

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, August 13, 2008, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:05 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman

Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman

Mrs. Cedonia Ahlstrand

Mr. Dock Ward

Mr. Ron Carey, Transportation, School District 205

Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District

Lieutenant Dane Person, Rockford Police Department

Mr. Frank Schmitt, Rockford Fire Department

Mr. Jonah Katz, Planning Division, Community Development Department

Miss Nina Booker, Traffic Engineering Division, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Leland Carlson

Also Present

Mr. Michael Goldberg, Coronado Performing Arts Center, 314 N. Main Street, 61101

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on July 9, 2008, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission approved the following items:

1. That a "15 Minute Parking" zone 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday be established on the west side of North Main Street from 30 feet south of Park Avenue to 165 feet south of Park Avenue, thus repealing the existing "One Hour Parking" 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Due to the need for short term parking, the Commission recommended establishing a 15 minute parking zone. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by R. Carey. Voted 9-0).
2. That a "Mandatory Left Turn" lane be established in the curb lane on the west side of 9th Street from Charles Street to East State Street. (Due to the need to improve traffic safety, the Commission recommended establishing a "Mandatory Left Turn" lane. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by C. Ahlstrand. Voted 9-0).
3. To repeal the existing "Bus Stop" zone, 9:00-9:30 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m., on Regular School Days, on the west side of West Street from Montague Street to Lincoln Avenue, thus making parking unrestricted. (Due to the school reconstruction, the Commission recommended repealing this parking restriction. Motion by F. Lierman and seconded by F. Schmitt. Voted 9-0).

4. That a "Bus Stop" zone be established on the north side of Linden Avenue from West Street to Clifton Avenue, thus repealing the existing "No Parking Any Time" restriction. (Due to the school reconstruction, the Commission recommended installing the Bus Stop zone. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by N. Booker. Voted 9-0).
5. To repeal the existing "No Parking" 9-9:30am and 3-4pm on the west side of West Street from Montague Street to Knowlton Street, thus making parking unrestricted. (Due the school reconstruction, the Commission recommended repealing the parking restriction. Motion by F. Schmitt, seconded by N. Booker. Voted 9-0).

The Traffic Commission laid over the following item:

1. Request from Rockford Public School District 205, due to the reconstruction of Washington School, 1421 West Street, 61102 to repeal the existing "1-way Stop" sign control at the intersection of Linden Avenue and West Street and replace with "All Way Stop" sign control. (In order to review crossing patterns, student population and safety issues, the Commission recommended laying this item over for the next meeting. Motion F. Lierman, seconded by C. Ahlstrand. Voted 9-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by R. Carey. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 6:00 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Nina Booker
Interim Recording Secretary