

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: 3/9/22

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 - Present
Jane	Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers	Commissioner – Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner – Excused
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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Moran. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

4. Approval of Minutes of: November 10, 2021, and January 12, 2022

Corrections:

Motion by Commissioner Schaefer to approve the minutes of November 10, 2021, and January 12, 2022, and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Moran. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items

A. Crixdale Ln. Extension to the east (See Attachment) – Discussion

Requestor: Staff

Request: Crixdale Ln. Extension to the east and north to 82nd Blvd.-Olive Blvd. To review feasibility of Crixdale Ln. extension to east and north to 82nd Blvd.-Olive Blvd. intersection.

Conclusion/Recommendation: Below are some notes from a preliminary analysis of the proposed extension:

- The creek and park located south of Crixdale present significant barriers to development opportunities for the parcels between Crixdale and Olive.
- Extending Crixdale Avenue further east to connect to Olive Boulevard will not have a significant impact on travel patterns.
- Extending Crixdale Avenue further east does not-- on its own-- improve development potential of the south side of the Olive Boulevard and does not open new development potential south of Crixdale.
- Based on the findings of the economic development plan, future land use on the norther portion of Olive in this area is not suitable for regional retail due to shallow lot depth. Three potential options for land use were recommended. It is advised that community engagement with the area residents take place to determine a preferred future before any further action is taken.
- Due to the physical restrictions, future land use on the southern portion of Olive in this area is not suitable for regional retail due to shallow lot depth and current building orientations.
- Assembling the various general commercial parcels on the south of Olive in the study area may provide some opportunity to clear the sites and construct a new building/ buildings with larger setbacks to accommodate smaller regional retail development. There would be no potential for out-parcels on these small regional retail sites due on the lot depth limitations resulting from the creek and park.
- To ensure the overall vision for the corridor as a gateway is preserved, it is recommended that further efforts be taken to determine what land use is preferred north of Olive Blvd, and then apply the appropriate complimentary land use strategy to the southern portion of the street.
- Crixdale is currently a low volume residential street. If additional traffic were to use the corridor as retail access or a cut-thru to avoid congestion at Olive, it may change the character of the street. The discussion of this item is intended to produce comments/suggestions from the Traffic Commission to be taken into account for further feasibility analysis of the request.

- (1) Ms. Kelly Schaefer and Ms. Kelly Davis of Lochmueller Traffic engineers / consultants were online and provided following impacts.
  - a. The residential portion of Crixdale Ave. will be impacted with increased traffic and parking restricted to one lane or one side of the street with two ten ft. wide traffic lanes.
  - b. The roadbed extending Crixdale Ave to the east will require widening along the creek bed at an estimated cost of \$250,000 for grading and roadbed preparation.
  - c. Land acquisition for the extension and lighting cost will be added at a later date.
  - d. The cost to modify the intersection of the 82nd St signal add olive is estimated at \$250,000.
- (2) Discussion
  - a. Commissioner Moran questioned whether the alley was owned by the city or privately owned property. Director Alpaslan answered that it was privately owned and that is part of the acquisition cost.
  - b. Commissioner Fuller requested an estimate of the additional cost for land acquisition and lighting. Ms. Schaefer estimated that cost to be \$65,000.

- c. Commissioner Fuller questioned the budget source for this project. Director Alpaslan explained that this project is being submitted to apply for grant money from the ARBA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021).
- d. Commissioner Moran question whether other studies have been done in this area. Councilman Cusick replied that this has been discussed.
- e. Commissioner Hughes stated that it is an excellent idea to extend Up to the Olive / 82nd Ave intersection.
- f. Commissioner Stewart questioned whether anyone from the city has reached out to the businesses or residents affected. Director Alpaslan indicated that this would be done if the grant application was successful.
- g. Commissioner Stewart asked if there were further comments, suggestions, or questions. As none were presented, these suggestions and observations will be used by the city staff for the possible grant application. No motion or further item activity were required for this item of business.

6. Council Liaison Report, Councilmember Cusick

- A. The Commission on stormwater management will send every port to the council by the end of the month.
- B. all development projects in the city are currently on schedule.
- C. U. City in Bloom is currently in the process of clearing Ruth Park Woods and doing a beautiful job.
- D. All were reminded that municipal elections will be April 5th.

7. Miscellaneous Business: Commissioner Fuller reminded all that Vision 2040 think tank meetings would be held this Thursday and Saturday and all were encouraged to attend and participate.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing, Commissioner Tiers made a motion to Adjourn, Motion 2nd by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dennis Fuller, Commissioner