



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

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

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Monday, April 21, 2014

4:00 PM

City Hall, Room 106

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### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 6 - Nicole Loop, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen, Dave Wohlgemuth and Robert Mozol

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Jim Kaplan

Also Present: John Rooney, Nikki Aiello, Ron Bump

### Approval of Minutes for the March 17, 2014 Meeting

*The minutes of the March 17, 2014 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [13-9598](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Chief Howell, on behalf of Alderman Perez, requesting a traffic study be done on Cleveland Avenue, near Fratt Elementary School (3501 Kinzie Avenue).

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 12-16-13:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-21-14:** Defer

*John Rooney noted that a study was done to take a look at parking and traffic issues over at Fratt School. He noted he had some recommendations, none of which included changing streets to one-way traffic, but to some parking sign changes and some needed enforcement.*

*Acting Chairman Charlie French noted since the alderman that requested this study was not present, the item should be deferred at least one more meeting.*

*Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Loop to defer. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

2. [14-9924](#) **Subject:** Communication from Alderman Kaprelian-Becker, on behalf

of Nikki Aiello (1528 W. 6th St.) requesting a traffic study for the intersection of West 6th Street and Memorial Drive for a possible left-turn light on W. 6th St. turning north.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 04-21-14:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Rooney described a traffic study that was done for the request to include left-turn arrows on West 6th Street and Memorial Drive where they are not in existence today. He noted only two protective movements exist at the intersection. One for southbound to eastbound traffic and the other is for westbound to southbound traffic at the intersection. He went through the study and described the analysis involved and determining if a protective left-turn phase is needed for those left-turn movements. He went through the warrants that were checked for that need. He noted that while left-turn lanes exist on all four approaches, only the two intersections that currently have protected left-turn phases with left-turn arrows are needed based on volumes and warrants.*

*Nikki Aiello and Ron Bump appeared before the Traffic Commission and noted this really wasn't a request for a left-turn arrow at the intersection, as much as it was an issue of pedestrian safety at the location. Nikki Aiello described the instances where there seems to be conflict between left-turners and pedestrians walking through the intersection.*

*John Rooney noted during the protected left-turn phase, the pedestrians should be abiding by a "Don't Walk" phase to let the left-turners clear. He noted it is a permitted left-turn movement and if the pedestrian pushbutton has been actuated, then the "Walk" signal will come up and motorists should yield to anyone in the right-of-way or in the crosswalk allowing them to cross the street before making that turning movement.*

*Nikki Aiello and Ron Bump also described numerous close calls and accidents at that intersection. They asked that the intersection be looked at more for safety analysis than for the addition of left-turn phase on the other approaches of the intersection.*

*Secretary Rooney noted that this item should be received and filed because the request was for a left-turn arrow on West 6th Street turning north. He noted it could be received and filed and the Engineering Department could gather some accident reports and prepare a collision diagram and crash analysis and send it over the RPD for their use. He noted RPD could then bring the item forward at a later Traffic Commission meeting and describe their findings and potential recommendations, if any are needed.*

*Motion made by Wohlgemuth, seconded by Heckenlively to receive and file the item and have RPD report back under a different communication for pedestrian safety issues. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

**Next Meeting Date - May 19, 2014 at 4:00 PM at City Hall.**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M.*

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