

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 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. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Leland Carlson
Alderman Doug Mark, 3rd Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department

Also Present

Mr. William Pritz, 3523 Auburn Street, 61101

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

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 7th Ward by City Staff to establish Parkway Parking on the north side of Auburn Street from 101 feet east of Irving Avenue to 181 feet east of Irving Avenue. (Mr. Pritz spoke to the commission and stated that his business has used terrace parking for many years and that currently only employees are allowed to park there. He also stated that they used the parking spaces to take money to their cars and would prefer not to walk to parking lot. J. Carter stated that this was cleaning up the ordinance book and PD did not have any issue with continuing to allow the terrace parking. Commission recommended establishing parkway parking on the north side of Auburn Street from 101 feet east of Irving Avenue to 181 feet east of Irving Avenue. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 6-0)

2. Request in the 2nd Ward from Larry Johnson, 1120 Roncevalles Avenue, 61107 to remove Roncevalles Avenue yielding for Brendenwood and replace with stop control of Roncevalles Avenue stopping for Brendenwood Road at the intersection of Roncevalles Avenue and Brendenwood Road. (Commission discussed that there was a history of accidents with three angle accidents in 2010, and that intersection appeared to need stronger control. Commission recommended removing yield control and replacing with Roncevalles Avenue stopping for Brendenwood Road. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 6-0)
3. Request in the 5th Ward by City Staff and Illinois Department of Transportation to establishing a “No Parking Anytime” on the both sides of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Indiana Avenue. (Commission discussed that this request came from IDOT and was per the City’s agreement with IDOT for the reconstruction and widening of South Main Street. Commission reviewed exhibit showing where parking was currently allowed and discussed with this ordinance there would be no parking from Cedar Street to the south City limits on Main Street. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking Anytime” parking restriction on the both sides of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Indiana Avenue. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by M. Rotolo. Voted 6-0)
4. Request in the 3rd Ward by Winnebago County Administration to repeal the existing “Official Car Parking” on the north side of Elm from Church Street to 90 feet west of Church Street and replace with “30 Minute Parking” on the north side of Elm from Church Street to 90 feet west of Church Street. (Commission discussed that the County Administration had requested this to give more “customer” parking near the entrance to the County Administration Building. Commission discussed other timed and official parking in the area. Commission recommended establishing “30 Minute Parking” on the north side of Elm from Church Street to 90 feet west of Church Street Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Zawislak. Voted 6-0)
5. Request to change Playground zone speed limit from 25mph to 20 mph in compliance with the Illinois Vehicle Code at the following locations:
 - a. Belden Street (Gilbert Avenue to Garfield Drive)
 - b. Pepper Drive (Burning Tree Drive to 150 feet N of playground)
 - c. Sherman Avenue (Central Avenue to Sunset Avenue)
 - d. Wesleyan Avenue (23rd Street to Arizona Avenue)
 - e. Westchester Drive (Rural Street to Greenwood Avenue)
 - f. Roland Avenue (Rural Street to Greenwood Avenue)
 - g. Greenwood Avenue (Westchester Drive to Roland Avenue)

(J. Carter discussed that when these park zones were established they were established with 25 mph speed limits, since then Illinois Vehicle Code has changed and the maximum speed limit in a park zone is 20 mph. Therefore, the speed limit must be changed or the park zone designation must be removed. Commission recommended revising speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph at all locations Motion by J. Carter, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 6-0)

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

1. Request in the 7th Ward from Pat Hicky, 2811 Knight Avenue, 61102, to establish ”No Parking Anytime” on the south side of Knight Avenue from Edgemont Street to Kilburn Avenue. (Commission discussed that Knight was NPAT from Rockton Avenue to Edgemont Street and this would continue the No Parking over to Kilburn Avenue. Commission discussed that road appeared to be wide enough to get fire truck through with cars on both sides of street. Commission discussed that a majority of citizens surveyed did not want the change. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by G. Zawislak. Voted 6-0).

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

April 10, 2013 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary