



Traffic Commission

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CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION October 6, 2016

At the Traffic Commission meeting of University City held in the Heman Park Community Center, on Thursday, October 6, 2016, Chairman Jeff Hales called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Chairman Hales, the following members of the commission were present:

- Jeffrey Mishkin
- Eva Creer
- Bob Warbin
- Jeff Hales

Also in attendance:

- Angelica Gutierrez (non-voting commission member – Public Works Liaison)
- Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works and Parks
- Police Department Sergeant Shawn Whitley (non-voting commission member – Police Department Liaison)
- Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson (non-voting commission member—Council Liaison)

Absent:

- Excused: Curtis Tunstall, Mark Barnes, Derek Helderman, Police Department Sergeant Shawn Whitley (non-voting commission member – Police Department Liaison)
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3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Mishkin moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Ms. Creer. The agenda was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. September 14, 2016 Minutes

Mr. Mishkin made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016 minutes, and was seconded by Dr. Warbin. Dr. Warbin asked if the minutes represented the commissions review of the Centene Project or will there be a formal review from the traffic commission. Ms. Gutierrez stated that the list of comments were sent to the community development department and those questions were provided back to the commission in the packet with the comments in marked in red. She stated that the commission will have updated proposals and requests as the project progresses. Those requests, she said would come back to the commission for individual review and recommendations. Mr. Mishkin asked if the Clayton City Council had already approved the project. Ms. Gutierrez stated that they had, but the various requests for changes to traffic would still be



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coming through the commission for review and recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Agenda Items

a. Centene Corporation Development Project – Update

Ms. Gutierrez presented the Centene Project update contained in the packet. The attachment in the packet is an email of questions from the Traffic Commission and the responses from Centene. Ms. Gutierrez read through the attachment. She stated the city needed to check on the zoning standards for parking spaces and check on Clayton's standards of the number of parking spaces required compared to University City. She emphasized that under traffic on the second bullet item that the city wants to see that six months after the project completion that the traffic patterns be reevaluated and traffic signals retimed. She noted that the intersection of Pershing and Pershing to be reconfigured into a t-intersection. She stated that the city would like clarification to the response on the Delmar / Pershing / Jackson traffic flow. She stated that it is recommended that the traffic signals on Forsyth between Bland and Big Bend be interconnected and the city will have to determine who will own and maintain the new signals along Forsyth because currently there are University City signals, county signals and Clayton signals. The attachment states that the traffic report takes into consideration the other construction projects in Clayton that are currently approved and/or in construction.

Mr. Mishkin asked if the response include all of the current projects in Clayton in their projections and stated he wasn't sure that he believed they had been. Mr. Hales agreed and stated there is a huge development on Forsyth with a hotel and office tower planned which will likely further impact the traffic projections. Mr. Hales stated that he didn't understand why they would not be taking into account the other multiple large scale developments in Clayton in their projections, even if they have not finished the final approval process. Mr. Mishkin asked if the approvals of the projects would be split into the different phases. Mr. Hales stated that he believed that the Plan Commission is asked to approve the entire project at once and the only portion the city would be approving is the small portion at the corner of the lot. Dr. Warbin pointed out his concern for the potential development of the Bally's location. He stated he thinks there should be some way that the commission states that it expects the eventual development of that site which could further impact traffic. Mr. Mishkin asked if Washington University had expressed a desire to develop the site. Ms. Gutierrez stated that they do not know.

Ms. Gutierrez asked if she should ask for the study to include the potential development at the Bally's site? Mr. Hales stated that he thought this big impact would be the development on Forsyth between Brentwood and Maryland. He asked if there was a way to find out where exactly the project is in it's approval process. He stated that if we don't look at the impact now, a



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year from now Clayton could do another traffic study which could show significant traffic on our roads and we wouldn't have any ability to weigh in. Ms. Gutierrez stated she would check.

On the last item, Ms. Gutierrez stated that the response recommends a no right turn on red at the exit from the Forest Park Parkway. Mr. Mishkin asked if that was a county road and would require county approval. Ms. Gutierrez confirmed. Dr. Warbin asked if the city would bear the costs of any required changes on Pershing and Jackson. Ms. Gutierrez indicated the city would not. Mr. Hales asked if the city could encourage Centene to re-stripe Pershing for bicycle lanes and accelerating the timeline of the city's bike walk plan since Centene wants to encourage alternative modes of transportation. Mr. Hales also stated he thought the commission or perhaps staff should look at the amount of cut through traffic from Northmoor to Big Bend; he stated he heard from his cousin who was the second person to address the cut-through traffic to Big Bend.

b. Annual Report

Mr. Hales asked for a motion to approve. Dr. Warbin made a motion to approve the annual report and was seconded by Mr. Mishkin. The commission voted unanimously to approve the annual report.

6. Council Liaison Report

No Report.

7. Miscellaneous Business

None

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm

Minutes prepared by Jeff Hales, Traffic Commission Chair & Secretary