Dave Wohlgemuth

Also Present: John Rooney, Richard Christensen, Sgt. Neubauer, Sgt. Metoyer attended on behalf of Lt. Wohlgemuth

Approval of Minutes for the March 18, 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [13-8751](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District, on behalf of Richard Christensen (1831 Neptune Ave), to install 2-hour parking only on school days for the 1800 - 1900 blocks of Neptune Avenue and No Parking on the south side of Yout Street on school days from Wustum Avenue to Mt. Pleasant Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-15-13: Defer

Richard Christensen appeared before the Traffic Commission and explained that Neptune Avenue does not have limited 2-hour parking restrictions on it like other side streets in the area off Yout Street. He noted issues with teacher parking in the 1900 block of Neptune, and would like to see a 2-hour restriction for limited parking placed in the 1800 and 1900 blocks.

John Rooney noted these restrictions are not just meant for teachers, but everyone who lives on the street also has to abide by these restrictions that are being requested.

Charlie French noted he didn't think there was an issue there that would require limited parking. He noted if enforcement needs to be made of people parking too close to the crosswalks or intersections obstructing site lines, they should be enforced, or if people are parking too close to private driveways to prohibit residents

from getting in or out, they should be cited.

Charlie French and Mark Yehlen both noted that signatures should be required for such a request so that the majority of the property owners are in agreement.

Alderman Weidner supported the request for limited parking restrictions in the 1900 block and indicated she would assist in getting signatures for the next meeting.

Richard Christensen also requested some no parking restrictions on the balance of Yout Street, where currently 2-hour parking is allowed.

The Traffic Commission indicated they didn't support that request, but rather would defer the item to see what kind of support is needed in the 1900 block of Neptune.

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

Deferred

2. [13-8797](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Sgt. Brian Neubauer requesting parking restriction changes at Park High School (1901 12th Street).

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-15-13: Defer

Sgt. Neubauer appeared before the Commission and noted there were time changes in the school start and dismissal time at Park High School. He noted this was something from retired Deputy Chief Smetana.

The Commission asked Sgt. Neubauer to verify those times and see if it is necessary and asked that the item be deferred.

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

Deferred

3. [13-8798](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Sgt. Brian Neubauer requesting parking restriction changes at McKinley Middle School (2340 Mohr Avenue).

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-15-13: "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses" restrictions on Mohr Avenue, north side, from Chicago Street west 550 feet; be changed to "No Parking, Loading Zone from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day".

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.

Sgt. Neubauer appeared before the Commission and indicated the parking restriction signs are fine with the times shown, that he is just requiring that the 4 "No parking, standing or stopping" signs in front of McKinley School on Mohr Avenue be changed

to "No Parking Loading Zone". He noted the buses no longer pick-up along there and loading zones would allow parents to pick-up and not park in the roadway.

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

Recommended For Approval

4. [13-8799](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Sgt. Brian Neubauer requesting parking restriction changes at SC Johnson School (2420 Kentucky Street).

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-15-13: Defer

Sgt. Neubauer appeared before the Commission and noted there were time changes in the school start and dismissal time at SC Johnson School. He noted this was something from retired Deputy Chief Smetana.

The Commission asked Sgt. Neubauer to verify those times and see if it is necessary and asked that the item be deferred.

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

Deferred

5. [13-8801](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Evangelical United Methodist Church (212 11th St.) requesting temporary "No Parking" signs be installed on the north side of 11th Street, between S. Main Street and Wisconsin Avenue on August 4, 2013 between 7:30 AM and 1:00 PM.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-15-13: The request to use Temporary No Parking signs on the north side of 11th Street between South Main Street and Wisconsin Avenue on August 4, 2013 between 7:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney noted this was an annual request from Evangelical United Methodist Church requesting that no parking signs be installed temporarily by their church on the same day of the Starving Artist Fair at Gateway. He noted this was an annual request to allow for parking for parish members to attend church.

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

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission will be on May 20, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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