

**MINUTES OF THE
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Monday, October 22, 2013
City Hall, Room 207
5:30 pm**

MEMBERS: Vice Chairperson Bryan Lipke, Alderman Thomas Sladek, Lieutenant Karl Ackermann, Charles Karow, Victoria Jones, and Daniel Theno

ABSENT: Chairperson Matt Kuepers (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ald. Tom De Wane, Ald. Tim De Wane, Ald. Amy Kocha, Ald. David Boyce, Ald. Mark Steuer, and Recording Secretary and Traffic Engineer Dave Hansen

GENERAL BUSINESS

In the absence of Chair Matt Kuepers, Vice Chair Bryan Lipke assumed the position of Acting Chair for this meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes from the September 16, 2013 Traffic Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Ald. Sladek, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2013 Traffic Commission meeting.

INITIAL REQUESTS

2. Request by Ald. Thomas De Wane to establish a 4-WAY STOP condition at Deckner Avenue and Danz Avenue.

Discussion for both Items 2 and 3 were taken and motioned together.

Eng. Hansen displayed a map showing the locations of Items 2, 3, and 4. He stated that both intersections operate under a 2-WAY STOP condition (Danz Ave traffic stops for Deckner Ave traffic; Danz Ave traffic stops for Newberry Ave traffic). He stated that an engineering analysis (multi-way stop warrants) would need to be conducted prior to recommending changes to both intersections. However, based on his knowledge of both intersections and the warrant applications, the intersections likely would not meet multi-way stop warrants. Both intersections are busy during school peak times like most intersections near schools. But those times are short. Multi-way stop conditions at both locations likely would not work well outside of school peak times when they do not experience heavy traffic. Based on a site visit, he did not find reasons such as sight obstructions that would require multi-way stops. He recommended receiving and placing on file the request.

Ald. Tom De Wane stated that likely the concern is that new students are traveling the intersection and having difficulty making turns from Danz Ave onto both Deckner Ave and Newberry Ave. There are 4-WAY STOPs at nearby Deckner/Bader and Newberry/Bader that the students could be using instead. Nothing has changed onsite per his observations and per Eng. Hansen while the concerns seem to take place early every school year. He trusts the evaluation and conclusions of Eng. Hansen.

Eng. Hansen stated that a school in-street pedestrian crossing sign is installed during school hours at the east approach crossing at Deckner/Danz to improve pedestrian yield compliance.

Ald. Tom De Wane stated that if this request were approved that there would be two 4-WAY STOPs one block from each other, which could create havoc.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by D. Theno, and carried that to receive and place on file the request to establish a 4-WAY STOP condition at Deckner Avenue and Danz Avenue.

3. Request by Ald. Thomas De Wane to establish a 4-WAY STOP condition at Newberry Avenue and Wesley Avenue.

See Item 2 for discussion.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to receive and place on file the request to establish a 4-WAY STOP condition at Newberry Avenue and Wesley Avenue.

4. Request by Preble High School to modify the parking restrictions on Deckner Avenue just east of Danz Avenue.

Eng. Hansen stated that he was approached by school district staff to evaluate their proposed onsite loading and unloading plan, and any impacts it may have to on-street parking zones. It was concluded that there are no concerns allowing loading and unloading activities to take place on the south side of Deckner Ave fronting the school. Currently, that cannot occur due to the existing NO STOPPING OR STANDING parking restriction at this location. Changing it to a NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS zone would allow loading/unloading to occur. He does not have any concerns with the request other than that if problems occur either across the street (loading/unloading creating midblock jaywalking) or parking too close to the school driveways, then he may seek a NO STOPPING OR STANDING DURING SCHOOL HOURS on the N side of Deckner Ave, or the same zone on the south side near the driveways.

Ald. Kocha stated that Deckner Ave is a dividing line between her district and Ald. Tom De Wane's district. She spoke with school officials, nearby residents, and Eng. Hansen about this request and has no concerns.

Ald. Tom De Wane also spoke with nearby residents and has no concerns.

A motion was made by Ald. Sladek, seconded by C. Karow, and carried that, on a 90-day trial, to:

- A. Remove the NO STOPPING OR STANDING 7 AM TO 4 PM SCHOOL DAYS zone on the south side of Deckner Avenue from Danz Avenue to a point 180 feet west of Rose Lane.
 - B. Establish a NO PARKING 7 AM TO 4 PM SCHOOL DAYS zone on the south side of Deckner Avenue from Danz Avenue to a point 180 feet west of Rose Lane.
5. Request by Ald. Tim De Wane to remove the 2-HOUR PARKING zone on the west side of the 1000 block of South Roosevelt Street. **(Ald. De Wane – Dist 4)**

Eng. Hansen displayed a map of the area and stated he has no engineering-related reasons to oppose of the request. Although removing the time-limited zone could work, consideration should be made that future requests to relax 2-HR zones both north and south of this segment are likely to occur once those neighbors see that the parking restrictions in this block have been relaxed/removed. Also, consideration needs to be made that if the zone is removed that there is a potential for hospital staff parking in that area (which is the reason it was installed originally). But that may not occur given the additional parking lot/structure added over the years.

A discussion took place about all parking regulations on S Roosevelt St. Eng. Hansen stated that the street is posted 2-HR 7-7 MON-FRI on the W side, and NO PARKING on the E side, from

Grignon St to E Mason St. Commissioners raised concern of lifting the parking restriction in only 1 block within this segment.

Ald. Tim De Wane stated it's a hardship for the residents of that block to only have parking available on 1 side of the street. The parking restriction is no longer needed since St Vincent Hospital built their parking structure. S Irwin St, which is 1 block E of S Roosevelt St, has no parking restrictions.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by Ald. Sladek, and carried to suspend the rules.

