

Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2014, 5:15pm, in the Birch Room at City Hall
Members Present: Abitz{C}, Winters {VC}, Kellbach, Mielke, (Nutting absent)
Others Present: Lt. Pekarske, Alfonso, Wesolowski, Friday, Pat Zillman

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 5:15 pm.

(1) Minutes of the Prior Meeting – 8/21/2014

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2014 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0.

(2) Discussion Item Only: Sign improvements for the right-turn lane on N. 1st Street at Scott Street

Discussion:

Wesolowski presented photos of the intersection as it is currently constructed and noted that the lane markers on the pavement were recently repainted.

Abitz proposed the installation of a trombone arm apparatus at the intersection from which lane directional signs could be installed.

Wesolowski stated that the lane directional signs could possibly be hung from the current trombone arm apparatus that contains the signal lights.

Winters questioned whether current lane directional signs could be made larger and/or a more noticeable color.

The committee concluded that Wesolowski will look into the possibility of installing lane marker signs on the current trombone arm as well as the feasibility of increasing the signs size and/or changing the color.

(3) Discussion Item Only: Consideration for creating parking in front of Zillman's Meat Market, 1910 N. 6th Street

Discussion:

Mr. Zillman indicated that he is requesting some "15 minute only" parking spaces in front of his building.

Wesolowski presented photos of the current 3 lane construction with no parking on either side. He also stated that there is currently no room on the roadway for parking spaces. He suggested that the boulevard could be removed in front of the building and replaced with indented parking spaces. Wesolowski will bring preliminary drawings to the committee at the October meeting.

(4) Discussion Item Only: Consideration of additional parking restrictions during the winter months

Discussion:

Mielke stated that he brought forth this item because of citizen calls he is receiving about people continually violating the overnight/winter parking restrictions. He proposes that the committee consider stiffer penalties for violations. He also requests more enforcement if possible.

Lt. Pekarske stated that he will gather data from other municipalities regarding their policies and penalties for overnight/winter parking and will present that information to the committee at the October meeting.

Addendum Agenda Item: Discussion Item Only: Smiley Invitational Parking Plan

Discussion:

Lt. Pekarske said that a letter was distributed to bus companies regarding where to park busses for the event. He also stated that two police department Community Service Officers will be working parking enforcement for the event. It was also noted that in the future the event may be relocated to a larger, more suitable venue because of how large it has become.

(9) Future Agenda Items:

Request by the Hawthorne Hills PTO that parking not be allowed on the corner of S. 13th Street and Kickbusch Street during school drop-off and pick-up hours.

(10) Communications:

None

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Mielke, second by Winters to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.