

Minutes
Traffic Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Voting Members Present: Paul Steel, David McKain, Chris Gluck, Martin Dombrowski, Jay Redmond, William Blosser, Matthew Cross, Chip Wamsley

Non-Voting Members Present: Lt. Matt McCabe, Damien Davis

Members Absent: Lisa Mardis

MATTER OF BUSINESS:

Chris Gluck called the Traffic Commission Meeting to Order 6:30pm and held roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Roy Nutter, 324 Elmhurst Street, discussed the 4-way stop at Laurel Street, Parkview Avenue, and Elmhurst Street. He stated that Parkveiw Avenue used to be the main route and that is why the stop signs were put on Laurel Street but now Laurel Street is the main route for traffic. He stated that 60-80% of the traffic does not stop on Laurel Street at the stop signs. If we put a 4-way stop in they will still run the stop signs and he is opposed to the installation of the 4-way stop.
 2. Resident, 1173 College Avenue, discussed her concern with the truck traffic on College Avenue. She stated that there are a lot of trucks that are speeding, using the airbreaks, and crossing the double yellow lines on College Avenue. The resident requests that something be done to make the drivers obey the law to eliminate or reduce the dangers the drivers are creating. As long as they obey the laws there is not a problem.
 3. Joanne Lowly, 1161 College Avenue, spoke on the concerns of truck traffic on College Avenue. Joanne stated that not all of the drivers are disobeying the law. There are some that are considerate and drive the speed limit and are able to make the turns without crossing the double yellow line. She agreed with the other resident that if the drivers obey the law there is not a problem.
- Lt. Matt McCabe stated that he would report the issue to the Special Services Unit.

MEETING MINUTES:

None

BICYCLE BOARD:

Chip Wamsley reported on membership, bicycle Friendly City status, and grants.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD:

Matt Cross reported on plans for the Rail Trail, funding and crossing signal issues.

TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT:

Chris Gluck asked about the traffic calming plan for this year. Damien Davis stated that the Suncrest Plan will be implemented during this year's Paving Project.

MONTHLY UPDATES:

Damien Davis reviewed the status of current City Projects and stop sign installation progress. Dave McKain asked about the bus stop and crosswalk at University Avenue and Oakland Street. He questioned whether or not pedestrians will use the signal to cross at this intersection or just continue to walk out when they feel it is safe. Damien Dais stated that they should use the signal and when the temporary signal was up at the intersection the pedestrians waited for the signal. Discussion ensued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 4 Way Stop at Laurel, Parkveiw and Elmhurst – Chris Gluck reviewed the problem and origin or request. Damien Davis stated that he had not been out to the intersection for review. Discussion ensued. **Dave McKain moved to table the issue. Paul Steel seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.**

New Business

1. Ryan Simonton, City Attorney, spoke on the protections the Boards and Commissions have from Legal Law Liability and Lawsuits.
2. Approval of three new members to the Bicycle Board – Chip Wamsley stated that the Bicycle board would like to recommend appointing Matt Watson, 2612 Dogwood Avenue; Christina Hunt, 2612 University Avenue and; Brian Rickets, 516 Madison Avenue to the Bicycle Board. **Paul Steel moved to approve the recommendation of all three members to the Bicycle Board. Dave McKain seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Paul Steel moved to adjourn meeting. Dave McKain seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.