

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:02 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman
Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Dock Ward
Alderman Doug Mark, 3rd Ward
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District

Also Present

Ms. Agnes Cooling, 812 Winthrop Lane, 61107
Mrs. Linda Thomas, 630 N. Mulford Road, 61107
Mr. Brock Clark, 630 N. Mulford Road, 61107
Mrs. Terri Clark, 630 N. Mulford Road, 61107
Mr. Thomas Howard, P.O. Box 217, Roscoe, 61033
Mr. Rob Belles, 2905 Creekside Court, 61114

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on March 13, 2013, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 3rd Ward from Eddie Fajardo, owner of Reanimators, LLC, 1001 E. Jefferson Street, 61107, to repeal the existing “2 Hour” parking restriction on south side of Jefferson Street from Hall Street to 82’ feet east of Hall Street and replace with “1 Hour” parking on south side of Jefferson Street from Hall Street to 90’ feet east of Hall Street. (Mr. Belles discussed that he was the landlord of the person who made the request and that he supported the request. He discussed that the request was to encourage turnover in front of the business at 1001 E. Jefferson. Commission discussed difficulty enforcing time limits shorter than 1 hour Parking. Commission recommended establishing “1 Hour” parking on south side of Jefferson Street from Hall Street to 90’ feet east of Hall Street. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 8-0)

2. Request in the 13th Ward from Michael A. Ognibene, 411 S. Winnebago Street, 61102, to repeal “2 Hour Parking” parking restriction on the west side of South Winnebago Street from Green Street to 150 feet south of Green Street. (Commission discussed that request would only affect the business, which made the request and there did not appear to be a need for parking turnover on this block. Commission discussed that the request was made so customers could park on the street. Commission recommended repealing “2 Hour Parking” parking restriction on the west side of South Winnebago Street from Green Street to 150 feet south of Green Street. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request in the 7th Ward from Agnes Cooling, 540 N. Mulford Road 61107, to remove “No Parking Anytime” parking restriction on the west side of the Mulford Service Road from Garrett Lane north to End. (Ms. Cooling discussed that she was a landlord for one of the buildings on service road. She discussed that restricting the parking affected the residents on the road and that there would be no place for guests. Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Howard discussed their difficulty using the service road when parking was on one side. Mrs. Thomas handed out photos showing the road with cars parked on the west side of the road. M. Rotolo discussed that fire equipment would have difficulties driving up the road when there was a car park on one side of the road. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 7-1).

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by J. Carter

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

May 8, 2013 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary