

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:02 PM.

**Members Present**

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman  
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Dock Ward  
Mr. Leland Carlson  
Lt. Dane Person, Rockford Police Department  
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District  
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**

Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand  
Alderman Franklin Beach, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Mark Marinaro, Rockford Fire Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 10, 2010, were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request from Whitehead Elementary School, 2325 Ohio Pkwy for two Handicapped Parking spaces on the west side of Ohio Pkwy from 310' to 370' south of Dartmouth Drive, thus repeal a portion of the existing passenger loading zone. (G. Wilson discussed need for accessible spaces based on needs of students. Commission discussed where to place spaces. Commission recommended placing the spaces in front of "Door B" per aerial photo provided in commission packet. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J.Carter. Voted 9-0).

**The Traffic Commission took "No Action" on the following item:**

1. Request from Patrick Anding, 1030 Kilburn Avenue, Upper Apt, 61101 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward to repeal the "No Parking Any Time" on the west side of Kilburn Avenue from 360' south of Fairview Avenue to Bruce Street, thereby restoring unrestricted parking. (J. Carter explained that Mr. Anding had taken issue with Traffic Commission and ultimately City Council's decision to remove parking along Kilburn Avenue. It was discussed that Mr. Anding had come to City Hall and asked to have the issue reconsidered so that he could be present to discuss with the Commission. J. Carter stated that he still believed parking

along Kilburn in this area to be a safety issue and the Alderman of the Ward had supported the removal of parking. Mr. Anding did not show up to voice his concerns. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 9-0).

**Other items:**

1. The Commission discussed that Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand would have to resign her position on the Traffic Commission. The Commission hoped that the City of Rockford would thank Mrs. Ahlstrand in a way appropriate given her 31 years of service on the Traffic Commission.
2. G. McIntyre discussed concerns brought to him, by a concerned citizen, about signal timing at Highcrest Road and Westchester Drive, as it pertained to when the signal went into flash mode during the day. The concerned citizen wanted the signal to run normal 24 hours a day. G. McIntyre asked that staff review the signal timing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Wilson.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, April 14, 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