

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Bissell at 6:00 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Don Bissell, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Ms. Dorien Peterson
Sgt. David Nicosia, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mike Rotolo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Mike Slife, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Cedrick Ketton, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mrs. Kerry Lin, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Todd Fagen
Alderman Joseph Chiarelli, 14th Ward

Also Present

Mr. Gary Larson, 4987 Rundquist Court, 61114
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on November 13, 2019 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 4th Ward, by Gary Larson, 4987 Rundquist Court, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the west side of Sage Drive from Christy Circle to 150 feet to the north of Christy Circle, thus extending the existing restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the west side of Sage Drive from Charing Drive to 400 feet to the south. (Mr. Roth gave the background of the development of the neighborhood and also pointed out that roadway geometrics in this area are such that the restriction should be considered. He stated that he was not aware of any accidents and K. Lin concurred that there were none. K. Lin reported that all but one of the survey responses were in favor of the restriction. Commission recommended establishing “No Parking Any Time” on the west side of Sage Drive from Christy Circle to 150 feet to the north of Christy Circle. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by M. Rotolo, Voted 8-0).

2. Request in the 7th Ward, by City Staff, to repeal the existing parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time except Paratransit” on the east side of Woodlawn Avenue from 75 feet south of Ashland Avenue to 95 feet south of Ashland Avenue. (The restriction was at the request of a previous resident who no longer resides there, and the current resident asked that the restriction be removed. Commission recommended repealing the “No Parking Any Time except Paratransit” on the east side of Woodlawn Avenue from 75 feet south of Ashland Avenue to 95 feet south of Ashland Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by S. Capovilla, Voted 8-0).
3. Request in the 10th Ward, by City Staff, to establish “Bus Parking Only” on the south side of Harney Court from 325 feet west of Hawthorne Avenue to 195 feet west of Hawthorne Avenue, thus extending the existing restriction of “Bus Parking Only” on the south side of Harney Court from Fairview Avenue to Morningside Drive. (K. Lin explained that there are unofficial bus parking signs in the requested area, and that a field visit noted that the area is used in that manner. Commission recommended establishing “Bus Parking Only” on the south side of Harney Court from 325 feet west of Hawthorne Avenue to 195 feet west of Hawthorne Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by M. Slife, Voted 8-0).
4. Request in the 10th Ward, by City Staff, to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit on Harney Court from Fairview Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue. (It was noted in a recent field visit that no speed zone exists along Harney Court adjacent to the Fairview Early Childhood Center. K. Lin commented that, in addition to the bus parking on the south side of Harney Court, families park along Morningside Drive and cross Harney Court at that intersection. Commission recommended establishing a 20mph School Speed Limit on Harney Court from Fairview Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue. Motion by M. Slife, seconded by D. Nicosia, Voted 8-0).

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

1. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Jake Hennelly, 525 Welty Avenue, to establish traffic control at the intersection of Pioneer Drive and Winthrop Avenue. (The Commission noted that the intersection has low traffic volumes, no reported history of accidents, and no sight line issues. In addition this request was previously voted for “No Action” in August 2018. Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the request to establish traffic control at the intersection of Pioneer Drive and Winthrop Avenue. Motion by M. Rotolo, seconded by D. Nicosia, Voted 8-0).

Other items:

1. The Commission welcomed new member Ms. Dorien Peterson.
2. J. Carter reminded the Commission that in the next couple months a sub-committee will be formed to review and enhance Rockford-specific stop sign warrants.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Motion by S. Capovilla, seconded by F. Lierman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

February 12, 2020 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry R. Lin, P.E.
Recording Secretary