



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, February 18, 2013

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Nicole Loop, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Mark Yehlen and Dave Wohlgemuth
EXCUSED: 1 - Chairman Weidner

Also Present: John Rooney, Charlie Petrach, Tammy Easton, Al Wheeler, Keith Haas

Approval of Minutes for the January 21, 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the January 21, 2013 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [13-8572](#) **Subject:** Communication from Charlie Petrach requesting a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Franklin Street and 20th Street.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-18-13: Defer

Charlie Petrach appeared before the Commission and indicated he would like a 4-way stop placed at the intersection of Franklin Street and 20th Street. He noted there are two schools in close proximity of each other. He noted at the Fine Arts School, there is a new pattern for student drop-off and pick-up. He noted the new traffic pattern seems to direct more vehicles through the intersection, making it more difficult to cross. He is concerned about a safety issue.

John Rooney noted that a study was performed and reported to the Traffic Commission in January 2009. At that time warrants were not met for additional traffic control. He noted that request was made by then Alderman Anderson and it was received and filed.

Charlie French noted this intersection is not unlike any other school in a neighborhood where intersections do get busy at certain times of the day.

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

Deferred2. [13-8633](#)

Subject: Communication from the RWU Field Operations Supervisor requesting "No Parking" signs be posted at 45 Steeplechase Drive.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 02-18-13: The request from Racine Wastewater Utility, for No Parking on Steeplechase Drive, south side, from 455 feet west of Lighthouse Drive, west 75 feet, 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.

Al Wheeler and Keith Haas appeared before the Commission to request No Parking Anytime near 45 Steeplechase Drive. Al Wheeler noted a lift station is at this location and if vehicles are parked there it would be difficult to service the lift station in an emergency and also to perform routine maintenance.

John Rooney noted the appropriate request is No Parking at Anytime since lift stations need to be serviced, potentially 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

Tammy Easton of 45 Steeplechase Drive appeared before the Commission and stated she was concerned about the parking restriction in front of her home.

Al Wheeler noted the parking restriction would be to the west of 45 Steeplechase Drive.

After further discussion, motion made by Loop, seconded by Wohlgemuth to approve the request. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval3. [13-8692](#)

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 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. Steeplechase Drive, south side, from 455 feet west of Lighthouse Drive, west 75 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be on March 18, 2013 at 4:00 PM in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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