

Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2013 5:30 pm., in the Birch Room City Hall
Members Present: Abitz{c}, Kellbach, Keene, Mielke
Members Absent: Nutting
Others Present: Lt. Nathan Pekarske, Alfonso, Turk, Brian Krueger, Joe Pribanich, Ann Joliffe

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Abitz at 5:30 pm.

1) Minutes of the Prior Meeting(s) – (03/21/13)

Motion by Winters, second by Kellbach to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Motion approved 4-0.

(2) Discussion and possible action to change the three parking stalls from Grant St to the north on the east side of the 700 block of N 3rd St to 15 minute passenger loading and unloading parking only.

Brian Krueger explained to the committee the need for the stalls for childcare loading and unloading. Discussion to have it posted Monday thru Friday from 6am – 6pm passenger loading zone only.

Motion by Winters, second by Kellbach to change the three parking stalls from Grant Street to the north on the east side of the 700 block of N 3rd St to 15 minute passenger loading and unloading zone, Monday thru Friday from 6am – 6pm. Motion approved 4-0.

(3) Discussion and possible action to change all parking stalls between Grant Street and McIndoe Street on both the east and west sides of the street in the 700 and 800 blocks of N 3rd Street from 1 hour to 2 hour parking.

Joe Pribanich explained the need for at least 25 parking stalls to be increased to 2 hour parking for YMCA patrons every day of the week. Pekarske informed the committee that in 2010 they YMCA requested the meters get removed in this same area and parking be limited to 1 hour. At that time they said 1 hour parking was sufficient to fill their needs. Abitz explained businesses in the area contacted her indicating they would like it to remain as 1 hour parking due to the turnover they have at their businesses.

Abitz did question why the parking stalls in the back of the YMCA were not utilized, Pribanich explained because it is metered.

Consensus of the committee is to table this issue and bring back to next month's meeting for discussion.

(4) Discussion and possible action on the creation of three, 15 minute parking spaces, Monday thru Friday from 7am to 7pm on the north east corner of Genrich Street south of E Thomas Street.

Winters originally suggested these parking stalls be addressed, Abitz talked with Ann Joliffe owner of Classic Cleaners, who indicated that when Bull Falls is open the area for parking is a problem. Pekarske read an email from Marquardt that read he was under the impression that Bull Falls will be giving them four parking stalls in their new parking lot, once the construction is complete.

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to approve the creation of three parking stalls, Monday thru Friday from 7am to 7pm on the east side of Genrich Street, the first stall being 86 feet from the corner of E Thomas Street, the second being 116 feet from the corner of E Thomas Street, and the third being 143 feet from the corner of E Thomas Street. All stalls to be marked and signed as 15 minute parking only. Motion approved 4-0.

(5) Discussion and possible action to create a "No Parking" area 225 feet on both the north and south side of Werle Avenue just south of Garfield Street.

Mielke explained the residents are furious in the area on how the Marathon Extension students are parking. Pekarske explained that with the upcoming street project, curb and gutter will be placed in this area and it is felt the need for no parking would be needed at that time.

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach, to create a "No Parking" area 225 feet on both the north and south side of Werle Avenue just south of Garfield Street 7 days a week. Motion approved 4-0.

(6) Discussion and possible action on limiting parking to one side of Pardee Street between S 17th Avenue and S 20th Avenue.

Mielke stated the street is very narrow and the road is not good for large trucks to turn onto. Abitz said because of the bait shop the north side of the street would be better to have posted.

Consensus of the committee was to table this item at this time.

(7) Discussion and possible action on the parking on E Kent Street from Grand Avenue to Curling Way.

This item will be tabled, Allen Wesolowski was to come to the meeting to present on this item and he was unable to make the meeting.

(8) Discussion only regarding the access road/driveway on the south side in the 100 block of Central Bridge Street located in front of the R Store.

Abitz discussed the need to change the angle on the driveway and the possibility of a one way exit. Kellbach said she was willing to drop this because no accidents have occurred there. Pekarske indicated the cost to tear the area up because of one issue would be significant cost to the city.

Consensus of the committee was to take no further action on this item.

(9) Discussion only regarding the bicycle ordinance, relating to registration fees and registration tags (10.40.010, 10.40.020, and 10.40.030)

With the revision of the ordinance to accommodate the motorized bikes, it was understood that a tag was issued for bikes licensed and that fees were collected. However, the cost to license a bike and issue a tag has not been collected for over 7 years. The Chief of Police does not want to collect fees for bike licenses as it is insignificant, and he wants to encourage people to license their bikes, adding a fee would decrease those who cannot afford a fee to license their bike.

Consensus of the committee will be to have the ordinance rewritten to accommodate the non collection of fees and bring that back to the committee for a vote next month. No fees, no tags but required to license a bike.

(10) Future Agenda Items:

- Kellbach and Pekarske parking in the 300 block of Quaw Street and 300 block of Norton Street (Jerry's Music)
- Bicycle ordinance
- Wesolowski Kent Street to Curling Way
- Parking on 4th Street behind the YMCA

(11) Next Scheduled Meeting: May 16, 2013

Adjourn

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Parking and Traffic Committee
Sherry Abitz, Chair