

Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 5:15pm, in the Birch Room at City Hall
Members Present: Abitz{C}, Winters {VC}, Kellbach, Mielke, Nutting
Others Present: Lt. Pekarske, Alfonso, Wesolowski, Friday, Sue Nowak, Kristine McCaslin

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 Vice Chairperson Winters at 5:20 pm.

(1) Minutes of the Prior Meeting – 01/15/2015

Motion by Kellbach, second by Mielke, to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

(2) Discussion and possible action: Consideration of changes to current restrictions and imposition of additional parking restrictions in the 500 and 600 blocks of S. 6th Avenue and S. 7th Avenue.

Discussion:

Mielke reminded the committee that this item is a carryover from discussions at the December meeting regarding making changes to parking in this area at the request of Ric Mohelnitzky from DPW in order to better accommodate snowplowing operations and reduce safety hazards during snow removal.

Kristine McCaslin, representing UW-MC reiterated that UW-MC supports keeping S. 7th Avenue parking restrictions “as is” in the 500 block. In front of the field house they would be in favor of 15 minute parking but not “no parking” because of events that take place at the field house. As far as parking restrictions on S. 6th Avenue, McCaslin stated that the UW would defer to whatever the residents in the area would prefer.

Lt. Pekarske proposed 15-minute parking on the west side of the 600 block of S. 7th Avenue, from Garfield Ave. south to the railroad tracks, and no changes to the current “no parking” restrictions on the east-side of the 600 block of S. 7th Avenue.

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to make the west side of S. 7th Avenue 15 minute only parking from Garfield Avenue, south to the railroad tracks.

Motion carried 3-0

Abitz arrived at 5:30

(3) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit all overnight parking on S. 6th Avenue and S. 7th Avenue between Stewart Avenue and Pardee St.

Discussion:

Kristine McCaslin, representing UW-MC indicated that the UW would support this proposed change.

Lt. Pekarske stated that DPW would likely be in favor of this proposal also, as it would make snowplowing and removal easier.

Motion by Mielke, second by Winters to prohibit all overnight parking on S. 6th Avenue and S. 7th Avenue between Stewart Avenue and Pardee St.

Motion carried 4-0

(5) Discussion and possible action: On the proposal for the creation of parking spaces on city property (Community Garden) along the 1500 block on N. 1st Street and the 100 block of Dekalb Street.

***Agenda item discussed out of order**

Discussion:

Wesolowski noted that the area has been plowed and asphalt chips have been installed. Residents of Trolley Quarter Flats are currently utilizing the parking spaces and the management of Trolley Quarter Flats is plowing the spaces. He noted that it would cost approximately \$5500 to pave and stripe the area in the Spring.

In regards to cost sharing these improvements with Trolley Quarter Flats, Wesolowski said that Ann Werth from Community Development told him that Trolley Quarter Flats indicated they would be willing to contribute \$1000 per year until a more permanent solution could be found.

Winters suggested that the committee request a one-time payment from Trolley Quarter Flats of \$2500 and the City would contribute the additional \$3000 needed to complete the paving and striping of the parking spaces.

Wesolowski agreed to meet with Ann Werth regarding this proposal and ask her to complete a formal agreement with Trolley Quarter Flats.

Alfonso noted that the committee may vote to direct city staff to try and obtain a written agreement with Trolley Quarter Flats regarding these parking spaces.

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to direct staff to attempt to obtain a \$2500 one-time payment from Trolley Quarter Flats for the creation of parking spaces on city property to be utilized by residents of Trolley Quarter Flats for a period of 5 years and that Trolley Quarter Flats will be responsible for the snow removal in these spaces.

Motion carried 4-0

Nutting arrived 5:40

(6) Discussion and possible action: To remove the stop sign on Mary Street at Lakeview Court and install a stop sign on Lakeview Court at Mary Street.

***Agenda item discussed out of order**

Discussion:

Lt. Pekarske stated that Sue Nowak from the Southeast Side Neighborhood Group brought this to the committee because residents were confused as to why there is stop sign on Mary Street and again at Lakeview Drive. Lakeview Court only has 3-4 houses and is a minimally used road. Lt. Pekarske recommends the change to make Mary Street the thru street.

Motion by Winters, second by Mielke to remove the stop sign on Mary Street at Lakeview Court and install a stop sign on Lakeview Court at Mary Street.

Motion carried 5-0

(4) Discussion and possible action: Changes to the ordinance restricting overnight parking during the winter months (W.M.C. 10.20.030) and/or changes to the penalty amount for violations of this ordinance (W.M.C. 10.01.080)

***Agenda item discussed out of order**

Discussion:

Lt. Pekarske directed the committee to the staff report and summary of overnight parking regulations of most major metropolitan areas in Wisconsin. He noted that the most common solution to overnight parking in the winter months in other municipalities is to allow alternate side parking. He stated that this solution would also benefit DPW with planning of snow removal operations. Also, this system would make enforcement less complicated and time consuming and would be easier for the public to understand because it would be a consistent policy year round.

He recommends changing the overnight parking to alternate side parking during the winter months, which would essentially make our ordinance an even/odd system year-round. Lt. Pekarske recommended no changes to the fine structure for overnight parking as our current fine amount is consistent with our municipalities throughout the state.

Alfonso noted that another benefit would be that we could include the Snow Emergency information on the new signage that is currently lacking on the current signs.

After further discussion and clarification of the current overnight parking rules in winter, the committee agreed that this change should be implemented.

Motion by Winters, second by Nutting to adopt alternate side overnight parking year round.

