

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:04 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. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Mr. Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department  
Sargent Mark Jacobi, 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

**Also Present**

Mr. Alan Burt, 830 James Avenue 61107  
Mr. Joe Stassi, 830 James Avenue 61107

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 11, 2013, were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward from BMO Harris Bank Center to change Commercial Loading Zone on the south side of Elm from 150 feet east of South Church Street to 115 feet west of South Main Street to "15 Minute Parking." (Commission discussed that BMO made the request for change to allow for customers to park near the box office to pick up tickets. Commission discussed that the area had previously been "15 Minute Parking." Commission discussed the ability to enforce "15 minute parking". J. Carter explained that if BMO had an issue they would call parking enforcement. G. McIntyre stated there was "15 minute parking" near the Coronado for this reason and it appeared to work well. Commission recommended establishing "15 Minute Parking" on the south side of Elm from 150 feet east of South Church Street to 115 feet west of South Main Street, thus repealing the Commercial Loading Zone. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 9-0)

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

1. Request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward from Alderman Jamie Getchius, for stop control at Hickory Lawn Drive and James Avenue. (Mr. Burt and Mr. Stassi spoke that they requested the stop sign due to about possible speeding issue and that there were small children in the neighborhood. Commission discussed the low traffic volumes and low amounts of accidents. Commission discussed that stop signs were not warranted and explained to Mr. Burt and Mr. Stassi the possible traffic and safety issues with unwarranted stop signs. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 9-0).
2. Request in the 1st Ward from Alderman Timothy Durkee, for all-way stop control at Grandchester Place and Rote Road. (Commission discussed the low traffic on Grandchester Place and that intersection did not warrant all-way stop. Commission discussed that since the request was made, the large amount of shrubs have been removed to allow for a larger vision triangle at the intersection. Commission discussed that the request came from residents in the area after concerns about traffic from a proposed development were raised. Commission discussed re-evaluating after store is built or after the traffic study is completed for the development. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 9-0).

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

1. Request in 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Teena Newburg, for “No Parking Anytime” on the south side of Jonathan Avenue from Rockton Avenue to 293 feet east of Rockton Avenue. (Commission questioned the need to remove parking from Rockton Avenue all the way bridge structure over the drainage ditch. Commission want to get Alderman’s input. Commission laid over item so Alderman could be given opportunity to discuss request.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**November 9, 2013 6:00 PM.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Carter  
Recording Secretary