

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, August 14th, 2013, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:01 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman  
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Dock Ward  
Mr. Leland Carlson  
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205  
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Officer William Jacobson, Rockford Police Department  
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department  
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

**Members Absent**

Alderman John Beck, 12<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District  
Mr. Mark Marinaro, Rockford Fire Department

**Also Present**

Ms. Mary Beaver, 923 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 61104  
Mr. Doug Patton, 923 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 61104  
Mr. Lee Schreiner, 1809 Camp Avenue, 61103  
Mr. Don Sikora, 1521 Blairmore Drive, 61107

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on July 10, 2013, were approved as submitted.

**The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:**

1. Request in the 1st Ward from Donald Sikora, President of the Stonehaven Condominium Association to establish "No Parking Anytime" between the driveways of 7558 and 7560 Blairmore Drive, 7521 and 7536 Blairmore Drive, 7553 and 7563 Royal Troon Drive, and 7511 Blairmore Drive and 7566 Royal Troon Drive. (Mr. Sikora discussed that the areas being requested for No Parking were too small for cars to park and that when cars park there, they hang over and block driveways. Commission discussed that half of the respondents to the parking survey asked that no parking restrictions be established. Mr. Sikora believed many people who responded against the parking enforcement may be renters. Commission explained that Police would not patrol for No Parking and if called No Parking Violation would be low on their priority list. Mr. Sikora stated he understood and hoped this would help their neighborhood manage themselves. Commission recommended establishing No Parking Restrictions as listed above. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 9-0)

2. Request from Lee Schreiner, property owner of 201 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 61104, to change permit parking in Lot EE to allow more hourly parking. (Mr. Schreiner stated that he believes the parking lot currently has too many permit parking spaces and he would like more hourly parking for customers to the stores in the area. Commission discussed that there are currently 26 permit spaces and 50 “2-hour” spaces. Commission recommended repealing the existing “Permit Only” parking restriction for 19 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot EE and replacing with “2 hour” parking for 19 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot EE. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by T. Cagnoni. Voted 9-0)
  
3. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward from Brian Johnson of the Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural St, 61107, to establish a mid-block crossing at 3300 block of Corbridge Lane. (Commission discussed that the requested mid-block crossing was part of an ADA route from the church’s parking lot on the north side of Corbridge Lane and met the commission policy on mid-block crossings. Commission recommended establishing a mid-block crossing at 3300 block of Corbridge Lane. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter Voted 9-0)
  
4. Request in the 13th Ward from Richard Schrom, property owner of 315 S. Court Street, 61101, to repeal “Federal Courthouse Parking Only” and replace with “2 Hour” parking on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street. (Commission discussed that the requestor had been unable to respond when the parking was changed a few months earlier. Commission discussed that the requestor was in the process of selling his property and without change the property would not have any close on street parking. Commission recommended establishing “2 Hour” parking on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street thus repealing the “Federal Courthouse Permit Parking Only” Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by T. Cagnoni. Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request from Alderman Getchius, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, to establish stop control for 16<sup>th</sup> Street to stop for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Commission discussed the low traffic volume and low accident history. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0).
  
2. Request from Alderman Getchius, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, to establish all way stop control at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and St. Louis Avenue. (Commission discussed that St. Louis already stops for 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Commission discussed the low traffic volume and low accident history. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0).
  
3. Request in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward from Danielle Martinez, 3115 Harney Court, 61108, to establish stop control for Harney Court at the intersection of Harney Court and 27<sup>th</sup> Street. (Commission discussed that the west leg of the intersection was an entrance to a park, and the north leg was a dead end street. Commission discussed the low traffic volume and no accident history. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 9-0).

**The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:**

1. Request in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward from Mary Beaver of JL Clark, 923 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 61104 to establish an all-way stop at the intersection of S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. (Mr. Patton and Ms. Beaver discussed that there has been a history of vehicles not turning at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and hitting their building and landscaping. Mr. Patton and Ms. Beaver provided a picture of a car that hit a light in front of their building. They stated the accident was about a year and a half ago. Commission question that accident diagram showed only one accident three years ago. Commission laid over the item so staff could verify accident history at the intersection.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**September 11, 2013 6:00 PM.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Carter  
Recording Secretary