Motion carried 5-0.

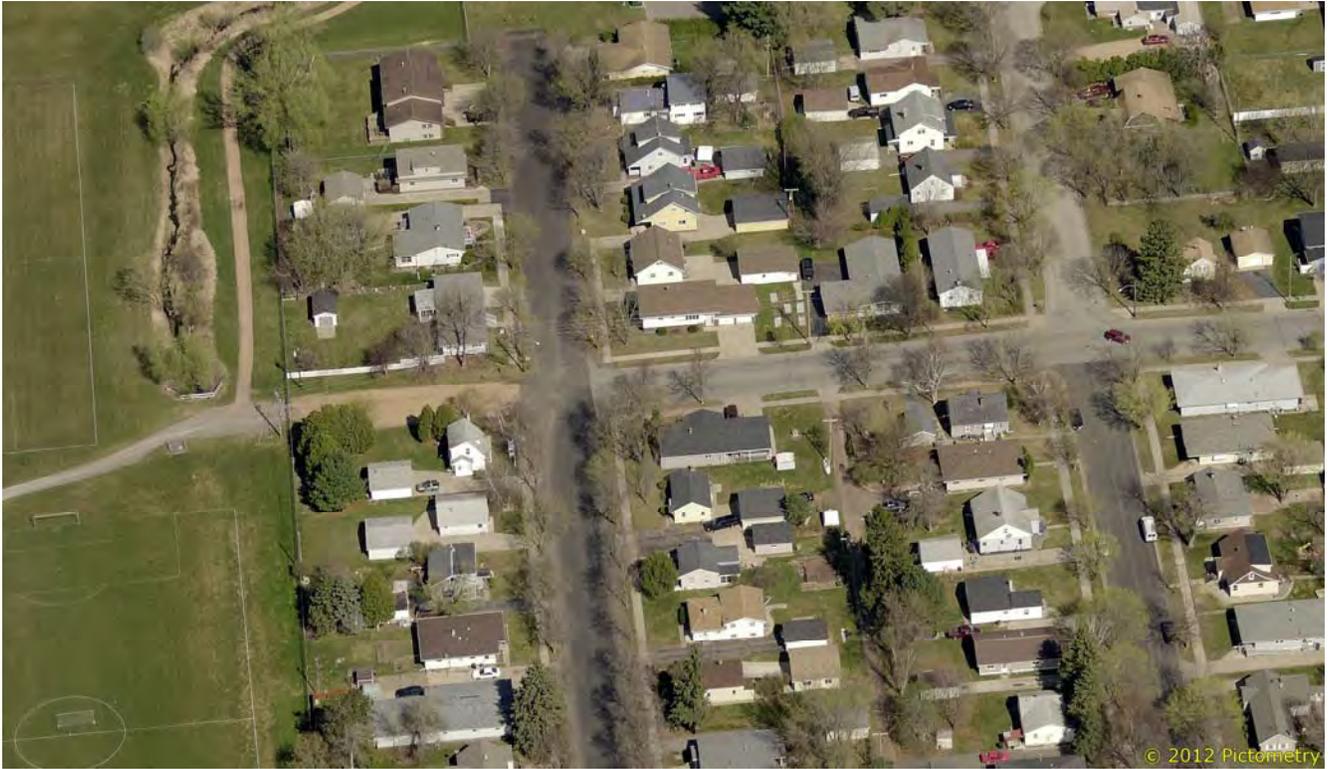
(7) Future Agenda Items

(5) Communications:

None

(6) Adjournment:

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



N. 10th Ave. / Strowbridge St.

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From: [Sherry Abitz](#)
To: [Allen Wesolowski](#); [Dave Nutting](#); [Karen Kellbach](#); [Keene Winters](#); [Nathan Pekarske](#); [Robert Mielke](#); [Tara Alfonso](#)
Subject: FW: Concern with exit 193 (Hwy 51N Bridge St exit)
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2015 1:04:43 PM

FYI ...I had a previous email from Tara and has been forwarded to Allen and Nathan for addtl information.

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From: daniel hansen [danjodi95@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 11:58 AM
To: Sherry Abitz
Subject: Concern with exit 193 (Hwy 51N Bridge St exit)

Hi Sherry,

Your name was given to me as a contact for addressing my concerns with the above referenced exit. I did meet with Tara Alfonso today to discuss the reasons why I received a citation from January 28, 2015. Ms. Alfonso did tell me that she would bring up my concerns tonight at the Parking & Traffic Meeting. They would then be put on the agenda at the next Parking & Traffic Meeting held on 03/19/15. Here are the reasons why I am concerned with this exit: The yield stop line is behind the bridge on Bridge St. As you are yielding you have to look left until you are half way out on near lane of Bridge street. If cars suddenly stop trying to merge into the far left lane you do not have enough time to stop because your are looking left. This is a terrible spot for accidents. Because I was looking left I bumped a lady in front of me that had stopped again after the yield sign to get into the far left lane on Bridge St. I was not going more than a 1 or 2 mph so it did not do much damage. However, someone going a little faster could get into a terrible accident with injury. Is there a way to receive stats on how many accidents happen at this intersection? I see them daily there. With the exit being so close to Wausau West a lot of students travel this exit. I want to make sure I am heard in hope that it may concerns may save someone from getting hurt. Also, please advise to whom I should address my matters to if you are not the correct person to do so. Thank you for your time.

Please contact myself with any questions at 715-849-3449

Sincerely,
Jodi L. Hansen

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