

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Fred Lierman at 6:15 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Alderman Venita Hervey, 5th Ward
Mr. Ron Carey, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Michael Hren, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Jeff Cowles, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson
Alderman Franklin Beach, 10th Ward
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Planning Division, Community Development Department

Also Present

Mr. Anthony Arco, 2211 16th Ave, 61104
Mrs. Wendy Arco, 2211 16th Ave, 61104
Mr. John Koltz, 2616 Bucknell Dr, 61109
Mr. Steve McCormick, 2217 16th Ave, 61104
Mr. Maurice Dunki, 2210 16th Ave, 61104

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 8, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request from Alderman Venita Hervey, 5th Ward, to establish a Stop or Yield control at the following intersections:
 - a. Loomis Street and Court Street
 - b. Loomis Street and Church Street

(Ald. Hervey discussed traffic and parking in the neighborhood. She stated that appears there is a lot of traffic in area and that she has avoided accidents by yielding at the intersections. Commission discussed that there had been a few accidents at the intersections and by the number of angle accidents it appeared that driver were not yielding. Commission discussed placing signage to establish who has right of way.

Commission recommended approval of Court Street yielding for Loomis Street and Church Street yielding for Loomis Street. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 6-0, Ald. Hervey abstained).

2. Request from Melanie Barrios, 1516 Broadway, 61104, 11th Ward to repeal the existing "2 hour" parking restriction on the north side of Broadway from 10 feet west of Arbor Court to 30 feet west of Arbor Court and replace with loading zone parking. (J. Carter stated that the request was made because of delivery trucks from a business on the north side of Broadway parking on Arbor Court and blocking a public street that is no wider than an alley. Commission discussed the different lengths for a possible loading zone. Commission discussed that there is already parking on Broadway. Commission recommended approval of establishing Commercial Loading, 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday on the north side of Broadway from the Arbor Court to 50 feet west of Arbor Court thus repealing the "2 hour" parking restriction. Motion by J. Cowles, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 7-0)

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

1. Request from Beth Grobe, 2216 16th Avenue, 61125, 8th Ward, to establish a "No Parking Any Time" restriction on one side of the street at the following locations:
 - a. 16th Avenue, from 18th Street to 20th Street
 - b. 18th Street from Broadway to 16th Avenue
 - c. 19th Street from Broadway to 16th Avenue.

(Mrs. Arco spoke against restricting parking to one side of the street and stated that there was not an issue with vehicles driving down the street with parking on both sides. Mr. McCormick, and Mr. Dunk also spoke against restricting parking. J. Carter stated that the roadway was very similar to many streets in the City and was not notably narrow. R. Carey stated that there are not sustained issues with school busses in the neighborhood. Commission recommended No Action on all items. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by M. Hren. Voted 7-0).

2. Request from Robert L. Webner, 4220 Amherst Lane, 61109, 14th Ward, to establish a "No Parking Any Time" restriction on the east side of Bucknell Drive from Harrison Avenue to Yale Drive. (Mr. Koltz spoke against restricting parking to one side and stated that there was not an issue with vehicles including busses driving down the street with parking on both sides. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by R. Carey. Voted 7-0).

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 13th Ward from City Staff to establish a Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on West State Street approximately 125' feet west of Independence Avenue.
(J. Carter discussed part of the West State Street construction project. J. Carter asked that this item be laid over so the consultant could determine if the crossing could be placed at the intersection to the east or west of the proposed crossing location.
Commission laid the item over. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by R. Carey. Voted 7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by R. Carey

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:
April 11, 2012 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary