

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

Date: December 11, 2019

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 - Excused
Jeffrey Mishkin	Commissioner - Present
Jane Schaefer	Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers	Commissioner - Present
Jeff Zornes	Commissioner - Present
Errol Tate	Staff Liaison - Present
Sinan Alpaslan	PWP Director - Present
Jeffrey Hales, Jr.	Council liaison - Present
Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney - Present

3. Approval of Agenda : Motion by Commissioner Mishkin to approve the agenda and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Fuller. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

4. Approval of November 13, 2019 Minutes: Commissioner Schaefer requested that under item 7 Central be changed to Center and that her name be spelled correctly. Commissioner Stewart requested that the date of November 13, 2019 appear on the meeting notes and that resident Cirri Moran's name be correctly entered on page 2 agenda Item #2. With these corrections made, Commissioner Schaefer made motion to approve the November 13, 2019 Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Zornes. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items

A. Williams Ave. -Residential Parking

Applicant Cindi Newsome, 7069 Pershing,

Location: Williams Avenue, between Pershing and Waterman  
(Commission provided Department Public Works Staff report including overview map)

Request: residential parking permit.

(1.) Resident Newsome explained that six months ago this area had parkers during the day, but they were gone in the evening. Four months ago we began to experience more and more parkers. Now there is no place for any visitors or work trucks to park during the day. Residents requesting restricted parking on Williams Avenue between Pershing and Waterman.

(2.) Mr. Tate and staff recommend extension of the no parking on Williams. Williams Ave. is now restricted from Pershing to Forest Park. Staff recommend extension of no parking on Williams to Waterman.

(3.) Commissioner Mishkin made a motion to approve the request as stated by Mr. Tate. Commissioner Tiers seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the commission.

(4.) Mr. Tate pointed out that resident Newsome must get four more signatures before this action can be made. Resident Newsome acknowledged Mr. Tate's request.

#### B. Parking Study Update - Traffic

(1) Engineer Kellie Schaeffer of the Lochmueller Group presented the commission with the city parking study that has been conducted this past year. The commission and staff were provided with the study document and Schaeffer pointed out highlights of the study to include the following recommendations;

- a. On page 28 to include consider parking permits for residence.
- b. Spell out the number of parking permits per building.
- c. P 30 - 32 regarding Zone one. increase bicycle lanes,
- d. Implement shared parking.
- e. Confining employee parking to specific parking areas.

(2) Commissioners then discussed, questioned and made observations regarding the parking study as follows:

\*Commissioner Zornes; supports residential parking but does not support fee for parking.

\*Commissioner Tiers overall likes the parking report and supports the idea of pointing out parking on lot # four with use of signage in other areas in the loop. Commissioner Tiers points out issues with multiple family buildings, with multiple cars per unit.

\*Commissioner Schaefer thinks signage is most important for the loop.

\*Mr. Tate stated the city is looking at new parking meters similar to those being used by St. Louis city.

\*Commissioner Schaefer asked if the city is currently issuing parking tickets? Sergeant Whitley responded and indicated that not only are police issuing parking tickets, they have two officers assigned to this daily.

\*Councilman Hales indicated that we get most calls about parking at the 6600 block (Delmar). Indicated he does not agree with the report regarding the parking study in zone one. Asked the question if they considered a limit on "time parking?" Thinks the city needs to come up with a better solution like limited time parking.

\*Mr. Mulligan suggested he would like a study to run license plates to see where "parker" resides. Mulligan suggested making arrangements with Washington University to utilize their on campus parking garages.

\*Commissioner Tears asked question "does a lot four have spots that are considered on the 20 year lease? Mr. Alpsalam responded yes but that lease expires soon.

\*Commissioner Fuller; Washington University continues to be our main parking problem in the city.

\*Councilman Hales responded the problem is actually commuter parking.

\* Commissioner Zornes; we need a city wide time limited parking on all residential areas.

\*Commissioner Schaefer; I think we need more signage.

(3) No action by the Commission was required on this report and commission comments will be considered when study is presented to city council.

6. Council Liaison Report: Councilman Hales reported there was a public meeting with the Department of Natural Resources regarding a site / business on North & South. The issue is chemical contamination at the site. Owner of site is going to be responsible for cleanup.

7. Miscellaneous Business: Commissioner Tiers requested Councilman Hales review the Commissions discussion (November 13, 2019) of the crosswalk on Delmar at Center. Since Mr. Hales was unable to attend last meeting Mr. Tiers wanted to point out the possibility of installing signal lights that would be pedestrian operated similar to ones which are in his hometown of Saint Paul, Minnesota. Commissioner Tiers has provided Mr. Tate with pictures of the street and crosswalk in Minnesota. Commissioner Tiers sees two problems with our current situation at Center: 1. The current crosswalk sign is obscured with growth and 2. Delmar is extremely wide/4 lanes of traffic. Mr. Tate acknowledged receipt of the information from Commissioner Tiers and indicated that other suggestions have been sent to the county and have been turned down in the past. He did indicate that he would be forwarding this information on to the county.

Mr. Hales has reached out to our county representative regarding this situation and will be discussing the same with her as soon as possible. He has discussed this situation with the two synagogues and thinks that Center is a poor area for a crossing and may suggest moving it to in front of Young Israel.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing, Commissioner Zornes made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Tiers. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dennis Fuller