

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
Virtual Zoom Meeting
University City MO 63130

IMPOTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING & PARTICIPATION On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current order restricting gatherings of more than 10 people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the June 9, 2021, meeting will be conducted via videoconference

Date: 1/12/22

1. Call to Order At 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Stewart

2. Roll Call

Bart Stewart	Commissioner & Chair - Present
Dennis Fuller	Commissioner – Absent excused with illness
Craig Hughes	Commissioner - Present
Cirri Moran	Commissioner - Present
Jane Schaefer	Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers	Commissioner – Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner – Present
Sinan Alpaslan	PWP Director - Present
Tim Cusick	Council liaison - Present
Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney - Present

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Schaefer to approve the agenda and motion 2nd by Commissioner Moran. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

4. Approval of Minutes of:11/10/21 waved until March meeting due to absence of recording secretary.

5. Agenda items

A. Presentation by Plan Commission Chairperson Ms. Margaret Holly (See Attachment #1)

(1) As the Planning Commission chair as well as the Vision 2040 chair, Holly came to the Traffic Commission to request the following:

- a. Share Planning Commission's concerns of the current projects underway in the city as they pertain to various types of traffic.
- b. Project these traffic concerns / ideas into the vision 2040 project.

(2) Ms. Holly cited the need for the Planning Commission and Traffic Commission to work together on U. City development issues as these issues cross multiple commissions, impact daily lives of university city citizens, and have potential long-term impacts. Ms. Holly asked, "How can our respective commissions work together to ensure the best for University Citie's citizens?"

- a. Two current ongoing projects were cited as examples: the Mackenzie at 8400 Delmar project and Crown Center project.
- b. The CBB traffic study analysis is exemplary for vehicles, but no apparent analysis for bicycles or pedestrians.
- c. Parking: An on-going issue that impacts daily life. Lots of text in Zoning Code (Section 400.2130 E) related to parking such as; Number of spaces, Sizes of spaces, Exception For Uses Located Near Transit Stations and Stops, For uses located within five hundred (500) feet of a public transit station or stop, the off-street parking requirement may be reduced by ten percent (10%). The Loop Trolley stops, and stations shall not be included in this exception. There is no definition of "public transit station or stop." Traffic Commission has expertise to provide recommendations.
- d. Comprehensive Plan Update (Vision 2040): Potential Traffic Commission issues/inputs; Self-driving cars, Delivery drones, Implementation of Master Walking/Cycling Plan, Access to transportation.
- e. How can we best proceed?

(3) Points of Discussion by Traffic Commission:

- a. Commissioner Moran, who has served several years on the Planning Commission, stated the Traffic Commission frequently reviews projects after the Planning Commission has reviewed and questions whether traffic Commission notes and recommendations are reviewed by The Planning Commission. Commissioner Moran stated that on some projects the commissions need to meet as a group.
- b. Commissioner Tiers questioned who is charged with discussing pedestrians! Are pedestrians considered traffic? And when we have discussed pedestrian issues as it pertains to Delmar and Olive, because these streets are not controlled by University City what effect on pedestrian flow could we have anyway?
- c. Commissioner Stewart questioned whether city staff could monitor when committees had same or similar issues and then get chairs to call a special meeting.
- d. Commissioner Moran stated the Planning Commission is directed under city charter. Cty Attorney Mulligan indicated that Traffic Commission is an advisory Commission while the Planning Commission is chartered under city code. City attorney agrees that sometimes Planning Commission has decided issues and then turns to the Traffic Commission for input.
- e. Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Tiers both suggested the Planning Commission notified traffic Commission when a joint meeting is needed.
- f. Commissioner Tiers Stated the commissions need to have the city manager or council consider defining pedestrians as "Traffic."
- g. Councilman Cusick questioned whether pedestrians are listed as a responsibility in the City code. City attorney Mulligan stated the powers and duties of traffic Commission are covered in city code section 120.420. This speaks to the general traffic Commission duties and the code is pretty broad on its explanation. The current list in code is not exclusive and Mulligan noted the traffic Commission acts as advisory to the city and at request of the city manager and city council. The powers and duties of the Traffic Commission could cover pedestrian and other traffic issues such as parking.

h. Commissioner Stewart thanked Planning Commissioner Holly for bringing these concerns to the Traffic Commission and recommended that perhaps city staff representative on Planning Commission could possibly monitor these issues in the future and notify Traffic Commission of such.

i. Ms. Holly encouraged all citizens of the city to please complete the city survey as the Vision 2040 will be using that data for their plan. And all were encouraged to attend the “think tank” sessions scheduled the last week in February.

