



# 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**

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Monday, November 19, 2012

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 6 - Nicole Loop, Charles French, John Heckenlively, Lt. Chuck Weitzel, Chairman Weidner and Mark Yehlen

Also Present: John Rooney, Alderman DeHahn, Alderman Shakoor, Alderman Sarrazin, Yolanda Adams, Tom Friedel

### Approval of Minutes for the October 15, 2012 Meeting

*The minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### New Business

1. [12-8367](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Administrator, on behalf of Alderman Sarrazin and Woodland Alloy Castings (1222 - 18th St.), requesting a stop sign on northbound Clark Street at 18th Street.

#### **Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-19-12: Defer**

*Tom Friedel and Alderman Sarrazin appeared before the Commission requesting a stop sign for northbound Clark Street at 18th Street. Tom Friedel noted the request was to resolve any issues with vehicles going in and out of the dog day care facility on the west side of the intersection, as well as preventing cut-through traffic trying to avoid the signals at De Koven Avenue and Racine Street from using Clark Street and 18th Street as an alternative.*

*Charlie French noted this was a request made by Alderman Marcus about two years ago and wanted to know what the reason was. The Traffic Commission received and filed a similar request.*

*John Rooney noted that because this was a late communication, he didn't have time to research the information on the Alderman Marcus request. He recalled it was a similar request for a stop sign. He did note that because of the L-shape geometry of the intersection, there are no traffic conflicts that putting a stop sign up would control. He noted the traffic is free-flow movement from north to eastbound and west to southbound. He did note that there would be a conflict of vehicles entering private*

property, but he noted that exists on any street, even mid-block with driveway entrances into the public right-of-way.

Mark Yehlen noted that all private entrances should be yielding right-of-way on either 18th Street or Clark Street.

Charlie French requested the information for this item that was brought up by Alderman Marcus be provided to the Traffic Commission and that the item be deferred until we can review why the Traffic Commission received and filed the communication at that time.

John Rooney noted he would get that information out with the minutes, he also recalled signs were put up to let motorists know the street does terminate and turn to the right if you are northbound or to the left if you are westbound at that intersection.

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

**Deferred**

2. [12-7624](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 7th District requesting parking be prohibited from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. on the west side of Heck Park on Jean Avenue.

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

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-15-12:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-19-12:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

Alderman DeHahn requested that parking be prohibited from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. on the west side of Heck Park, along the east side of Jean Avenue. He noted there was a lot of activity over there that the Police Department needs to enforce and he felt having no parking restrictions would eliminate some of that activity.

Lt. Weitzel noted that he felt the installation of parking signs would simply be a feel good measure and this is not a major issue according to speaking with individuals working at the COP House in the area.

Charlie French noted that calls for problems occurring at the end of that street should be directed to the Police Department and not the alderman. Enforcement for doing things against the law should be done by the Police Department and didn't feel parking restrictions should be a method of enforcement of non-parking related problems.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Weitzel, seconded by Yehlen to receive and file the request. Passed unanimously.

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

3. [12-8201](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 7th District requesting that parking be prohibited from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. by Heck

Park at the end of Donna Avenue - cul-de-sac area. .

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 10-15-12:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-19-12:** No Parking from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., on Donna Avenue, west side, from 220 feet north of William Street to the east side 280 feet north of William Street, be approved.

**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.

*Alderman DeHahn requested the signs be changed from No Parking at Anytime to No Parking from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. by Heck Park at the end of Donna Avenue in the cul-de-sac area. He noted that parking is needed during the daytime hours, as a lot of parents and coaches need to park there for football practice.*

*Lt. Weitzel had no objection to this request and made a motion to approve. It was seconded by French. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

4. [12-8304](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Yolanda Adams (Urban League of Racine and Kenosha, Inc.) wishing to discuss concerns regarding the intersection of Memorial Drive and Liberty Street.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-19-12:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Yolanda Adams, from the Urban League, appeared before the Commission along with Alderman Shakoor and explained the request. She noted there is a population of children that do attend the facility located at Liberty and Memorial after school. She noted it is a location that she believes is subject to high speeds and is a difficult intersection to cross. She does note that employees there do leave to assist children crossing the intersection. She was interested in lowering the speed limit or perhaps putting in some pavement markings or pedestrian crossing signs to alert motorists that pedestrians are using the intersection.*

*John Rooney noted the speed limit is 30 mph on Memorial Drive and believes this is the proper speed for the arterial that travels from Chicory Road on the south, all the way to Goold Street on the northside of Racine. He noted there is a curve in the roadway there that should actually help slow traffic down for vehicles negotiating that curve. He didn't believe lowering the speed limit was a solution. He noted that artificially lowering the speed limit just makes law abiding motorists into violators of the law. The speed shouldn't be changed. He did indicate that pavement markings could be put down in the late spring/early summer of next year when weather permits and signage could be put up to warn motorists of the crossing location in advance and also put signs up in the actual location. He noted those signs could be installed administratively.*

*Lt. Weitzel noted a speed trailer could be deployed in the area to monitor speeds. If it is determined that speeding is a problem at this location, targeted speed enforcement can be conducted by the Racine Police Department.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Loop, seconded by Weitzel to receive and file the item with the understanding crosswalk markings would be painted and some pedestrian signs installed administratively and the Racine Police Department conduct some targeted speed enforcement in the area. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

5. [12-8339](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer requesting to install "No Parking Any Time" signs on the north side of Three Mile Road, west of Ruby Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Traffic Commission on 11-19-12:** No Parking Anytime on Three Mile Road, north side, from 190 feet west of Ruby Avenue, west 117 feet, be approved.

**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.

*John Rooney indicated that No Parking is needed approximately 190 feet west of the west line of Ruby Avenue west approximately 117 on the northside of Three Mile Road. He noted this is the area where the road widens from 2 lanes westbound with a shared driving and bicycle lane to two lanes with a designated bicycle lane and parking. He noted the tapered area is not a place vehicles should be parking as they extend out into outside westbound travel lane. He noted this would be especially problematic in the winter as roads narrow and vehicles would be pushed further and further into the outside westbound travel lane. He also noted that Caledonia has marked No Parking in their section of the roadway and the City of Racine needs to do the same.*

*Motion made by Yehlen, seconded by Weitzel to approve. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

6. [12-8393](#)

**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 Deleting**

**1. Donna Avenue, west side, from 220 feet north of William Street to the east side 280 feet north of William Street.**

**By Including**

1. Three Mile Road, north side, from 190 feet west of Ruby Avenue, west 117 feet.

B. Recommends that Schedule F of Section 94-141 be amended to create "No Parking from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.".

Further recommends that this new section be amended to include:

1. Donna Avenue, west side, from 220 feet north of William Street to the east side 280 feet north of William Street.

Recommended For Approval

**Next Meeting Date**

*There is no December Traffic Commission meeting. The next Traffic Commission meeting will be January 21, 2013.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.*

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