

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

Date: 2/8/23

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

2. Roll Call

Bart Stewart	Commissioner & Chair - Excused
Dennis Fuller	Commissioner - Present
Craig Hughes	Commissioner - Present
Cirri Moran	Commissioner & Acting Chair-Present
Jane Schaefer	Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers	Commissioner – Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner – Present
Darin Girdler	PWP Director – Present
Mirela Celaj	PWP Asst. Dir.- Present
Eugene Kuelker	PWP Staff – 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 Tiers. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

4. Approval of Minutes of: 1/11/23

Motion by Commissioner Schaefer to approve the minutes of Hughes and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hughes. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items

A. Request to remove parking restrictions on the 7600 block of Gannon.

(1) Requested by Alan Simpson, President U. City Shul, 700 North and South Road.

(2) Attorney Mark Jacob, a member of U. City Shul was present at the meeting and spoke with Mr. Simpson and on behalf U. City Shul.

- a. Mr. Jacob and Mr. Simpson presented a petition of 150 members of the congregation and 13 Business owners supporting the request to remove parking restrictions on the 7600 block of Gannon.
- b. Mr. Jacob reminded the Commission that the girl school had initiated this request in 2010 after the initial restriction was placed.
- c. Mr. Jacob cited city code 355 and argued that the 7600 block of Gannon should not qualify as restricted status. He cited that city code 355 section A-2 notes that the traffic count has to exceed 2000 per day therefore this block does not qualify. To support the statement Mr. Jacobs submitted to the commission, a traffic volume map conducted by the Missouri Department of Transportation.
- d. Mr. Jacob concluded that this is just the right thing to do.

(3) Resident Jeff Glogower, 7617 Gannon Ave, was present and addressed the Commission.

- a. Mr. Glogower was in opposition to this request and cited city code section 355.030, dealing with nonresident 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 the Commission had addressed this during the 11-9-2022 Traffic Commission meeting and at that time noted the city attorney stated the procedure for requesting resident parking restrictions was to obtain more than 75% signatures of the residents of the affected block in question. Mr. Glogower notes in his letter to the traffic Commission that the signatures obtained by Mr. Jacob are not residents of the Gannon neighborhood but rather members of the synagogue who reside in University City as well as business owners in the north and South business district who are also not residents of the 7600 block of Gannon. Mr. Glogower provided all members of the Commission his letter of opposition.

(4) Commission discussion.

- a. Commissioner Tiers noted the history of parking restriction on the 7600 block of Gannon beginning back in 2010.
- b. Commissioner Fuller noted the discussion of this restriction from the Traffic Commission meeting of 11-9-22 which the city attorney cited that only residents can lift a parking restriction.

- c. Commissioner Fuller pointed out that Mr. Jacob and Mr. Simpson had presented a petition of the members of the congregation and business owners rather than the residents of the neighborhood.
- d. Commission Chair Moran polled commission members as to how they wished to proceed with the request.
- e. Commissioner Tiers suggested that the current property owners of the 7600 block of Gannon have to be polled and greater than 75% of them have to agree to lift the restriction.

(5) **MOTION** by Commissioner Zelenovich to reject the request to lift the parking restriction in the 7600 block of Gannon in the absence of a petition in excess of 75% of the existing residents signatures to lift the restriction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

B. Request restricted parking 7000, 7100, South side Forsyth Blvd.

(1) Requested by Chana R. Novak 7018 Forsyth Blvd.

(2) Initial request made and presented 4-13-22. As initial request did not include a resident petition, the request was tabled until Ms. Novak obtained a petition of more than 75% of the resident owners of the 7000 and 7100 Blocks of Forsyth Blvd.

(3) Resident Novak returns this date a list of electronic signatures of the owners of record for each of the parcels of real estate in excess of seventy-five % of the parcels of real estate adjacent to the block of the public street involved.

(4) Commission Discussion

a. Commission Chair Moran asked how the signatures were obtained. Resident Novak responded that they were obtained electronically and there were no actual signatures but a listing of the residents or parcel owners who electronically signed the petition.

b. City attorney Mulligan agrees with electronic signatures but stated resident Novak needs to document the verification process.

c. Resident Novak indicated that she was instructed to do it this way by the former PWP Director.

d. After a brief discussion between the City Attorney Mulligan, PWP Director Girdler and Commission chair Moran, it was agreed resident

Novak will bring the e-signature process verification to the City Attorney Mulligan and PWP Director Girdler before the next meeting.  
(5) Request for restricted parking 7000, 7100, South side Forsyth Blvd. tabled to March Commission meeting.

C. Speed bumps / Humps.

(1) Requested by Carrie McGuire & Devan Mason

(2) PWP Director Girdler stated that it is not city policy to erect any type of speed bumps on city streets. The public works office will contact residents McGuire and Mason to discuss this request and possibly just other traffic calming suggestions.

(3) No further action will be taken by the Commission at this time.

6. Council Liaison Report, Council Liaison Not present, No report.

7. Miscellaneous Business

A. Commission Chair Moran introduced and welcomed PWP Director Darin Girdler and PWP Assistant Director Mirela Celaj.

8. Adjournment.

No further business appearing, Commissioner Tiers made a motion to Adjourn, Motion 2nd by Commissioner Schaefer, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Fuller, Commissioner