

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:00 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Jeffrey Cowles, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Jonah Katz, Planning Division, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Thomas Okite, Vice Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson (awaiting reappointment)
Alderman Franklin Beach, 10th Ward
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Also Present

Mr. Nathan Bryant, 1018 Coney Island, 61111
Ms. Antoinette Edmonds, 615 5th Street, 61104
Mrs. Charo Chaney, 615 5th Street, 61104

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on August 10, 2011, were approved as submitted.

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

1. Request from Wade Hendrickson, 615 South 4th Street, 61104, 11th Ward, that a parking restriction be established on the west side of 4th Street from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue. (G. Wilson discussed that he met with the principal of Chicago International Charter School (CICS) and asked her to be at the meeting. Mrs. Chaney discussed she was the principal of CICS and that parents park on 4th Street and 6th Avenue during pick up and drop off. G. Zawislak explained that Mr. Hendrickson had expressed concern about his driveway being blocked and when snow is on the ground the problem could be worse. G. Wilson discussed that he had made a visit to school to observe traffic and saw traffic similar to Mr. Hendrickson’s previously submitted pictures. She stated that most days the parking looked like Mr. Hendrickson’s provided photos for short periods. She stated that drop off was

usually quick but pick up lasted longer because parents waited. G. Wilson discussed that he had asked the previous month for the item to be laid over so that CICS could be consulted to find out about their plans for growth. G. Wilson and Mrs. Chaney discussed that they currently have approximately 350 students and growing. Mrs. Chaney stated that when CICS add new grades, they will probably open a second campus. Commission discussed that parents have to leave parked cars to sign out students when picking up. Commission discussed that Mr. Hendrickson concerns per his letter were during pick up and drop off. J. Carter discussed that during his most recent visits to the school he had observed the traffic build up to a point similar to Mr. Hendrickson's pictures then disperse quickly. Mr. Bryant stated he was president of the CICS Board and was previously president of Zion Development Board. He stated that Mr. Hendrickson has made complaints and had issues with Zion Development, Patriots Gateway, and now CICS. Mr. Bryant stated he believes Mr. Hendrickson's request is an extension of his issues with Patriots Gateway. Mr. Bryant stated CICS works with the community and that the surveys done do not provide a clear direction from the neighborhood nor does there appear to be numerous complaints from the rest of the neighborhood. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 7-0, J. Carter abstained).

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:
Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary