



MINUTES
TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE
March 25, 2013, 1:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Traffic Review Committee of the City of Beloit, WI was held on March 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room. M. Flesch called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

1. Roll Call.

Members present: (Voting) D. Walsh, M. Flesch, D. Risse, D. Stauffacher (1:38).

Members absent: (Voting) R. Cole, J. Dowd, C. Fryar.

Non-voting members present: D. Luebke.

Staff: C. Gill, J. Dupuis.

Public: S. El-Amin, A. Janke, J. Marotz.

2. Approval of the minutes from the February 25, 2013 Traffic Review Committee meeting.

Minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by D. Risse, second by D. Walsh. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation.

None.

4. Ordinance to remove the 1-hour parking time limit on both sides of Pleasant Street from East Grand Avenue to Public Avenue.

J. Dupuis gave the staff report. Downtown businesses were contacted through the DBA. M. Flesch said signage may need to change when people move into the new building on Grand. Staff recommendation is to remove the 1-hour parking restriction on both sides of Pleasant Street

from East Grand Avenue to Public Avenue. A motion was made by D. Walsh, second by M. Flesch, to approve staff recommendation. Motion passed with D. Risse opposing.

5. Ordinance to change several 1-Hour parking stalls to an undesignated time limit along Grand Avenue.

J. Dupuis gave the staff report. A. Janke said the expansion by First National Bank will bring additional people. Staff recommendation is to remove the 1-hour parking restrictions for the stalls as designated on the attached map along West Grand Avenue and the Grand Avenue Bridge. A motion was made by D. Stauffacher, second by D. Walsh, to approve staff recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinance to change the direction of one-way travel on Locust Street from Westbound to Eastbound.

J. Dupuis gave the staff report. Traffic will be entering through Eighth Street and exit onto Locust Street. There will also be a designated area for group daycare vehicles to pick up and drop off on Locust Street. There will be no parking on the South side of Locust Street or the east side of Eighth Street. Staff recommendation is to change the direction of one-way travel along Locust Street from Westbound to Eastbound and to make the necessary changes to the on-street parking along the south side of Locust Street, east side of 8th Street and north side of West Grand Avenue. D. Walsh made a motion, second by D. Stauffacher, to approve staff recommendation. Motion passed.

7. Committee Member Participation

D. Walsh asked if the traffic signals in the downtown area could be longer green. J. Dupuis said most signals downtown are not linked by timing. It is difficult to determine which highway is the major road. Highways take precedence over arterials and collector roads. He is slightly tweaking the downtown signals quite a bit. He said everyone has a preference on the timing. D. Walsh asked when the speed board would start up again. D. Risse said in April if there is no snow.

D. Risse said the parking changes are causing frustration. Businesses get misinformation unintentionally from the front desk and officers on the street. Pockets of parking are difficult to enforce and be consistent. J. Dupuis said they have eliminated the 2-hour, and also the 15-minute designations, so now there are 1, 2, and 4, along with undesignated. The Fat Wallet situation is unique because of the bridge. J. Dupuis said he is trying to make parking more uniform, blocks at a time.

J. Dupuis said due to additional school changes, the committee will be meeting more frequently.

D. Luebke said Shopiere turning onto Cranston does not allow turns during a certain time period. Further down, going the other way onto Prairie by the cleaners he feels the right hand lane should be right turn only. J. Dupuis said he has studied it a number of times and it does not meet the warrants. There is a peak time between 2:30 and 4 p.m. with mostly school traffic, so it functions most of the time. M. Flesch said there is right-of-way for adding a turn lane, but it does not meet the criteria yet. M. Flesch said traffic patterns will change once the Inman Parkway extension is finished.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2013.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room.

12. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Walsh, second by D. Risse, at 2:05.

Minutes by Colleen Gill.