

### **Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2014, 5:15pm, in the Birch Room at City Hall  
Members Present: Abitz{C}, Kellbach, Mielke, Winters (Nutting absent)  
Others Present: Lt. Pekarske, Alfonso, Wesolowski, Mohelnitzky, Werth, Friday, Erv Burkhardt, Angie Livingstone, Jerry Chandler, Bonnie Price, Jack Davisson, Sam Davisson, Sharon Davisson, Kristine McCaslin, Simon Boenn

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 – 10/16/2014**

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke, to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2014 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0.

#### **(2) Discussion item only: Parking concerns on N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, by the Trolley Quarters Flats apartment complex.**

Discussion:

Ann Werth, representing Community Development, stated that Trolley Quarters Flats was designed to allow for 1 assigned parking space per unit.

Angie Livingstone, representing Trolley Quarters Flats, indicated that tenants are made aware that they are allowed 1 assigned parking space and that all tenants must register the vehicle they intend to park in their assigned space. She also indicated that there is overflow parking for 8 vehicles.

Winters inquired as to how often the overnight parking rules are enforced in this area.

Lt. Pekarske indicated that enforcement occurs as officers are able and as requested by the Department of Public Works during snow removal.

Winters asked Werth if there is any city owned property which could be leased or sold to Trolley Quarters Flats for additional parking. Werth indicated that she will put together a plan of possible options and present them at the January 2015 meeting.

#### **(3) Discussion item only: To restrict parking around the curve where Golden Meadow Street meets N 16th Avenue.**

Discussion:

Lt. Pekarske reminded the committee that this item was tabled at the October meeting because the committee was unsure of what concerns residents had regarding this item.

Bonnie Price, a resident in this neighborhood, stated that when the residents of one of the houses in the neighborhood have a party the attendees park their cars on both sides of street around the curve.

Erv Burkhardt stated he lives adjacent to this house and that the parties occur 2-4 times per year. He also stated that when cars are parked along both sides of the curve the roadway becomes quite narrow. He also has concerns about cars speeding around that curve.

Jerry Chandler, another resident of the neighborhood, said that he is concerned about the visibility limitations that occur when cars are parked on both sides around the curve. He is worried about children playing in that area.

Lt. Pekarske indicated that it is legal to park on both sides around the curve but does create some visibility concerns.

Winters suggested that for the December meeting that the committee move toward consideration of posting no parking signs around the curve in both directions. The committee members agreed that the issue will be brought back to the December meeting and affected residents will be notified of the meeting.

**(4) Discussion and possible action: To consider installation of an electronic speed monitoring sign on Northwestern Avenue.**

Discussion:

Wesolowski reminded the committee that discussion of this item was postponed at the last meeting due to an error on the agenda.

Winters stated that Andy Plath, representing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, had brought forth this issue at last month's meeting because of concerns their committee had about cars speeding through this area.

Ric Mohelnitzky from the Department of Public Works inquired if a mobile speed trailer could be placed in the area more often as an alternative to the installation of a permanent electronic speed monitoring sign. He also stated that in addition to the initial high expense of installing a permanent electronic speed monitoring sign, the maintenance on this type of sign is expensive as well.

Winters offered to write a letter to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee indicating that as a first step to address this issue, a speed trailer will be placed in this area more often. Committee members agreed.

**(5) Discussion item only: Overnight parking concerns around UW-MC and related issues with snow plowing and snow removal.**

Discussion:

Mohelnitzky stated that he brought this issue to the committee because of concerns that the current parking rules are impeding the plowing and removal of snow and creating safety hazards. He suggested that the committee consider no street parking in the area between 12 A.M. and 6 A.M. from December-April.

Kristine McCaslin, representing UW-MC, indicated that UW-MC supports changing the current parking rules. They agree that the current parking rules are being abused and that there are reasonable

alternatives close by. They would be in favor of prohibiting parking between 11 P.M and 7 A.M. They would also support “15 Minute Only” parking in some areas.

Wesolowski offered to have some detailed maps of the area prepared and brought to the next committee meeting for further discussion and possible action to change the parking rules in the area.

Committee members agreed.

**(6) Future agenda items:**

All items from the November agenda

Consideration of changing the City’s policy of writing only 1 parking citation per day for an expired meter

**(7) Communications:**

None

**(8) Adjournment:**

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.