Brad Rymer (1024 S Roosevelt St) stated that residents shuffle their vehicles in the morning since they have single-wide driveways. He stated that the entire neighborhood has piecemealed parking zones, so why not S Roosevelt St? Most parking violations occur near Astor Park.

Ald. Tom De Wane stated that other constituents in the area support the request.

D. Theno questioned why the entire street (Mason-Grignon) isn't changed. Eng. Hansen stated there's not much parking zone consistency anymore in this area, but that perhaps all parking zones within the neighborhood should be re-evaluated. However, consistency isn't necessary. Just look at downtowns, school zones, etc. where there are a variety of zones. As long as the message on the signs is clear, there should be no motorist confusion.

Ald. Tim De Wane agreed there should be parking zone consistency, but still wants a 90-day trial per the request.

Ald. Sladek is familiar with the parking zones in the area, agrees that motorists need to be aware of the parking sign messages, and that a 1 block zone removal should not have a significant impact on this neighborhood.

Ald. Tom De Wane is aware of the inconsistency of signs in many neighborhoods.

A motion was made by D. Theno that on a 90-day trial:

- A. To remove the 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Roosevelt Street from a point 220 feet south of Mason Street to Grignon Street.
- B. To establish a 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Roosevelt Street from a point 220 feet south of Mason Street to Eliza Street.
- C. To establish a 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Roosevelt Street from Emilie Street to Grignon Street.
- D. For the Traffic Engineer to discuss with Ald. Tim De Wane the potential changes to parking zones on nearby street blocks to the 1000 block of South Roosevelt Street.

Eng. Hansen stated that a parking study would determine the overall parking needs of the neighborhood, and is willing to discuss the parking situation with the alder.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Sladek, and carried.

6. Request by Ald. Kocha to discuss modifying the parking restrictions on the east side of the 300 block of Victoria Street.

Eng. Hansen displayed a map of the area showing the existing parking zones. St Phillips Church and Early Learning Center 4K school are along the W side of the street. Single family homes are

along the E side of the street. He stated that he is unaware of why the zone was originally installed. He can only presume that neighbors once had issues with St. Phillips parishioners parking in front of their homes and potentially blocking driveways during church-related activities given the existing restriction is only on Saturdays and Sundays. However, if the neighborhood is requesting the parking restriction to be removed, he has no concerns with that request, as the road is wide enough to handle parking on both sides (38 ft clear roadway width providing 1 – 11 ft travel lane and 1 – 8 ft parking lane).

Ald. Kocha stated that she spoke with both the neighbors and the parish. The neighbors are in favor of the request. The parish is uncertain at this time. Eliminating the Sat/Sun parking restriction though could only benefit the church. They are having a parish meeting on Tue night, will discuss the request, and will get back to Ald. Kocha on their opinion.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried that, on a 90-day trial, to remove the NO PARKING ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS zone on the east side of Victoria Street from Crooks Street to Main Street.

7. Request by Ald. Kocha to discuss removing the parking restrictions on the east side of Elizabeth Street from Morrow Street to Cedar Street.

Eng. Hansen displayed a map of the area showing the existing parking zones. He stated he met with the alder and the TNT Crust plant manager to discuss modifications to the on-street parking zone in front of their business, which is 2-HR 7-7 MON-FRI. TNT Crust has staff that will attend meetings and perform other functions from the Cedar St plant location at the Elizabeth St plant, sometimes exceeding 2 hours. Eng. Hansen didn't have any reason to oppose the request since Elizabeth St is wide enough to accommodate parking on its east side by the plant. His only request was not to relax the parking zone from Morrow St to Cedar St, more specifically at the NE corner of Elizabeth/Morrow in order to accommodate truck turning movements that regularly occur at the intersection.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by Ald. Sladek, and carried that, on a 90-day trial, to:

- A. Remove the 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Elizabeth Street from Morrow Street to Elm Street.
 - B. Establish a NO PARKING zone on the east side of Elizabeth Street from Morrow Street to a point 150 feet north of Morrow Street.
 - C. Establish a 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Elizabeth Street from a point 65 feet north of Cedar Street to Elm Street.
8. Request by the Traffic Engineer to establish a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER zone on the east side of Reggie White Way south of Lombardi Avenue.

Eng. Hansen displayed a map of the area. He stated that during Packers home games, fans will park their vehicles too close to the intersection which creates traffic safety issues and prohibits right-turns during game exit. This area is between the new Kwik Trip driveway and the intersection. Installing the NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER zone should resolve any safety concerns.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried that, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING zone on the east side of Reggie White Way from a point 150 feet south of Lombardi Avenue to Lombardi Avenue.

TERMINATION OF TRIAL PERIODS

9. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO STOPPING OR STANDING 10 PM TO 3 AM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY zone on the east side of South Broadway from 3rd Street to a point 325 feet north of 3rd Street.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by Ald. Sladek, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO STOPPING OR STANDING 10 PM TO 3 AM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY zone on the east side of South Broadway from 3rd Street to a point 325 feet north of 3rd Street.

10. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING TAXI LOADING ONLY 12 AM TO 3 AM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY zone on the east side of Washington Street from a point 100 feet south of Doty Street to Doty Street.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by Ald. Sladek, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO PARKING TAXI LOADING ONLY 12 AM TO 3 AM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY zone on the east side of Washington Street from a point 100 feet south of Doty Street to Doty Street.

There being no other items of discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Sladek, seconded by C. Karow, and carried to adjourn from the regular order of business. The meeting ended at 6:08 P.M.

The next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2013, at 5:30 P.M. in Room 207.