

**ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 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
Officer William Jacobson, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Alderman Doug Mark, 3rd Ward

Also Present

Mr. Corinne Rockett , 4212 Auburn Street, 61101
Mr. Harold Alston, 3874 Kaiser Lane, 61114

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 9, 2013, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 7th Ward by Alderman Thompson-Kelly and Mid-Northern Management Inc., 4026 Auburn Street, 61101, to establish a “No Parking Anytime” on the south side of the Auburn Street service road from Johnston Avenue to 75 feet west of Royal Avenue. (Ms. Rockett explained that the apartment complex management was requesting this because visitors to the complex park and congregate on the street and apartment security does not have the right to go on public right-of-way to request identification. She also stated that there had been gun fire from the street. Commission discussed that parking was already removed on the north side of the road and that removing the parking on the south side of the road would help the fire department with calls to the apartment complex. Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Anytime” on the south side of the Auburn Street service road from Johnston Avenue to 75 feet west of Royal Avenue. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 10-0)

2. Request in the 7th Ward by City Staff to establish Parkway Parking 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. M-F on the south side of the Auburn Street service road from 75 feet west of Royal Avenue to Royal Avenue. (Commission discussed that this request was related to request for no parking in front of the Auburn Manor Apartment Complex. Commission discussed that the business at the frontage road and Royal Avenue currently had terrace parking that was not in the ordinance book. Commission discussed that they must decide to allow terrace parking or make area no parking. Commission recommended establishing Parkway Parking 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. M-F on the south side of the Auburn Street service road from 75 feet west of Royal Avenue to Royal Avenue. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 10-0)

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

1. Request in the 4th Ward from Harold Alston, 3874 Kaiser Lane, Rockford, 61114 to establish an all-way stop control at the intersection of Kaiser Lane and Weaver Road. (Mr. Alston discussed that his garage and cars have been hit by vehicles driving westbound on Weaver Road. He stated that his electrical pedestal was hit after Christmas in December 2012. Mr. Alston stated he was looking for something to slow traffic down or warn them about the turn, and that his requests for speed bumps and rumble strips had been denied by City engineering. He discussed that the light at the corner is out. Commission discussed the low volume of traffic and that stop control for a curve was not standard. J. Carter discussed that guardrail had been order to protect Mr. Alstons power pedestal and a “curve ahead” sign had been installed. Commission recommended No Action but asked that chevron signs be installed, the street light be fixed, and possible improvement to snow plowing at elbow. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 10-0).
2. Request in the 3rd Ward from Ronald Mattison, 1818 Camp Avenue, 61103 to establish an all-way stop control at the intersection of Camp Avenue and Hancock Street. (Commission discussed the low volume of traffic and lack of accident history. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by M. Rotolo. Voted 10-0).
3. Request in the 2nd Ward from Larry Johnson, 1120 Roncevalles Avenue, 61107 to establish an all-way stop control at the intersection of Roncevalles Avenue and Brendenwood Road. (Commission discussed the low volume of traffic, but there appeared to be accident history for north/south traffic and that maybe the yield should be replaced with stop signs. Commission recommended No Action on four way stop, but asked that item come back next months as two-way stop. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by M. G. Zawislak. Voted 10-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by G. McIntyre

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

March 13, 2013 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary