



MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC, BICYCLE, & PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

**MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018, 5:30 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207**

A. ROLL CALL.

I. *Members:* Chairperson Matt Kuepers, Vice Chairperson Daniel Theno, Ald. Craig Stevens, Lieutenant Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Brighid Riordan, and Ray Smith

Present and voting: Craig Stevens, Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Ray Smith, Daniel Theno

Present and not voting: Matt Kuepers

Excused: Brighid Riordan

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

I. Approval of the Monday, August 27, 2018 Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Daniel Theno, seconded by Commissioner Charles Karow to approve the agenda for the Monday, August 27, 2018 Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting. Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the June 18, 2018 Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Daniel Theno, seconded by Commissioner Ray Smith to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2018 Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting. Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. *General Business*: Report by the Police Department of the 2018 2nd quarter serious injury and fatality crashes. **(All Alders)**

Moved by Commissioner Charles Karow, seconded by Lieutenant Brad Strouf to receive and place on file the report by the Police Department of the 2018 2nd quarter serious injury and fatality crashes. Motion carried.

Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

2. *Initial Request*: Request by the Traffic Engineer to remove the NO PARKING EXCEPT SUNDAY zone on the west side of Webster Avenue from Day Street to Harvey Street. **(Ald. Scannell - District 7)**

Moved by Commissioner Daniel Theno, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens that, on a 90-day trial, to:

A. Remove the NO PARKING zone on the west side of Webster Avenue from Irwin Avenue to Day Street.

B. Remove the NO PARKING EXCEPT SUNDAY zone on the west side of Webster Avenue from Day Street to Harvey Street.

C. Remove the NO PARKING zone on the west side of Webster Avenue from Harvey Street to Pine Street.

D. Establish a NO PARKING zone on the west side of Webster Avenue from Pine Street to Irwin Avenue.

Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

3. *Initial Request:* Request by DPW and GBPD to remove the metered zone on Cherry Street from Washington Street to CityDeck. **(Ald. Scannell - District 7)**

Moved by Commissioner Daniel Theno, seconded by Commissioner Charles Karow to approve, on a 90-day trial, the removal of the metered zone on Cherry Street from Washington Street to its western terminus. Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

4. *Initial Request:* Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Brunette for a traffic study of the intersection of Mirage Drive and Ferndale Drive, including potentially installing YIELD or STOP signs. **(Ald. Brunette - District 12)**

Moved by Commissioner Charles Karow, seconded by Commissioner Ray Smith to receive and place on file the request for a traffic study of the intersection of Mirage Drive and Ferndale Drive, including potentially installing YIELD or STOP signs. Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

5. *90-Day Trial Terminations:* Remove the NO PARKING zone on both sides of East Shore Drive from a point 385 feet east of East Shore Circle to Nicolet Drive.

Moved by Commissioner Daniel Theno, seconded by Commissioner Charles Karow to remove the NO PARKING zone on both sides of East Shore Drive from a point 385 feet east of East Shore Circle to Nicolet Drive. Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

6. *90-Day Trial Terminations:* Establish a NO PARKING zone on the north side of East Shore Drive from a point 385 feet east of East Shore Circle to Nicolet Drive.

Moved by Commissioner Daniel Theno, seconded by Commissioner Charles Karow to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO PARKING zone on the north side of East Shore Drive from a point 385 feet east of East Shore Circle to Nicolet Drive. Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

7. *90-Day Trial Terminations:* Establish a NO PARKING zone on the south side of East Shore Drive from a point 1550 feet east of Irwin Avenue to Nicolet Drive.

Moved by Commissioner Daniel Theno, seconded by Commissioner Charles Karow to establish and adopt by ordinance a NO PARKING zone on the south side of East Shore Drive from a point 1550 feet east of Irwin Avenue to Nicolet Drive. Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

F. INFORMATIONAL.

I. Next meeting: Monday September 17, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 207.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

I. Adjournment of the current Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Charles Karow, seconded by Commissioner Ray Smith to adjourn the current Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting. Meeting ended at 5:49 PM. Motion carried. Vote: Yes- Brad Strouf, Charles Karow, Craig Stevens, Daniel Theno, Ray Smith, No- None, Abstain- None

VERBATIM MINUTES

- [Matt] Call to order the meeting for the Green Bay Traffic Bicycle Pedestrian Commission meeting for Monday, August 27th, 2018. A. Roll Call. We'll skip over that, that's gonna...

- [Dave] It'd probably be a good idea just for the verbatim minutes and the referrals.

- [Matt] Okay. Roll call. Members present: Chairman Matt Kuepers. Should I identify everybody or do I...

- [Dave] You can do it however you'd like. If you want to name them or if individually you wanna do it.

- [Matt] I don't want to screw up Dan's name, so go ahead Dan.

- [Daniel] Dan Theno, here.

- [Craig] Alder Craig Stevens, here.

- [Charles] Chuck Karow, here.

- [Ray] Ray Smith, here.

- [Brad] Brad Strouf, here.

- [Matt] Okay, Item B approved...

- [Craig] I have one question. Aren't we supposed to have a little recording?

- [Dave] It is recording.

