

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Leland Carlson at 6:01 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Leland Carlson, Chairman
Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Tim Morris, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Sergeant Mark Jacobi, Rockford Police Department
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9th Ward

Also Present

Mr. Gregory Rafferty, 603 Kennon Road, 61109
Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

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

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 6th Ward, from Gregory Rafferty, 603 Kennon Road, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Kennon Road and Foley Street. (J. Carter explained that this item was reviewed in January and normally there is a 6 month time before something can be reviewed but, Mr. Rafferty had been unable to make the January meeting due to a family emergency and the item had been put back on the agenda to give Mr. Rafferty a chance to speak. Mr. Rafferty discussed his concerns about traffic in the area. Commission discussed that most of the intersections in the area were yield controlled. Commission recommended establishing traffic control with Foley Street yielding for Kennon Road. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by C. Belle. Voted 8-0)

2. Request in the 10th Ward, from Terry Tate, 1037 Woodlawn Avenue, to establish “No Parking Any Time Except Paratransit” on the east side of Woodlawn Avenue from 75 feet south of Ashland Avenue to 95 feet south of Ashland 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 Woodlawn Avenue from 75 feet south of Ashland Avenue to 95 feet south of Ashland Avenue. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 8-0)

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

1. Request from City Staff to amend Chapter 16 Section 136 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. (J. Carter explained the changes to the ordinance that would mean odd/even parking would be in effect from December 1st to April 1st of each year. J. Carter discussed enforcement challenges and small benefit to operations. Commission expressed concerns about ticketing. G. Wilson discussed advantages of ordinance for school buses with not having cars on both sides of streets during winter months. Commission discussed that current odd/even parking rules seem to work but could maybe use more education, including a mailer every year. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 6-2)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 14th Ward, by Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, to establish a “No Parking Any Time” parking restriction on the south side of Hinsdale Avenue from Forest View Road to Eggleston Court. (J. Carter explained this item had come in on the last day before the agenda was set and he believed that short survey response time may have led to low survey returns and asked that the item be laid over to see if more surveys were returned. Commission laid item over until May.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM. Motion by G. Zawislak, seconded by C. Belle.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

May 13, 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