

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Date: July 8 , 2020

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 – Absent
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. Agenda & Approval of Agenda: The following agenda was presented for approval by Commission Chairman Stewart;

- A. Julian and Belrue – Stop sign Request
- B. Parking Study Update
- C. Scooter Ordinance Update
- D. Delmar and I-170 Developments Traffic Study

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

4. Approval of Minutes: June 10, 2020

Corrections: Commissioner Craig Hughes requested his name be spelled correctly in Agenda item; Parking study.

Motion by Mishkin to approve the minutes of June 10, 2020 and motion 2nd by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items

A. Julian and Bel Rue – Stop sign Request

- (1) Department of Public works presented traffic request form from resident Jeanette Cherry
- (2) Location of request: intersection of Julian Ave and Belrue.
- (3) Request: Place stop sign on the East and West corners of Julian or install speed bumps.
- (4) Discussion:
 - a. Mr. Tate from DPW asked Sergeant Whitley for a report of violations at this corner.

b. Sergeant Whitley reported a three yr. history from police records as follows; there Have been no accidents the past three years at this intersection, there have been 13 stop sign violations in the near vicinity, and there were 120 additional violations in the general area of this intersection. This intersection is currently a two way stop, but he is recommending this be converted to a four way stop and supports this request.

c. Commissioner Stewart question to Mr. Tate, "If this request is approved would DPW immediately install stop signs?" Mr. Tate responded, "No, this would simply be a recommendation to City Council for their approval."

d. Resident Jeanette Cherry, an 18 yr. resident at 6745 Julian Ave. and author of request responded to Sergeant Whitley and Mr. Tate that she has made multiple complaints over the past two years of multiple violations and she and her neighbors have documented many of these violations.

e. Commissioner Hughes questioned Mrs. Cherry if there have been accidents recently at this intersection. Mrs. Cheryl responded most definitely, and at one point there was a vehicle upside down in her yard.

(5) After no further discussion, chairman Stewart asked the Commission for recommendations. Commissioner Fuller made a motion to add stop signs on the Julian east and west corners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes, the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission present.

B. Parking Study Update Reference Commission meetings of December 2019 and June 2020.

(1) Applicant, City of University city.

(2) Request: Review parking study.

(3) City staff recommends that the traffic Commission review the final review port and survey questions for a motion to move forward with accepting the parking study report and determining which of the outlined recommendations we should propose for implementation. There were no apparent parking problems for most of the zones outlined. How the Commission/City proceeds will be an improvement to the current situation.

(4) Chairman Stewart asked the Commission for comment and discussion. The following comments and requests were made:

a. Commissioner Fuller questioned the clause at the top of page 25.

b. Commissioner Hughes asked if the paragraph at the top of page 25 could be left in the report.

c. Mr. Tate stated he would pass Fuller and Hughes comments on to the city engineer.

d. Councilman Hales wants all the council members to see the first copy and the edited copy, particularly zone 1, page 8 and page 24.

(5) As there were no further discussion items brought forth, Chairman Stewart asked the Commission For recommendations / motion. Commissioner Fuller made a motion to move the study forward and un-strike items on page 24 and 25. Commissioner Schaefer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission present.

C. Scooter Ordinance Update: Reference memo to the University city traffic Commission,
DATE: March 5, 2020. FROM: Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works.

- (1) At a February 10th, 2020 City Council Study Session, the department presented its findings and recommendations for establishing a permit program for the operation of dockless shared vehicles in University City. The program is intended to regulate bicycles, e-bicycles, scooters, e-scooters, and other small vehicles for the purpose of maintaining an orderly experience for everybody involved. Any of University City's current Municipal Code sections applicable to this purpose are intended to be used as they are in effect or amended to support the new program rules.
- (2) Chairman Stewart asked for discussion from the Commission In the following comments are noted:
 - a. Councilman Hales indicated this document had been Reviewed in a console study session.
 - b. Commissioner Fuller questioned the cities ordnance regarding riding scooter on sidewalks. City attorney Mulligan responded the city ordinance 340 point 125 prevents riding on the sidewalks of scooters bikes and skateboards.
 - c. Councilman Hales expressed three concerns: One. Is the operator supposed to have an operator license? 2 in the loop is there any deployment area currently the agreement shows all deployment areas are around the loop. 3 subdivisions need to be able to opt out of scooter deployment and writing through the subdivision. Mr. Alpaslan responded, A clause can be added to eliminate subdivisions. However, the company can Limit neighborhoods. Mr. Mulligan stated we can use ordinance 340. 125. This ordinance allows the city to pass its own regulations.
 - d. Chairman Stewart asked Mr. Alpaslan to add a list of items and revise this memo and bring back to the next meeting.

D. Delmar and I-170 Developments Traffic Study

APPLICANT: CBB/RevivalSTL , Lee Cannon, Present on line for Zoom Meeting.

Location: 8400 Delmar

Request: Review Traffic Impact Study 4/27/2020, CBB Traffic Engineers Report.

- (1) Discussion:
 - a. According to the study trips on Delmar will increase by 20 or 10% increase in Traffic.
 - b. Since the onset of the virus the available money for hotel development has changed and thus the design of the hotel an apartment figures have changed there will be a reduction in the rooms in the hotel and an increase in the number of apartments this makes the project financially viable . The developer is Sid Chakraverty, 4501 Laclede.
 - c. Commissioner Schaefer questioned why the elimination of the drop off lane at Hotel on Delmar. Mr. Cannon responded that the County will not allow a drop off on Delmar thus the drop-off Lane has now been changed to Delcrest.
 - d. Commissioner Miskin questioned the number of apartment units and further questioned the relation of number of units to increase traffic flow not having an impact.

- e. City attorney Mulligan stated that this was not the current plan, the current plan accommodates 2.2 acres for hotel and apartments. Mr. Mulligan further stated there will be an additional development of 250 to 260 apartments West of I-70 off Delmar. This will result in an A3 site traffic study to follow by the city. CBB started with this developer in 2019 on this project. CBB is also doing the West of I 170 Crown Center development.
- f. The Planning Commission has approved a second version but had concerns about the impact on the surrounding community.
- g. Councilman Hales suggested moving this discussion to next month Ann reviewing the updated version.
- h. CBB took all of the comments and will return an updated version for next month's meeting
- i. A letter from community resident Tom Poelker, was shared with the Commission and CBB. Mr. Poelker presented 5 concerns about re-routing of traffic and his letter will be considered by CBB.

(2) Revised version to be reviewed at next Meeting

6. Council Liaison Report: Councilman Hales reported that councilmembers, Alida Klein, Bwayne Smotherson and Jeffrey Hales were all sworn in I think most recent City Council meeting.

7. Miscellaneous Business: None Presented

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing, Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hughes. Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis Fuller