

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
University City MO 63130

NOTE: Due to Pandemic Covid-19 Quarantining and direction from the St. Louis Co. Pandemic Task Force, Traffic Commission did not meet during the months of March, April and May 2020.

Date:6/10/2020 (Virtual Meeting conducted via ZOOM)

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

3. Approval of Agenda: Agenda items

- A. Ellis Street Name Change
- B. Parking Study Update
- C. Novus Traffic Impact Study Review
- D. Tru Hotel Traffic Impact Study

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

4. Approval of the 2-12-2020 Minutes:

Corrections: None presented

Motion by Commissioner Schaefer to approve the minutes of 2-12-2020 and motion 2nd by Commissioner Mishkin. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items

A. Ellis Street Name Change

- (1) Applicant; Faye and Marie Ellis (Faye Ellis present at meeting)
- (2) Request; Review street named change request
- (3) Public Works Staff seeks advice from the Traffic Commission for forwarding the

street name change of Sadler Ave. to Ellis Ave. to City Council for approval.

(4) Discussion:

a. Mr. Tate; As this request has been before public works for sometime (8-20-2019), Public Works researched the county code for purposes of renaming an existing street. Staff sited county code 4050, A street name cannot duplicate any existing street of the same name. Staff notes Ellis Avenue already exists in Maplewood. Staff also pointed out that any change in Street name would require additional approval from the county as well as the post office.

b. Mrs. Ellis expressed her disappointment in the process as the Ellis family has had this proposal in public works since August 20, 2019.

c. Commissioner Schaefer proposed adding Mr. Ellis's first name to the street, thus the street would now be A.J. Ellis Avenue.

d. City attorney Mulligan reminded the commission that City Council processed a bill in 2018 to name an honorary street and that bill died. He also noted that Ellis Avenue is taken and that we could use any combination of Ellis Dr., Lane, etc. however, he really thought that would be up to city Council once traffic commission forwards its suggestion.

e. Councilman Tiers made a motion to name the street Andrew Jackson Ellis Avenue. Mrs. Ellis was consulted if this met her approval. She concurred verbally. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schaefer.

f. Discussion on the motion:

*Mr. Hales expressed concern about a precedent being set and wanted to know who was petitioned in the neighborhood. Councilman Hales also wanted to know what the fire and police department recommendations were for renaming. Mr. Tate responded to consume in Hales by saying the Ellis's had petitioned the surrounding neighborhood and there had been no objection those petitions are with Public Works.

*Mr. Mulligan pointed out the difference between a street being renamed or an Honorary Street naming

*Councilman Hales pointed out that street name changes are exceedingly rare and there is no process for it at city council level.

*Commissioner Tiers suggested passing this on to council and letting them decide the difference between renaming or an honorary naming.

*Commissioner Schaeffer express concern about the impact on emergency vehicles and services.

*Mrs. Ellis stated that we are expressing the same concerns that had been expressed when they started this process back in August.

*Mr. Mulligan questioned Public Works about how many other streets we have in University City that have no addresses on them.

*Mr Alpaslan responder," We don't have many, if any."

e. Councilman Tiers amended the motion to the following: rename Sadler Avenue, From Vernon to Page Avenue the Andrew Jackson Ellis Ave. Councilman Schaeffer seconded the amendment.

Commissioner and Chairman Stewart called the motion with amendments. The Commission unanimously passed the amendment to the motion verbally.

Commissioner and Chairman Stewart then voted on the amended motion passed on a voice vote with one Nay. Motion passed.

The motion to rename Sadler Avenue, Andrew Jackson Ellis Ave. to be sent to City Council.

B. Parking Study Update

(1) Applicant; City of University City

(2) Request; Review Parking Study

(3) Mr. Tate recommended moving corrected/edited parking study, except for the question survey, on the city consul. The edited copy was dated March 12.

(4) Discussion: most of the Commissioners were unaware of the specific changes and changes were not noted in the document that was sent out to the commissioners. Mr. Tate suggested this could be moved to the next meeting.

(5) Mr. Tiers made a motion to table this item and asked for changes to be sent to the commissioners before next meeting. Mr. Hewes seconded the motion and the motion passed by a voice vote of the commissioners

C. Novus Traffic Impact Study Review

(1) Applicant; CBB/Novus

(2) Request; Review Traffic Impact Study (project at Olive and I-170)

(3) CBB was hired to perform the study. The city of University city hired Lochmueller to review the CBB study. Lochmueller conclusions and recommendations were provided to the commissioners. These comments were then passed onto CBB.

(4) Traffic commission was asked to comment and these comments with then be forwarded to CBB. It is hoped the study would come back to traffic commission. Julie Nolfo of Lochmueller was present online at the meeting and commented CBB was sent the updated report 3-24-2020.

(5) A brief general discussion followed with the commissioners concurring with the Lochmueller suggestions. Commission will review CBB's response at a future meeting.

D. Tru Hotel Traffic Impact Study

(1) Applicant; Lockmueller / TriStar Companies

(2) Request; Review Traffic Impact Study – Proposed Hotel and Office Development

(3) Location 711 Kingsland Avenue

(4) Julie Nolfo of Lochmueller was present online at the meeting and commented.

(5) Highlights of the Lochmueller report: development of 75 parking spaces on site with a lease agreement of 10 additional spaces in the parking lot for across from the city library. Parking spaces will be a shared parking agreement pending a conditional use permit minimal traffic impact. There will be a new signal at Kingsland and Sergeant King Drive. Remove the Kingsland median.

(6) St. Louis County has reviewed and approved plan. The plan has been through Planning Commission twice and will have a total of 79 onsite parking spaces with an agreement that four of those spaces will go to the police.

(7) Clifford Cross of the Planning Commission is OK with the shared parking ratios.

(8) There was a general discussion with exactly how many parking spaces would be specific to the office building and how many specific to the art hotel building with the shared use being discussed that the Office section would use more parking spaces during the day and hotel using more parking spaces evenings and weekends. It was also noted that this is not a banquet level hotel and thus parking is minimal for guests only. Lochmueller and staff pointed out that the minimum required parking with all of the formulas for this type of hotel at this location is 75 and this project is able to provide 80 with four space is being allocated to the police.

(9) Staff agrees with study recommendations and recommends sending forward. Staff also noted that this study was sent to the traffic Commission for review and recommendations regarding traffic flow.

Commissioner Tiers made a motion to approve the hotel/office development plan with stated concerns over overall parking numbers for hotel and office shared parking.

Commissioner Schaefer seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. Council Liaison Report

A. Councilman Hales reminded all that budget hearings will begin next Monday.

B. The Chief of Police made a presentation to Council that included a review of officer training.

C. Councilman Hales noted that U. City has a progressive police force

7. Miscellaneous Business: None presented.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing,
Commissioner Tiers made a motion to Adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Schaefer.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:06