

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

Date: 2/11/2025

1. Call to Order at 6:31 p.m. by Commissioner and Chair, Cirri Moran
2. Roll Call:

Cirri Moran	Commissioner & Chair – Present
Jerrold Tiers	Commissioner – Present
Kevin Taylor	Commissioner – Present
Sarah Hanly	Commissioner – Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner – Excused
Mirela Celaj	Acting Public Works Director – Present
Bwayne Smotherson	Council Liaison – Present
Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney – Present
3. Agenda Approved with no objections
4. Election of Officers: Commissioner and Current Chair Moran opened floor for nominations for Commission Chair stating she no longer wishes to act as Chair. A discussion ensued as to whether to postpone the election due to lack of experienced members present. A motion was presented Commissioner Tiers to postpone the election to the next meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hanly. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Approval of Minutes of: 12/10/2024  
Motion by Commissioner Hanly to approve the minutes of 12/10/24 and motion seconded by Commissioner Tiers. Motion approved by unanimously.
6. No Citizen comments.
7. Agenda Items:

7500 Wayne Ave: PW Director gave a summary of initial request made at 12/12/23 Traffic Commission, along with the subsequent revisitings of the issue at the 3/12/24 and 4/9/24 Traffic Commission meetings. A discussion among Commissioners and Staff ensued as to what the speed trailer statistics actually prove. Ultimately the Commission concluded that not enough evidence has been put forward to show that any action is necessary.

Motion by Commissioner Tiers to not go forward with any recommendation until such time more evidence arises that an issue actually exists. Motion seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Hanly reminded the Commission that U. City has adopted a Complete Streets Plan and that traffic calming methods always be taken into account whenever these issues arise.

8. Agenda Item: Forsyth Ave.

Revisiting the 90 day trial for signage along the 7000-7100 blocks of Forsyth for a 2-hour parking limitation with parking restricted to the hours of 9-5 Monday through Friday. The signs that actually went up state "Resident Parking Only, 8am to 5 pm, Mon-Fri". When questioned on the efficacy of the signage, the original petitioner Chana Novak representing 7018 Forsyth, stated the signage has been a deterrent, although a handful of cars have figured out they can game the system. A suggestion was made that periodic random ticketing can add to the deterrence.

Ms. Novak stated that due to the multitude of residential parking restrictions surrounding the Danforth campus, more and more pressure has been put on the available parking along Forsyth.

A protracted discussion then ensued regarding the residential parking system as it could pertain to multifamily and student apartments. Points were made concerning the challenges of keeping up with the constant turnover of students in order to issue residential parking permits/hangtags.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hanly for the Commission to recommend to Council that a Residential Parking Ordinance be adopted along the south side of the 700-7100 blocks of Forsyth, taking into consideration the challenges of multifamily use. Seconded by Jerrold Tiers. Motion approved. Commissioner Hanly abstained.

9. Council Liaison Report: Council Smotherson reported that Ward 1 has a new Councilperson, Lisa Brenner, replacing Jeff Hales.

St. Louis County is replacing the sidewalks along the west side of North and South. U. City has approved the installation of a crosswalk from Millar Park to the west side of N & S.

The Council approved an extension of the conditional use permit for renovating the Church of Scientology on Delmar. Construction should commence December 2025.

Trash fee increase will come before Council on 2/24/25.

10. Misc. Business:

Commissioner Hanly wanted all Commissioners to be aware of a Public Meeting to be held on Feb. 26, 2025 at Centennial Commons. This is sponsored by St. Louis County and Great Rivers Greenway to give citizens a chance to comment on improvements to Vernon from Midland to Westgate. These will include a road diet and multi-use paths.

Commissioner Tiers gave an update to the hard rubber, bolted down speedbumps installed last year at the High School. They were decimated by the snowplows and have now been taken out.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Tiers, seconded by Commissioner Hanly. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cirri Moran  
Commissioner & Acting Secretary