

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
 Heman Park Community Center
 975 Pennsylvania Avenue, University City MO 63130

Date: 11-9-22

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

2. Roll Call

Bart Stewart	Commissioner & Chair - Present
Dennis Fuller	Commissioner - Present
Craig Hughes	Commissioner - Present
Cirri Moran	Commissioner - Excused
Jane Schaefer	Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers	Commissioner – Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner – Present
Eugene Kuelker	PWP Staff - Present
Tim Cusick	Council liaison - Present
Lt. Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney - Present

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes of: 9/14/22

Motion by Commissioner Tiers to approve the minutes of 9/14/2022 and motion 2nd by Commissioner Hughes. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items

A. Speeding concerns at the corner of Colby and Roth. Request deterrence to public speeding and running the stop sign at this location.

(1) Requested by Carrie and Don McGuire 1055 Colby Ave.

(2) Request: slow traffic or place stop sign at the corner of Colby Ave and Roth.

(3). Discussion

a. Mr. Kuelker “the McGuire’s say that the biggest complaint is rolling stops at the stop signs. They would like something to be put in place to slow the traffic after the interception this could be speed bumps or enforcing the current traffic laws.”

b. Commissioner Zelenovich, the stop sign is on Roth and Colby is a

dead end going to the left. I'm assuming the problem they're having is the traffic on Roth.

c. Commissioner Schaefer, can we put the police speed trailer this position?

d. Lieutenant Whitley responded that there is a list for the speed trailer and this could be done we could make a speed study here and make recommendations. In the meantime, I could put some enforcement in the area.

e. Commissioner Zelenovich, could reflectors or a reflector strip be placed on the post.

f. Commissioner Fuller questioned whether these current suggestions could be addressed with the McGuires and let them know that we are working further on this after the traffic study is completed.

Mr. Kuelker volunteered to call the McGuires and tell them what the police are going to do before we address the problem further.

g. Commissioner Stewart further requested that Mr. Kuelker indicate the Commission is currently addressing her problem with police enforcement on a routine basis as well as a traffic speed study and the discussion regarding speed bumps would be delayed to a later date.

g. City attorney Mullins indicated that current city policy is to not install speed bumps and public works can talk to the residents about how we will address this problem at present. The speed bump idea needs to be discussed as a city policy in a variety of our situations.

h. No further action was required at this time. This item may be brought back to the Commission after discussions with the McGuires and completion of the current speed trailer and police enforcement.

B. Request Do Not Enter signs for 6600 Kingsbury to be installed on median. Traffic increasingly going the wrong way on Kingsbury at this location.

(1) Requested by Cirri Moran 6652 Kingsbury.

(2) Request: Installation of Do Not Enter signs for 6600 Kingsbury to be installed on median.

(3) Discussion

a. Council liaison Cusick indicated he has discussed this with Commissioner Moran and that Ames place subdivision is willing to pay the cost of the signage but the median is actually a University City public Street.

b. A discussion followed by the commissioners regarding the actual traffic flow going South on Melville and missing the turn at Kingsbury. Also, for their discussion as to whether two signs needed to be placed both on the city side as well as on the Ames place side of the median.

b. Mr. Kuelker has looked at this situation, will confer with Commissioner Moran for actual sign placement and signs to be used.

c. No further action required.

C. Request to remove Do Not Enter sign on Pershing west of Big Bend. Signage no longer needed due to restaurant closure.

(1) Requested by Bob Thompson 7059 Pershing.

(2) Request: Remove Do Not Enter sign on Pershing west of Big Bend.

(3) Discussion:

a. Commissioner Stewart suggested requester come back to the Commission with more information as request is unclear. The restaurant of note in request it's now High-Tech Printing and has not been a restaurant for 30 years.

b. City attorney Mulligan referenced City Code Table 12A which specifically addresses placement of this traffic median and Do Not Enter sign. If Traffic Commission were to recommend removal of sign and median, it would require an amendment of the traffic code by City Council. Mr. Mulligan further sided table 10A which prevents a left turn onto big bend Ave from this location between certain hours.

(4) **Motion** by Commissioner Zelenovich to deny request of median & sign removal at Pershing. The motion was seconded by commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

D. Request additional school zone speed signage and flashing light around Flynn Park Elementary school to reduce speeding in school zone.

(1) Requested by David Baldwin 7224 A. Pershing, and The School District of University City. Mr. Baldwin was present and verbally presented request.

Mr. Kaulker of city staff also presented a copy of an e-mail from Mr. Joseph Miller, District Chief of Staff, University City School district, providing additional support of this request from the school district office.

(2) Request additional school zone signage reduce speed signage and flashing light around Flynn Park Elementary school.

