

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:03 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Leland Carlson
Alderman Doug Mark, 3rd Ward
Lt. Dane Person, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Frank Schmitt, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Jonah Katz, Planning Division, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District

Also Present

Mr. Chuck Lippert, 1754 Rowntree Lane, 61114

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 13, 2010, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request from staff to establish the speed limit on Bell School Road from Spring Brook Road to Riverside Blvd. (J. Carter discussed the road way, and staff recommendation for establishing 40mph speed limit, discussion of residential area around the street and future use of adjacent land. The Commission recommended the establishment of a 40 mph limit on this section of roadway. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 10-0).
2. Request from Justin Fern, Urban Equity Properties, 317 Market Street, Suite 2, 61104 for Residential Parking Permits for the residents at 317 Market Street, eight (8) units. (Ald. Mark discussed establishing residential areas downtown. Commission discussed how parking would affect the surrounding area, and parking during snow events. The Commission recommended issuing no more than 8 permits. Motioned by F. Schmitt, seconded by J. Katz. Voted 10-0).

3. Request from Tammy Rollins, Bamboo restaurant, 514 East State Street, 61104 to repeal the existing Two Hour parking on the north side of East State Street from 175' to 198' east of 2nd Street and replace with 15 Minute parking. (Ald. Mark discussed history of area and alley vacation that created this parking space and that this would give opportunity for carry out at surrounding restaurants. F. Schmitt requested signage for hydrant clearance if approved. The Commission recommended approval. Motioned by L. Carlson, seconded by D. Mark. Voted 10-0).
4. Request from Alderman Mark, 3rd Ward, to repeal the existing Passenger Loading Zone on the west side of North Main Street from 35' to 100' north of Elm Street and replace it with One Hour parking. (J. Carter and D. Mark discussed why spaces had been zoned passenger loading and the surrounding business owners request to change to One hour parking limit. The Commission recommended approval. Motioned by J. Carter, seconded by D. Person. Voted 10-0).

The following items failed due to lack of motion by Traffic Commission:

5. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1st Ward and Chuck Lippert, 1754 Rowntree Lane, 61114 for stop sign control at the intersection of Rowntree Lane and Sentinel Drive. (Mr. Lippert discussed and presented his views regarding the traffic and sight distance at this intersection. Commission discussed investigating possible site vision triangle enforcement as needed. Commission did not make motion so item fails.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by G. McIntyre.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 6:00 PM

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

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