

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:03 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman
Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Division Chief Matt Knott, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Alderman Doug Mark, 3rd Ward

Also Present

Mr. Jason Martindale, 1815 Paradise Blvd, 61103

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 12, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:

1. Request in the 6th Ward from, from Jason Martindale of 1815 Paradise Blvd., 61103, 12th Ward, to repeal the existing stop control of Lyran Avenue stopping for Southworth Street and replace with stop control of Southworth Street stopping for Lyran Avenue at the intersection of Lyran Avenue and Southworth Street. (Mr. Martindale spoke about concerns at the intersection when it is snowing and icy. He stated that due to the steep slope on Lyran Avenue it is hard to get a car moving when snow is on ground and with Southworth Street not having to stop, the parents group from a nearby school felt the intersection could be dangerous. Commission discussed that there was a 3 to 1 split of traffic on Southworth Street to Lyran Avenue and that the minor street was usually stop for the major street unless there were other issues. Commission discussed that the concern was only an issue after a snow and that there was not a history of snow or wet weather accidents at the intersection. Commission recommended No Action on all items. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 9-0).

2. Request from Susan Hall, 2513 Bradley Road 61107, 12th Ward to remove the existing traffic “Right Turn No Stop” sign at the intersection of Landstrom Road and Bradley Road and replace with all way stop at the intersection of Bradley Road and Landstrom Road. (F. Lierman discussed that he lived near the intersection section, and that the intersection works because the neighborhood knows how to use the intersection. The Commission discussed that there is no history of accidents at the intersections. Commission recommended No Action on all items. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 8-1).
3. Request in the 6th Ward from Jane Bowen, of 724 Taft Road, 61109, to repeal the existing yield control of Hoover Avenue and replace with 4-way traffic control at the intersection of Taft Road and Hoover Ave. (Commission discussed that two of the four lefts were “No Outlet” and there was low traffic volumes and no accident history. Commission recommended No Action on all items. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 9-0).
4. Request in the 3rd Ward from St. James Catholic School to establish a Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on Prairie Street approximately 149 feet east of North 1st Street. (Commission discussed that the crossing would not meet midblock crossing policy. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Zawislak. Voted 9-0).

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 13th Ward from Rockford Mass Transit District to establish a Midblock Pedestrian Crossing on Mulberry Street approximately 140 feet east of North Winnebago Street. (V. McLean discussed RMTD wants the crossing for Para transit applicants who have to park on the north side of Mulberry Street. Commission discussed locations of handicap parking in the municipal lot across from the RMTD building and crossing at the signalized intersection. Commission questioned whether an ADA compliant handicap ramp could even installed near the RMTD building entrance. Commission laid item over to investigate if ADA ramp could be built at proposed location. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 9-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by J. Carter

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:
November 14, 2012 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary