

Minutes

Traffic Commission Meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Voting Members Present: Roy Nutter, Paul Steel, Margaret Roberts, Andrea Soccorsi, Jamie Lewis, Ken Martis,

Non-Voting Members Present: Damien Davis, Sgt. Matt McCabe, Frank Gmeindl, Christiaan Abildso

Members Absent:, David McKain, Wes Nugent, Chris Gluck, Adam Henry,

MATTER OF BUSINESS: Roy Nutter called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Introductions were made by all attending Traffic Commission Members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comment

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes to be uploaded to Website, No minutes were available to approve.

BICYCLE BOARD:

Bicycle Board requested that Colin Dierman be appointed to replace Jim Rye. Paul Steel moved to appoint Colin Dierman. Margaret Roberts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank Gmeindl detailed accomplishments and continuing efforts of the Bicycle Board. (See attached report)

Frank Gmeindl introduced the Bicycle Board's draft plan and requested the Traffic Commission to review and provide comments.

Paul Steel would like to receive a copy of the new 10 min video the Bicycle Board created to help teach children to ride.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD:

Christiaan Abildso gave report of the PSB recent meeting. Discussed their review of WVU's Evansdale master plan. Requested that if the Traffic Commission makes official comments to WVU that it includes the discussion of the Campus Connector and a crosswalk near Pizza Al's. Christiaan detail accomplishments to date next years goals. (See attached report)

Andrea Soccorsi asked Christiaan about lighting in the City's neighborhoods. Christiaan and Damien agree to meet to discuss crash data vs. lighting. Ken Martis mentioned that the crosswalk that his students reviewed had no lighting. Discussion ensued about the crosswalk at this location. Ken Martis agreed to bring resolution to request a crosswalk at this location to January's meeting. Roy Nutter agreed to make comments, as the Traffic Commission, to WVU with regard to the Evansdale master plan.

TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT:

No Report.

TRUCK TRAFFIC REPORT:

Andrea Soccorsi reported to Traffic Commission proposed truck survey and requested comments. ***Margaret Roberts moved to approve Andrea's survey. Ken Martis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

MONTHLY UPDATES:

No Monthly Updates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Paul Steel asked about parking to close to intersection on Jefferson Ave. Damien Davis agreed to meet Paul Steel onsite to discuss the issue. Paul Steel also asked about speeding and parking on Ross St. Damien Davis stated it is on his list to conduct a speed study. Damien Davis also stated he is working on a City wide policy regarding on-street parking. Margaret Roberts asked about parking on both sides of Callen Ave. Damien Davis stated that he was looking into the issue. Margaret Roberts also commented on people parking on the sidewalk on Chestnut St. Damien Davis advised her that anyone can call the police non-emergency number and have the vehicles ticketed or towed. Finally, Paul Steel ask about progress of crosswalk on Prairie Ave. Damien Davis stated that he had not worked on it but it was on his list. Christiaan Abildso Stated that students were parking along Mon. Blvd again.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of MPO traffic counts by Danielle Williams – Danielle Williams was unable to attend due to illness. Put on agenda for January's meeting.
2. Mark Derry presented a review of the ADA issues resulting from the new construction of South University sidewalks and crosswalk done by the State.
3. Discuss Walnut Street turn lane by Wes Nugent – Wes Nugent was unable to attend due to illness. Put on agenda for January's meeting.
4. Jamie Lewis requested that letter to DOH about "Complete Streets" policy be put on agenda for January's meeting
5. Christiaan Abildso to draft letter to State Legislature regarding "Complete Street's policy
6. January's Traffic commission meeting to be moved from January 4th to the 11th.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Ken Martis: Tendered his resignation to the Traffic Commission. Replacement will be at the February meeting.

No other comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Paul Steel moved to adjour. Margaret Roberts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.