B. Alanson Dr.-Golf Course Dr. Intersection Traffic Control (See Attachment #2)

Requestor: Area Resident presented through council member

Request: Updated Traffic Control Configuration at Golf Course-Alanson inters

(1) Sinan Alpaslan PWP Director presented following:

- a. Request: To review and update the traffic control configuration at the Alanson Dr.-Golf Course Dr. intersection. Consider Stop sign(s).
- b. **Conclusion/Recommendation:** This intersection is slightly skewed and sightlines are additionally impeded by grade at its northeast quadrant. That’s the location where the current Yield signage also displays a plaque that reads “cross traffic does not stop”. The current configuration with 2 Yield signs and a plaque referencing a stop condition is not compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and it can be confusing to motorists.
- c. The Police Department has reviewed the request and listed 6 documented accidents on Alanson and Golf Course; however, only two of the reported incidents were documented at the intersection of these two streets. The most recent incident was on 12/27/2021, and the one before that was in 2016. This intersection meets the Yield or Stop sign warrants per MUTCD in which it is an intersection of two minor streets where the intersection has more than three approaches and the ability to see conflicting traffic on an approach is not sufficient to allow a road user to stop or yield in compliance with the normal right-of-way rule if such stopping or yielding is necessary. Per the above condition meeting the warrant, the usage of a Yield sign would still be compliant with MUTCD; however, staff recommends the usage of Stop sign instead to allow for a better ability of observation from Golf Course Dr. of the conflicting traffic on Alanson Dr. This is especially true for the northeast quadrant of the intersection where the sightlines are limited. The reciprocal side of the intersection on Golf Course Dr. would then also get a Stop sign. Plaques on both signage indicating “cross traffic does not stop” could also help with awareness at the intersection. An additional possible step is to notify the area residents of this change and obtain any input as applicable. The proposed Stop signage is not necessarily detrimental to curbside parking but in its immediate area, there may be additional requirements for no parking, if deemed necessary so some input from the area residents may shine some light onto how they would view this change
- d. Commission Discussion:
 1. Commissioner Stewart questioned whether city staff had reached out to the resident. PWP Director Alpaslan responded that this request had come through a council member but indicated Lieutenant Whitley and police officers had discussed this with neighbors.
 2. PWP Director Alpaslan stated what Traffic Commission recommends, the city well proceed with.

3. Commissioner Zelenovich question whether the proposed stop sign would go on Golf Course Dr only and not on Alanson. PWP Director Alpaslan responded that this would be an option, or you could put stop signs on both Golf Course Dr and Allison, but not recommending Alanson alone.
4. Commissioner Schaefer recommended doing a four way stop at Golf Course Dr and Alanson. Commissioner Tiers responded that the stop should at least go on Golf Course but the day he drove on Golf Course, he saw more cars on Alanson.
5. Commission chairman Stewart, with no further discussion presented, called for a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to place two stop signs at Golf Course Dr and Alanson as recommended by city staff with plaques below stop sign indicating cross traffic does not stop.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

6. Council Liaison Report

- A. Councilman Cusick extended a "Thank You" to Commissioners Tiers, Hughes, and Fuller for agreeing to serve additional terms on Traffic Commission and noted that these appointments were approved by City Council at last meeting.
- B. Quick trip Corporation has officially purchased and taken ownership of the property at the corner of North and South and Olive. Development of the property it's expected to begin this spring.
- C. The city has raised the level of the property at the corner of Midland and Olive above the floodplain.

7. Miscellaneous Business

- A. Commissioner Tiers requested follow up on the Mayflower court neighborhood access to the school. PWP Director Alpaslan stated the city planning director had worked with the school and had resolved the situation.
- B. Commissioner Tiers requested follow up on the Shaftesbury, Wilson configuration. PWP Director Alpaslan stated this is still an open, outstanding issue.

8. Adjournment: No further business appearing, Commissioner Tiers made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hughes. Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM by Commission Chairman Stewart.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner Dennis Fuller, Recording Secretary