

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 09, 2011, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:01 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Chairman
Mr. George Zawislak, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Jeffrey Cowles, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Jonah Katz, Planning Division, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Thomas Okite
Alderman Linda McNeely, 13th Ward
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District

Chairman Fred Lierman corrected the minutes from the last regular meeting held on January 12, 2011 to read the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. George Zawislak. The minutes were approved as corrected.

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

1. Request from Aziz Muthanna, 311 S. Chicago Ave, 61104, owner of Jumping Joes Convenience Store at 603 West State Street in the 13th Ward, to establish a “Commercial Loading Zone” Monday-Saturday, 6:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. on the north side of West State Street from 42 feet to 61 feet west of Winnebago Street. (J. Carter discussed request from store owner and that store owner was not in attendance to discuss request. Commission discussed loading and unloading from alley that is 45 feet from side door. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 10-0).
2. Request in the 4th Ward from Juana Gonzalez-Koeneke, 915 Bruce St., 61103, Rockford Public Schools Bus Driver, for restricted parking on one side of Lori Drive from Lisa Drive to Kimball Road. (J. Carter discussed request and that current street signage does not match existing ordinances. Commission discussed that it is difficult to get school busses and fire trucks down the street when there is snow on both sides. Commission recommended No Action but correcting the signs to reflect the current ordinance. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 10-0).

3. Request from Victoria Franks, 2525 Crosby St., 61107, in the 2nd ward, for traffic control sign at the intersection of Dawson Avenue and Jackson Street. (Commission discussed low traffic volume and the three accidents since 2008. Commission also discussed that this intersection was reviewed in January 2009. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by G. McIntyre. Voted 10-0).
4. Request from Steven Warren, 2931 19th Ave, 61108, in the 8th Ward, for angle parking in the cul-de-sac 300' east of 25th Street. (J. Carter discussed that angle parking has been allowed on Cul-de-sac in the past and the last one was 1991. J. Cowles discussed fire department needing 90 feet to turn around trucks in cul-de-sac. Resident did not attend meeting to discuss request. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by C. Bishop, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 10-0).
5. Request from Lane Ury, 999 N. Main St., 61103, in the 3rd Ward for restricted parking on one side of Napoleon Street from Main Street to Church Street. (Commission discussed that road appeared to be narrow, the surrounding building uses and access for fire trucks. Commission discussed that majority of property owners wanted parking to stay the same. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 10-0).

Other items:

J. Carter discussed that per Traffic Commission request at the January 2011 meeting, he had looked into a code of conduct for citizens attending the Traffic Commission meeting. Per the City Legal Department there is not a code of conduct but chairperson has the right to ask disruptive citizens to leave. J. Carter read list of rules that will be posted for the meeting. Commission suggested rules are sent out with meeting notices.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by J. Katz.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary