



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Traffic Commission

*Chairman Martin DeFatte, Alderman Gregory Holding, Commissioner Richard Jones, Atty.
Nicole Loop, Lt. James Dobbs, Charles French*

Monday, January 19, 2009

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M.

PRESENT: 5 - Gregory Holding, Nicole Loop, James Dobbs, Martin DeFatte and Richard Jones

EXCUSED: 1 - Charles French

Also Present: Mike and Marcie Balcer; Bob Lewis

Approval of Minutes for the December 15, 2008 Meeting

The minutes of the December 15, 2008 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. [08-2983](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District, on behalf of Robert Lewis - 2045 Deane Blvd., requesting a 4-way stop at Deane Blvd. and 20th Street.

Recommendation (01-19-09): Defer

Robert Lewis appeared before the Commission. He complained of speeding on Deane Blvd. between 21st Street and 17th Street. He said there was no traffic control in the north/south direction. He noted there were several people in the area under the age of 18, and discussed the fact that the children of the area don't pay attention to the speed of the cars.

Alderman Holding commented he had been in the area to discuss the problem and noted some of the same problems.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Holding to do a speed study and a warrants analysis for Deane Blvd. at the intersection of 20th Street. Motion passed unanimously.

John Rooney noted the item would be on the long-term deferred study as the speed study could not be conducted until the spring.

Deferred

2. [08-2982](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District requesting the evaluation of street signs (parking, school zone, school bus, etc.) around the Keith Mack Alternative Center at Winslow, 1325 Park Avenue.

Recommendation (12-15-08): Defer

Recommendation (01-19-09): Recommends that the request to post "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses and mass transit vehicles owned and operated by the City" on Park Avenue, east side, from 140 feet north of 14th Street north 130 feet, be granted.

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

John Rooney explained the parking restrictions needed for the drop-off and pick-up of students with school buses. He noted the traffic technician had discussed the matter with the principal, and they had determined the appropriate amount of parking restriction needed on the east side of Park Avenue between 13th Street and 14th Street.

A motion was made by Loop, seconded by Jones to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

3. [08-3056](#)

Subject: Communication from Mike and Marcie Balcer wishing to discuss their concerns regarding the dropping off/picking up at Park High School.

Recommendation (01-19-09): Defer

Mike and Marcie Balcer appeared before the Commission. They noted the problem with parent pick-up on the south side of 12th Street in front of the Park Theatre. They noted that school dismisses around 2:30 P.M., and if the parking restrictions could be changed to reflect a 2:30 P.M. time, they would not get into the problems with having to circle the area and create a more hazardous situation for both motorists and pedestrians. They noted the excessive number of tickets written by the Racine Police Department.

Lt. Dobbs noted the problems around all schools with regard to parent drop-off and pick-up of students. He indicated these parking restrictions are enforced rigorously.

Rick Jones noted if there was a request made by the principal to reduce or shorten parking restrictions for the length or the time of day, the Traffic Commissioner would entertain such a request.

Lt. Dobbs suggested the principal contact one of his traffic investigators and report back to the Traffic Commission the next month.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Holding to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

4. [09-3141](#)

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 (9) of Schedule F of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine relative to "No stopping, standing or parking from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on any school day except for school buses and mass transit vehicles owned and operated by the City" be amended:

By Including:

1. Park Avenue, east side, from 140 feet north of 14th Street north 130 feet.

Recommended For Approval

Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be on Monday, February 16, 2009, in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

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