

**MINUTES OF THE
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Monday, March 16, 2015
City Hall, Room 207
5:30 pm**

MEMBERS: Chairperson Matt Kuepers, Vice Chairperson Bryan Lipke, Alderman Mark Steuer, Captain Paul Ebel, Charles Karow, Victoria Kassab, and Daniel Theno

OTHERS PRESENT: Ald. David Nennig, Ald. Thomas Sladek, and Recording Secretary and Traffic Engineer David Hansen

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by Ald. Steuer, and carried to approve the agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes from the January 19, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting.

INITIAL REQUESTS

3. Request by Ald. Sladek to discuss, with possible action, improving the safety of pedestrians crossing West Mason Street at LaCount Road.

City Traffic Engineer David Hansen showed an interactive aerial image of the intersection and stated that no crosswalks exist crossing any approach. There is sidewalk from the neighborhood south leading up to both southern quadrants of Mason/LaCount including curb ramps but no ramps or sidewalk exist north of the intersection. Pedestrian advance warning signs exist on both EB and WB approaches. Given Ted Fritsch Park (TFP) exists north of the intersection and that there is the neighborhood south of the intersection, there likely are pedestrians crossing W Mason St at the intersection when the park is open. There are less grade issues and utility conflicts behind the curb based on a cursory field inspection if crosswalks/sidewalks were ever considered. If the Commission motions to refer to staff for a pedestrian survey, then that study should be conducted once the weather warms up and park activity increases.

Ald. Sladek stated that the proximity of TFP, the only park in this vicinity, to the neighborhood south of W Mason St inspired this request. As westbound motorists on W Mason St pass Country Club Rd - the last traffic signal before motorists leave the city - motorists begin to exceed the 35 mph speed limit. He asked that the floor be opened to allow two of his constituents to speak.

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to suspend the rules.

Matt Stremer (3011 Summer Pl) spoke in support of the request. He walks to TFP with his children. W Mason St speeds concern him. He will cross the eastbound lanes, and then usually he waits in the median before crossing westbound lanes, which doesn't feel safe. He sees other families and children crossing as well. He stated it took 3 minutes to cross W Mason St and is a problem during late afternoons, evening hours, and after dinner. He thought a traffic signal or flashing lights would help.

Luke Schubert (1014 LaCount Rd) spoke in support of the request. He agreed with M. Stremer's statements. He has concerns about the safety of children and joggers. He stated there is a large amount of traffic in this area. With his 2 and 4 year old children, they wait long to cross the intersection.

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to return to regular order of business.

A discussion took place. Ald. Steuer has been to his children's games at TFP and agrees with Ald. Sladek's statements and that something should be done. He stated the intersection should be studied.

A motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by D. Theno, and carried to refer to DPW staff the request to improve the safety of pedestrians crossing West Mason Street at LaCount Road.

4. Request by Ald. Tim De Wane to remove the NO PARKING signs on the south side of 1100 Lawe Street.

Eng. Hansen showed an interactive aerial image of the block. He stated that Lawe St from Roosevelt St to Clay St is 30 foot wide with NO PARKING on the south side and residential permit parking on the north side. The street is too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides, as a minimum width of 40 feet is needed. He recommended denying the request. He received a letter from a block resident who opposes the request, and read it aloud. The letter is included at the end of the minutes. Eng. Hansen conveyed his recommendation to Ald. Tim De Wane prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by C. Karrow, seconded by V. Kassab, and carried to deny the request to remove the NO PARKING signs on the south side of 1100 Lawe Street.

5. Request by Ald. Zima, on behalf of area residents, to install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on the east side of Hazel Street from the driveway at 115 Hazel Street to Christiana Street.

Eng. Hansen showed an interactive aerial image of the neighborhood and street. Eng. Hansen stated that Hazel St is a 3 block long residential street terminating at both Shawano Ave and School Pl. From School Pl to Howard St, parking is restricted on the east side and posted 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY on the west side. From Howard St to Christiana St, it is posted 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY on both sides. From Christiana St to Shawano Ave, it is posted 2-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY on the west side and unrestricted on the east side. He sees no reason to deny the request, as establishing the NO PARKING zone can only improve the safety of the intersection.

A motion was made by D. Theno that, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING zone on the east side of Hazel Street from Christiana Street to a point 70 feet north of Christiana Street.

A discussion took place that the proposed zone would restrict parking in front of the requestor's neighbor to the south, but that ample areas to park on-street are nearby. Unrestricted parking exists in front of the requestor's residence north to the posted NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER zone approaching Shawano Ave. Discussion continued about improving intersection line of sight, location of unmarked crosswalks and hydrants, and the location of the proposed NO PARKING sign.

The motion was seconded by C. Karow and carried.

POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6. Request by Ald. Tom De Wane on behalf of the Girl Scouts of America to discuss, with possible action, ways to improve motorist compliance to the 4-WAY STOP signs at Newberry Avenue and Alpine Drive. (Postponed from January 19, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting)

Eng. Hansen stated that he learned from Ald. Tom De Wane that the GSA selected a different project, and that the alder would still like to see traffic enforcement at the intersection. Eng. Hansen stated that Director Grenier has traveled through this intersection for many years during the school morning peak, and does not believe there is an issue with STOP compliance during that time.

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by B. Lipke, and carried to receive and place on file the request to improve motorist compliance to the 4-WAY STOP signs at Newberry Avenue and Alpine Drive.

TERMINATION OF TRIAL PERIODS

7. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a NO PARKING zone on the west side of Bornemann Street from a point 185 feet north of Mills Street to a point 140 feet south of Brook Street.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO PARKING zone on the west side of Bornemann Street from a point 185 feet north of Mills Street to a point 140 feet south of Brook Street.

8. That, on a 90-day trial, to remove the 15 MINUTE LOADING DELIVERY ONLY zone on the east side of Broadway from a point 180 feet north of Dousman Street to a point 270 feet north of Dousman Street.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried to remove and adopt by ordinance the 15 MINUTE LOADING DELIVERY ONLY zone on the east side of Broadway from a point 180 feet north of Dousman Street to a point 270 feet north of Dousman Street.

9. That, on a 90-day trial, to remove the 2-HOUR PARKING 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Broadway from a point 270 feet north of Dousman Street to a point 335 feet north of Dousman Street.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried to remove and adopt by ordinance the 2-HOUR PARKING 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone on the east side of Broadway from a point 270 feet north of Dousman Street to a point 335 feet north of Dousman Street.

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11. That, on a 90-day trial, to establish a 2-HOUR MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM TO 7 PM on both sides of Gary Lane from a point 180 feet east of Fellows Drive to its easterly terminus.

A motion was made by D. Theno, seconded by C. Karow, and carried to establish and adopt by ordinance a 2-HOUR MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM TO 7 PM zone on both sides of Gary Lane from a point 180 feet east of Fellows Drive to its easterly terminus.

There being no other items of discussion, a motion was made by C. Karow, seconded by Ald. Steuer, and carried to adjourn from the regular order of business. The meeting ended at 6:03 P.M.

The next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015, at 5:30 P.M. in Room 207.

Dave Hansen

From: Jeremy Muraski
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 2:19 PM
To: Dave Hansen
Subject: Traffic Commission Meeting Tonight

Good Afternoon Dave, I will not be able to attend in person tonight, but wanted to add my personal input reference agenda item #4.

This communication is for my personal situation and is not work related. I am a homeowner in the affected block and drafted the enclosed narrative on my own time, while off duty.

Dear members of the Green Bay Traffic Commission,

I am writing reference agenda item #4 for this week's commission meeting. There is an initial proposal to remove the No Parking signs on the south side of Lawe Street in the 1100 block. I am a resident of that street and am writing in the hopes of dissuading you from pursuing that course of action. I am definitely opposed to this action for the following reasons:

1. Our street is very narrow already. If two vehicles were parked near each other on opposite sides of the street, it would be very difficult, if not impossible for two vehicles to pass each other while travelling in the opposite direction.
2. Our street is residential, and many residents here utilize trailers for various reasons including gardening, for their employment or for recreating such as trailering boats or snowmobiles. Because the street is narrow and there are often vehicles parked on the North side of the street already, it is already extremely difficult to back trailers into many of our driveways.
3. Because this area is only zoned residential, there is no need for the volume of additional parking that is proposed unless it is being requested by entities from just outside of our area such as Bellin Hospital, Bellin College of Nursing, St. Vincent's, or Prevea Clinic. While I have nothing against those entities, I also do not believe that my residential street should become a high density parking area when those entities already have numerous surface lots, and a multistory parking structure just on the other side of Webster Ave. Homeowners should not be negatively impacted in the use of their own driveways for this reason. If they require additional parking, they could consider turning a surface lot into a multilevel parking ramp, or lease additional lost space as they already do on E. Mason Street. They currently lease lots and provide shuttle bus services to their employees.
4. Numerous pedestrians, skateboarders, and cyclists currently utilize Lawe Street as it is close to Astor Park, and has a cul-de-sac on the west end instead of interfacing with traffic from Webster Ave. If you allow parking on both sides of the street this will decrease their safety, the space they have available to them, and their visibility to motorists.

In closing, I would ask that you consider the position of all residential homeowners on this street before taking this action which would negatively impact us and other people using our street. I don't know who requested this change, or why, but if it was a homeowner who wanted to park on the South side of the street instead of the North for some reason, I believe that situation could be resolved with a simple change of the sign to read No Parking Except by Residential Permit, just as the signs on the North side read. I believe there are very few homeowners who would do

this, thus keeping the concerns I mention above to a minimum. If it is not a homeowner requesting this, then I would ask that you leave things exactly as they are. There will be no positive impact to our neighborhood if we become someone else's parking lot, only the negatives I have laid out above.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jeremy Muraski