

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

Date: 3/12/24

1. Call to Order At 6:30 P.M. by Commissioner and Acting Chair Jane Schaefer

2. Roll Call

Jane Schaefer      Commissioner & Chair - Present

Cirri Moran        Commissioner - Present

Jerold Tiers        Commissioner – Present

Larry Zelenovich    Commissioner – Excused

Darin Girdler        PWP Director – Present

Mirela Celaj        PWP Asst. Dir.- Present

Dennis Fuller        Council liaison - Present

Shawn Whitley      Police Liaison – Present at 7:10 P.M.

John Mulligan      City Attorney – Present

Recent Appointee, Kevin Taylor was Present (Note: As Mr. Taylor had not been sworn into office by the City Clerk, he was present for observation only)

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Moran to approve the agenda and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Tiers. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

4. Election of Officers: Commission Chair Schaefer opened the floor for nominations for election of Commission chair. Commissioner Cirri Moran volunteered to be nominated. No further nominations were presented, acting chair Schaefer called for a vote, commissioner Moran was elected by unanimous voice vote.

5. Approval of Minutes of: 12/12/2

Motion by Commissioner Tiers to approve the minutes of 12/12/23 and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Moran. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

6. Agenda items:

A. Request installing speed reduction measures at 7500 Block of Ahern Avenue. Requested by Leroy and Ernestine Bolton, 7353 Ahern. Mr. Bolton was present at the meeting and presented a sign petition of more than 75% of the block of 7500 Ahern requesting speed bumps / humps as means of slowing traffic. Public Works Dir. Gridler advised that it is not the policy of the city to install speed bumps. However, Lieutenant Whitley indicated that an initial traffic study would be done with a speed trailer as soon as one of the trailers is available

and the speed trailer to be installed as a means of studying and addressing speeding on Ahern which is a 25 MPH limit.

B. Resident Moore, 7526 Wayne Ave. Was present and had presented at the December 12th meeting for the 7500 block of Wayne St. to be a one-way heading West to address speeding by residents cutting through Wayne Ave. Resident Moore indicated that since we had not had a meeting since her presentation in December, she was present requesting how Wayne Ave. had been addressed. She was advised by Lt. Whitley that a speed trailer had been placed for 84 days, the speed limit on Wayne was 25 mph. An avg. of 21 cars / day traveled Wayne with the average speed measured at 14.52 mph with only one maximum speed of 48 mph. Lieutenant Whitley and Mr. Girdler agreed to discuss the situation and consider other traffic calming ideas. with resident Moore and the residents of 7500 Wayne Ave.

B. Request for installing a four-way stop at Raymond Ave and Pennsylvania intersection. Requested by Lowell Martin Jr., 6915 Raymond Avenue. Public works director Girdler stated he has investigated this and that Pennsylvania is considered a County Road and will contact and discuss with county and will report findings to the traffic Commission and resident Martin.

C. Residential parking options, 7000, 7100 Southside of Forsyth. Requested by Chana R. Novak 7018 Forsyth Blvd. (Note previous discussions by resident Novak and Traffic Commission during 2023).

1. Resident Novak presented 3 possible solutions for parking restrictions on the South side of Forsyth: 1 Consider parking permits for residents on the South side. 2 restrict parking on Saturdays for the Jewish community and Sundays for the Christian community, 3 limit parking for two hours during weekdays.

2. PWD Gridler suggested 2-hour parking limitation on a 90-day trial basis with parking to be restricted between the hours 9-5 Monday through Friday.

**MOTION** Commissioner Moran made a motion to limit parking for two hours daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for all non-residents for a period of 90 days, with the program to be reviewed at the end of the 90-day trial by the traffic Commission and Public Works Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tiers and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

D. Request installing speed reduction measures at Lafon Place and N. Brentwood Blvd. intersection. & E. Delmar Crosswalks-Need for improvements.

Both items D&E were addressed PWD Gridler. Public works is looking into speed reduction measures at the Lafon and N Brentwood intersection. He is in discussions with the county to specifically put in a crosswalk on Delmar with producer Brian operated control button and flashing light. No further action on these items was taken at this time.

F. Traffic Calming-Discussions: PWD Gridler discussed the difference between speed bumps and speed humps, size difference, cost to install and their use as traffic calming measures. As it is not the policy to utilize either at the present time, traffic Commission might consider bringing forth to the manager and City Council possible use in the future.

6. Council Liaison Report: Council Member Fuller noted that the comprehensive plan for the city was approved during council meeting in February 2024. The Commission was reminded that

municipal elections will be April 2, 2024, and that proposition you was a school non tax bond issue for school improvements that would be on the ballot.

7. Miscellaneous Business

A. PWD Gridler announced that street painting and striping will begin with Forsyth and continue with Balsam as soon as the weather clears.

B. Resident Patrick Fox, 1309 Purdue, requested the Commission have police make traffic rules go through the Traffic Commission. Mr. Fox also requested the need to have a public comment section as part of the Traffic Commission agenda.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing, Commissioner Tiers made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Moran Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Fuller, Acting Secretary and Council Liaison