



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Traffic Commission

*Dave Wohlgemuth
Robert Mozol
John Heckenlively
Mark Yehlen
Nhu Tran
Charles French
Alderman Henry Perez*

Monday, January 16, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

Present: Dave Wohlgemuth, Robert Mozol, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Nhu Tran, Henry Perez

Excused: Charles French

Also Present: John Rooney, Ben Lehner, Alderwoman Weidner, David Allen

Approval of Minutes for the December 19, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

[1072-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Ben Lehner, Community Development Program Specialist, requesting to discuss Junction Avenue parking.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-19-16: Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-16-17:

Recommends that the request to remove No Parking restrictions on Junction Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ben Lehner appeared before the Traffic Commission requesting parking restrictions be removed at the south end of Junction Street on the east side of the road just north of 16th Street. He indicated he had spoken with Alderman Shields about the request and the alderman of the district supported it.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mozol, seconded by Heckenlively to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval[1101-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District, on behalf of David Allen, requesting stop signs be placed on Hansen Avenue, Thor Avenue, and Carmel Avenue as they intersect with Belmont Avenue.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 01-16-17: Defer

David Allen appeared before the Commission and noted the intersections of Hansen, Thor and Carmel, where they intersect with Belmont, are uncontrolled. He noted during arrival and dismissal of McKinley School these areas become quite dangerous as vehicles, particularly leaving the school, cut over on these streets to get to Belmont to avoid bus traffic. He noted there are usually conflicts with vehicles not coming to a complete stop at the T-intersections for vehicles and students/pedestrians walking.

Alderman Weidner appeared before the Commission and reiterated the request.

Lt. Wohlgemuth indicated that uncontrolled T-intersections are difficult to enforce due to the judgement call on whether the vehicle on the terminating leg of the T yielded for any vehicles on the through leg of the T. Stop signs can be a very clear way to enforce anyone not coming to a complete stop for pedestrians or vehicles.

John Rooney noted that typically T-intersections are left uncontrolled because of the State Statute requiring vehicles on the terminating leg to always yield right-of-way to those on the through legs. However, he indicated some T-intersections need to be handled differently if there are unique occasions. He commented that a study could be performed to see the traffic and pedestrian patterns and see if there are any unusual circumstances.

Mark Yehlen noted the majority of traffic commission issues that come before this body involve school issues.

*Motion made by Yehlen, seconded by Heckenlively to defer for study.
Members voting aye: Wohlgemuth, Mozol, Heckenlively, Yehlen, Tran
Members voting naye: Perez
Motion to defer passed: 5:1*

Deferred[46-17](#)

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 relating to "No parking at any time", be amended:

By Deleting:

Junction Avenue, east side, from 16th Street north 100 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date - February 20, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 303 at City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

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