

Safety, Traffic, & Parking

04/24/12 Meeting MINUTES

Present: R. Kramer, J. Brey, R. Wolfe, C. Mertens-Paulson

Absent: L. Denamur, D. Weber, A. Habeck

City Staff: Deputy Chief B. Brennan, Deputy City Engineer G. Minikel, City Engineer V. Mellon

1. Called to Order at 4:04pm by STP Chairman R. Wolfe.
2. J. Brey made a motion to approve the previous STP Minutes dated 01/31/12.
Seconded by R. Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Items referred from Public Property & Safety:

139 Petition – Residents on S. 36th St. – No U-turn

The petition was from residents requesting no U-turn on S. 36th from W. Marshall St. to Calumet Ave. Discussion was had regarding the request. Representatives from McDonald's were there and did not see any problems with the current traffic flow. STP board, city engineers and police department did not see any problems when they monitored traffic patterns. J. Brey made a motion to take no action on this petition and to place it on file with Public, Property and Safety committee. Seconded by R. Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.

145 A. Behnke, Hair With Flair – Parking regulations hurting business

This request was made by A. Behnke to discuss possible solutions to avoid parking tickets for her patrons while they receive services. A discussion was had about this type of parking in the downtown area and Deputy Chief Brennan stated that this type of parking restriction is hard to enforce and satisfy all business owners as customers have different lengths of time they conduct their patronage with each business in the downtown district. J. Brey explain to A. Behnke that a parking study of the downtown area will be taking place in the near future and all business owner's input on this situation is vital. However at this time nothing further can be changed to accommodate this business as it would cause problems for other businesses in the area. Other suggestions were given to the business owner to help her retain her clients. J. Brey made a motion to take no action on this petition and to place it on file with Public, Property and Safety committee. Seconded by C. Mertens-Paulson. Motion carried unanimously.

165 P. Nass, First German Lutheran – Parking restrictions.

This request was to change existing "No Parking Here to Corner" at the entrance of the driveway to "No Parking During School Hours." L. Nickels explained that since the construction of the roadway this sign has been removed and never placed back and would like to see it return to the original signage. J. Brey made a motion to look into creating/updating the ordinance to fit the needs to reflect the change in signage "No Parking During School Hours, Mon thru Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM" per state statute. Seconded by R. Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.

192 B. Kutchera – signage on Knuell St.

This request was made by B. Kutchera for signage at the beginning of Knuell St. at Menasha Ave. indicating "No Outlet" or "No Thru Street". B. Kutchera explained that traffic on Knuell St. is a dangerous situation for the children in the neighborhood as there is no speed limits listed and there is construction in the area. Unnecessary vehicles are going through the area at high speeds. Deputy City Engineer Greg Minikel indicated that the signage for the area is correct as the signage that is being requested would be incorrect as there are through streets in the area and there are outlets. After

discussion of the area and signage it was determined that the speed trailer through the Mtwc. Police Dept. would be set up and a count of vehicles/speeds in the area could be obtained. J. Brey recommended to take no action on this petition at this time and to place it on file with Public, Property and Safety committee pending the outcome of the speed trailer data.

4. Old Business:

768 D. Burton & P. Burton – eliminate parking on south side of Shady Lane.

Revisiting to confirm whether Shady Lane's new employee parking policy resolved this parking issue and according to D. Burton it has resolved it for the most part for first shift, however there are still some issues with second and third shift employees. It was determined that Deputy Chief Brennan would contact Todd Meerdink of Shady Lane to repost a notice to Shady Lane employees reminding them of the parking restrictions.

5. J. Brey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by R. Kramer. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.