

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:08 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Tim Morris, Rockford Fire Department
Sergeant Mark Jacobi, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Leland Carlson, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9th Ward

Also Present

Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 11, 2015 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 10th Ward, from Jackie Housworth, 1606 23rd Street, to establish “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” on the east side of 23rd Street from 215 feet north of 16th Avenue to 235 feet north of 16th Avenue. (Commission discussed that request should not impact traffic safety. Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” restriction on the east side of 23rd Street from 215 feet north of 16th Avenue to 235 feet north of 16th Avenue. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 8-0)
2. Request in the 7th Ward, from Mary Anderson, 960 N court Street, to repeal the “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” on the west side of North Court Street from 200 feet south of Napoleon Street to 220 feet south of Napoleon Street. (Commission that the signs had been taken down already to ensure the previous requestor was no longer living at the site, as staff was unable to contact and confirm. Commission recommended repealing a “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” restriction on the west side of North Court Street from 200 feet south of Napoleon Street to 220 feet south of Napoleon Street. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request in the 8th Ward, from Joe Hodges and the Rolling Green Neighborhood Watch Group, 3116 West Gate Parkway, to establish “All-Way STOP” at the intersection of West Gate Parkway and Maryland/California Rd. (Commission discussed low traffic volumes, low accident history, and did not warrant an all-way stop. Commission discussed that the accident in early 2015 was fixed object accident and would not have been helped by a two-way stop. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 8-0)
2. Request in the 12th Ward, from Aphrodite Liakouras, 1211 Campus Hills Boulevard, to establish “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the north side of Campus Hills Boulevard from St. Francis Drive to N. Main Street. (Commission discussed that the road was wide and parking on both sides would not affect emergency response to the area. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 8-0)
3. Street Light Requests
Request in the 3rd Ward, from Mikali Gawronski, 1411 Court Street, for additional street lighting in the alley between Court Street and Church Street in the 1400 block of Court Street. (Commission discussed they appreciated seeing a young person take interest in petitioning local government. Commission discussed that there was already two lights in the alley and three would be excessive. Commission recommended talking with the Alderman of the Ward and discussing moving one light from the north to the requested location, which would not need Commission approval. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by V. McLean. Voted 8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by G. Wilson.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

April 8, 2015 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy A. Carter, P.E.
Recording Secretary