



Traffic Commission

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CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION January 11, 2017

At the Traffic Commission meeting of University City held in the Heman Park Community Center, on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 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
- Mark Barnes
- Bob Warbin
- Derek Helderman

Also in attendance:

- Errol Tate(non-voting commission member – Public Works Liaison)
- Sinan Alpaslan (Public Works Director)
- Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson (non-voting commission member—Council Liaison)

Absent (excused):

- Eva Creer
- Curtis Tunsall
- Police Department Sergeant Shawn Whitley (non-voting commission member – Police Department Liaison)

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Barnes moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Dr. Warbin. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. December 14, 2016 Minutes

Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2016 meeting and was seconded by Dr. Warbin. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Agenda Items

a. Code Amendment for Street Barricade on Center Drive between Delmar Blvd and Teasdale Ave.

Mr. Tate presented the request of resident Lori Goodman of 8001 Teasdale Ave. to amend the city code to the reflect the location of the existing barricades on Center Drive. The code was amended in 1969 to place the barricades however across Center Drive at the back property line between the Delmar and Teasdale properties, however the barricades were actually placed 96 ft. to the south of the location listed in the city code. Ms. Goodman



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requested that the code be amended to reflect the actual location of the barricades since 1969.

Ms. Goodman spoke to the commission about how she and her neighbor Anne Silverstein initially contacted the city seeking to have the barricade moved to the location specified in the code which would allow access to their garages from Center Dr. via Teasdale instead of Delmar. However, upon further discussion and consideration, both Ms. Goodman and Ms. Silverstein changed their minds and prefer that the barricades stay where they have been placed since 1969 as it allows for easier ingress and egress for their properties as well as the apartment building directly behind Ms. Goodman's address.

Mr. Mishkin asked if it was known why the barricades were installed in the first place. Ms. Goodman stated that her understanding was that the neighbors requested the barricade to cut down on traffic cutting through the neighborhood to Delmar Blvd.

Dr. Warbin stated that he believed that at this point the commission needed to determine the number of households to satisfy the request.

Mr. Hales stated that the recommendation from staff was to determine the list of affected households for a petition. Mr. Hales stated he had a different perspective citing that the barricade has been in its present location since 1969, he stated he did not believe the request necessitated a resident petition since no change has been proposed, other than to change the code to reflect the location of the barricades.

Mr. Hales asked if Mr. Alpaslan had any thoughts on the necessity of a petition. Mr. Alpaslan agreed that since no change is being made to the location of the barriers that he did not believe a petition was necessary.

Mr. Mishkin asked what would happen if a future owner of one of the adjacent properties wanted the barricades moved or removed all together.

Ms. Goodman said that she believed the neighbors would not ever want the barricades removed and it would be a detriment to the neighborhood.

Mr. Hales stated that if residents sought to have the barricades removed at some point that it would then come before the traffic commission at that point.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to recommend that the council approve a change to the city code to reflect the location where the barricade has been for 47 years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Helderman and carried unanimously.



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6. Council Liaison Report

Councilmember Smotherson reported that the council had just approved the site plan for the brewery at North and South Rd. and Olive Blvd and asked Mr. Alpaslan if the proposal would be coming to the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Alpaslan reported that the site plan is subject to MODOT and St. Louis County approval of the ingress and egress since the roads are not University City owned roads. He stated he thought it might be a possibility that one of those agencies would seek to restrict Olive access to right-turn in / right-turn out. The project will come to the commission as an informational item and any code restrictions implemented by MODOT or St. Louis County would require the proposed restrictions to be brought to the commission for a recommendation.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hales stated that two commissioners' terms, Mr. Barnes and Dr. Warbin, expire on the 21st of January and asked that if they would like to be reappointed to let Councilmember Smotherson know since he makes the reappointments and if not, to let the staff know quickly so that those positions can be filled.

Mr. Hales also pointed out that Mr. Mishkin's term also was expiring as of January 21st since he had filled a vacant position. Mr. Mishkin's reappointment would be considered his first term since he had only served for 5 months of term in the vacated seat.

Mr. Hales also stated that he went through the appointment records for Ms. Creer. He stated he had spoken to Ms. Creer at prior meeting and indicated that she thought her term was expired. Mr. Hales stated that he went through the City Council minutes and found that Ms. Creer was reappointed in January of 2016, perhaps without her knowledge and suggested that be discussed with her at a later time.

Dr. Warbin stated that he had given notice to Mr. Tate that he intended to rotate off of the commission. Mr. Hales thanked Dr. Warbin for his three years of service to the commission.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Mishkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Barnes. The motion unanimously carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm

Minutes prepared by Jeff Hales, Traffic Commission Chairman & Secretary