(3) Discussion:

a. Mr. Baldwin expressed his concerns about speeding on Pershing Ave as cars exit Forest Park Ave going west as well as the section of Pershing going past the school. He indicated there are existing signs but would like to add additional lighting slash signs 2 slow traffic for the safety of the children crossing both sections of Pershing.

b. Commissioner Schaefer requested clarification of what portion a Pershing is owned by the city. Clarification by Mr. Kaulker indicated that university city owns all of Pershing Ave. Commissioner Stewart stated this was also clarified at an earlier meeting during the discussion of traffic at Flynn Park.

c. The commissioners were requested to reference the e-mail in their handouts from the school district supporting this request. It

should be noted this e-mail supports traffic and parking control during school hours, which this Commission had addressed at an earlier meeting.

(4) **Motion** by Commissioner Tiers to install standard school zone flashing yellow lights with speed limit signs in both directions of Pershing Ave., 200 feet West of Midvale on the eastbound portion of Pershing and at the current location on the westbound portion of Pershing Ave. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

E. Remove Gannon parking at Gannon and North and South Road.

(1) Requested by Marc Jacob.

(2) Request removal of residential parking (Residential Parking Permit Restrictions).

(3) Discussion

a. Resident Jeff Glogower, 7617 Gannon Ave, was present and addressed the Commission. Mr. Glogower was in opposition to this request and sighted city code section 355.030, dealing with non-resident parking and residential neighborhoods. A copy of Mr. Glogower's letter was presented to all Commission members in their packet.

b. Mr. Glogower pointed out that Mr. Jacob is a University City resident and member of the synagogue at North and South and Gannon, but is not a resident of the 7600 block of Gannon.

c. Commission chair Stewart questioned if Mr. Jacob had filed a Traffic Request form with Public Works. Mr. Kaulker indicated he was directed by Mr. Dunkle, Director of Parks and Recreation, to place this item on the agenda secondary to an e-mail that was received 10/26/2022 from Mr. Jacob. Copy of this e-mail was sent to all commissioners in the packet. Commissioner Stuart requested all future requests to be made via the traffic request form through public works.

d. Commissioner Tiers asked why the Commission was being asked to repeal a standing residential parking restriction. Commissioner Fuller directed the Commission to an earlier meeting in which the school principal had requested more parking for faculty during the day. This Commission addressed that problem approximately two years ago. At that time the Commission upheld the existing residential parking restriction.

e. Council liaison Cusick stated that high school students routinely are parking their cars in this vicinity and since our previous meeting the school has been allowed to park on North and South he also indicated that Mister Jacob act as an attorney for this school.

f. City Attorney Mulligan noted there was nothing in the code to repeal a standing Residential Parking Permit restriction. He advised Traffic Commission that if this was the desire of the commissioners they would have to make a recommendation to City Council to amend the code.

(4) **Motion** by Commissioner Schaefer to deny the request. Commissioner Tiers seconded the motion.

Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

F. Residential Parking Permit Petition for restricted parking on the 7100 block of Pershing (ie from Wellesley to Williams).

(1) Requested by Gregory and Rebekah Murphy 7100 Pershing.

(2) Request Residential Parking Permit Petition for restricted parking on the 7100 block of Pershing, 8:00am-2:00pm and 6:00pm-12:00am.

(3) Discussion

a. Petitioner Gregory Wilson, 7100 Pershing Ave, was present and presented a petition of 28 residents of the 7100 block of Pershing Ave. Commissioner Stewart noted that the petition represents over 75% of the residents on Pershing.

b. Commissioner Stewart notes that that an existing residential parking restriction is in place for the 7000 block a Pershing.

c. City attorney Mulligan notes that city code states that if there is noted parking congestion within two blocks of Washington University a request for restricted parking is allowed. 7100 Pershing is noted to be within two blocks of Washington University and thus, this request meets code.

(4) **Motion** by Commissioner Zelenovich to restrict nonresident parking on the 7100 block of Pershing Ave 8:00am-2:00pm and 6:00pm-12:00am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

6. Council Liaison Cusick Report

A. Cosco opening in October set records.

B. The Quick Trip construction at Olive and North & South is progressing on schedule.

C. The I-170 Olive Market project has now secured 2 chicken restaurants, one will be on the north side of olive and one on the south.

D. Dierbergs is negotiating a store in the Olive Market Project.

E. Washington University has bought properties in the loop.

F. The library is slated to open in April.

G. Flood damage, still waiting on FEMA and waiting funding.

H. The apartment project at Delmar and I- 170 is progressing.

I. The hotel project for Delmar-Howard is on hold due to financing.

7. Miscellaneous Business, none presented.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing, Commissioner Fuller made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Schaefer. Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Fuller, Commissioner