



Traffic Commission Meeting
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MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION May 10, 2023

1. **Call to Order** at 6:30PM by Commissioner Jane Schaefer.

2. **Attendance-Roll Call:**

Bart Stewart	Commissioner and Chair-Excused
Dennis Fuller	Council Liaison-Present
Craig Hughes	Commissioner-Present
Cirri Moran	Commissioner-Excused
Jane Schaefer	Commissioner and Vice Chair- Present
Jerrold Tiers	Commissioner-Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner- Present
Darin Girdler	PWP Director-Present
Mirela Celaj	Asst. PWP Director-Present
Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney-Present

3. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion By Commissioner Craig Hughes to approve the agenda and motion 2nd by Commissioner Jane Schaefer. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the commission.

4. **Approval of minutes of 2/8/2023, 3/8/2023 and 3/14/2023.** There was an error on the petitioner's first name that needed to be corrected. Should be Chana, not China. With this correction made, the minutes were approved. 2-8-2023- motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Tiers and motion 2nd by Mr. Zelenovich, 3-8-2023, motion to approve the minutes by Hughes and motion 2nd by Mr. Tiers, 3-14-2023, motion to approve the minutes by Ms. Schaefer, motion 2nd by Mr. Tiers.

5. **Agenda Items:**

❖ Ms. Peggy Holly, Chair of Plan Commission, updated the Traffic Commission on the Comprehensive Plan update with the aid of a power point presentation-attached. Ms. Holly explained that the comprehensive plan started in 2005 and the City staff is working extensively for one and half year in order to finalize this strategic plan in 2024. Information on the Comprehensive Plan development is in WeMakeUCity.com. Goals include reserving great places and stable affordable housing – stability includes housing that does not flood, creating new spaces for parks and recreation facilities on the flood prone areas, limit the development on this area providing elevations of the buildings and adding stormwater retention features. The important key in the process is improving collaboration through responsive governance and strategic partnerships to receive community's feedback and vision. Approximately 500 individuals have participated so far in the first round of public engagement, which is underway now (workshops, online, paper surveys, pop-up events). The city is going back to community on late July 2023, providing more specifics and gather residents' feedback. The plan is to present the draft comprehensive plan in front of Planning and Zoning Commission in August and the final plan to City Council in October. The plan will build on the visioning work done in the Community



Vision 2040 Roadmap. Traffic Commission can provide recommendations analyzing the streets, considering traffic safety issues, installing sidewalks on the areas that do not have one, installing bike path, traffic calming, crosswalks, providing public transportation and parking areas along with this new development. The commission discussed the buy out properties, demographic population and how these would affect the traffic. The City will collaborate with MoDOT and St. Louis County to plan together toward Comprehensive plan. Planning and zoning Commission will meet with different commissions to obtain their input to Comprehensive Plan development. Traffic Commission suggests having a special session on July and address traffic issues relating to the future planning.

- ❖ **The Preserve at Canton.** Mr. Girdler provided info for this new proposed development of eleven acres. The proposed Development includes around one hundred town homes-units, with 2 and 3 bedrooms. Since is not generating one hundred new trips at pick hour, a traffic study is not needed. The intention is that the street to be installed per City pavement specs. and be maintained by the City. The conceptual plans show detention area to mitigate the stormwater.

6. Council Liaison Report:

- Mr. Fuller stated that the Ward 2 Council members have appointments to fill in traffic commission.
- On March 8 Council Meeting there was a presentation by MSD related to the Clear water project. MSD provided a map of proposed projects on the City. The traffic commissioner will be provided with this information. On May 11, 2023, University City will go under new 911 system police Dept.
- On June 1st, there will be a new announcement on the new retail facility at Market at Olive.
- On the previous meeting, Commission approved the request to restrict parking on South side of Forsyth, 7000 and 7100 Blocks. Based on City's code and a site visit, there are no single family residential, there are multifamily buildings on the south side of Forsyth. Based on the last Council meeting, council member Hale, he entered that the bill that was introduced, allows 7000 and 7100 Blocks to participate on the residential parking permit program. The commission will need to revisit the situation again, review the program and recommend if the bill needs to be amended, revising the program.

7. Miscellaneous Business:

- Mr. Hughes stated that on March 8, 2023, the commission approved the request to allow the school district to close the eastbound lane of Balson Ave. from Hanley Rd. to Jackson Ave. There is an issue with this request. Darin Girdler explained that the County didn't allow to close the Balson with left turning on Hanley. Otherwise, they would need to block off the turn lane at southbound each half hour period, being a county road and causing traffic issues. Mr. Mulligan stated there is a code provision from 2:15pm-3:00pm on school days at Jackson Ave. 36 feet south of Shaftesbury Ave.

- 8. **Adjournment.** No further business appearing. Commissioner Hughes made a motion to adjourn, motion was 2nd by Commissioner Tiers.

Minutes Preparation. The minutes were prepared by Mirela Celaj.