- [Craig] Oh, they always had one up here too. So they could go back through the minutes.

- [Dave] We used to do it that way but now that we've gone to the video system I don't see the need to have that. That was mainly for doing minutes the old way. So, the new way we have video and audio.

- [Craig] Okay, just checking.

- [Dave] I had, the first couple meetings, used it as a backup just in case something got screwed up but things seem to be working so I just, I trust the system now I guess.

- [Craig] Okay.

- [Daniel] Good question.

- [Matt] Item B. Approval of the agenda. Approval of the Monday, August 27th, 2018 Traffic Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Meeting Agenda.

- [Daniel] So moved.

- [Craig and Charles] Second.

- [Matt] Motion made and seconded. All in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- [Matt] Motion carries. Approval of the minutes...

- [Dave] Can you give us one second here?

- [Matt] Okay.

- [Dave] Okay, we are ready.

- [Matt] C. Approval of the minutes. Approval of the June 18th, 2018 Traffic Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Meeting.

- [Daniel] So moved.

- [Matt] Motion been made.

- [Ray] Second.

- [Matt] Seconded. All in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- [Matt] Motion carries. D. Regular business. General Business Report from the Police Department for 2018 Second Quarter Serious Injury and Fatality Crashes.

- [Brad] I distributed some hard copies, if you will, it was just the one for the second quarter. I'll go through it real quickly. Everybody have a copy up there? I think I made enough.

- [Matt] Yup.

- [Brad] The Green Bay Police Department Report Number's 18-204678. The crash occurred at the intersection of Main street at Grove Avenue, which is near East side, downtown. Monday, April 30th at 4:58 pm, a motorcycle occupied by a sole occupant, which of course was the driver, was west bound on Main Street approaching Grove Avenue. If you're familiar with that area, there is a gradual curve in the roadway there, it is not straight. He left the roadway, struck the north curb causing the motorcycle to become airborne and ejecting the driver. He was not wearing a helmet. He struck the roadway and suffered severe head trauma. The driver was a 47 year old male from Green Bay. He passed away on May 6th as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash. The motorcycle actually ended up landing on top of him, his upper body as well so. He was unconscious at the scene, never regained consciousness. No drugs or alcohol were suspected. There was a little bit of erratic driving described by witnesses prior to the crash so we don't know if it was a medical thing. But in any event, he was the sole passenger and the sole occupant on the bike. In which typically is not going to be a reconstruction for that type of crash. So we didn't have to recon it. We did a full report of course, police report. But that's all I have on that, unless there's any questions?

- [Matt] Any questions?

- [Dave] I just have one. You said west bound on Main Street and he hit the north curb so he sounded like he was somewhat over correcting for that? 'Cause that's a right curve there.

- [Brad] It curves to the left and he hit it to the right.

- [Dave] Oh, okay.

- [Brad] The front wheel of the motorcycle struck the curb and then ejected him and the bike and he wasn't necessarily traveling at a real high speed but we at least mention that it seemed out of the ordinary. So it's just an unfortunate set of circumstances.

- [Dave] Right. Okay.

- [Matt] Okay. Item one do I hear a...

- [Craig] Motion to re-save and place on file.

- [Matt] Okay, motion made...

- Second.

- [Matt] Second, all in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- [Matt] Motion carries. Two, Initial Request. Request by the Traffic Engineer to remove the "No Parking Except Sunday Zone" on the west side of Webster Avenue from Day Street to Harvey Street.

- [Dave] Okay, item D2. I'll direct your attention to the screens. I apologize for the letterbox effect but I think that this is that new laptop that's doing that. See if we can fill up the screen the last time, but, anyway. As many of you know the North Webster Avenue corridor is being reconstructed in 2019. Our utility contract will start in October of this year. As part of the project work that is done by our consultant who's identified that there is a parking zone in the travel lane that is on Webster. So it'd be the west side of Webster next to Blessed Sacrament Church. Now, the interesting thing is, is that it's my belief, because I've looked at some aerial images, so sometime between 2010-2014, the church had purchased property to the west. There used to be a home at this location. They purchased this property and built a parking lot. So, obviously prior to that they must of had some parking concerns and parking issues which is why they had most likely requested a parking zone on Webster Avenue. Now, Webster Avenue, as you know, is a primary arterial street in our city. It is also identified as an emergency route from the interstate to the hospital corridor Bellin and St. Vincent. Not exactly a place that you want to have parking anyway. I can't think of any arterials that we have that have this type of condition unless they are on the fringe ends of them and they get into like say a lot more residential area. Part of this corridor is very high in trucks and traffic volume so it didn't seem to be a real logical spot to have a parking zone. That said, with the addition of all the parking that they have, and that Day Street, which is the street to the North, has unrestricted available parking available for the parish. I make a recommendation to remove that parking zone and basically have it restricted in that area.

- [Daniel] Mr. Chairman, so moved.

- [Matt] Motion been made, do I hear a second?

- [Charles And Ray] Second.

- [Matt] All in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- [Matt] Motion carries. Three, Initial Request by DPW and GDPD to remove the metered zone on Cherry Street from Washington Street to City Deck.

- [Dave] Okay, I'm gonna bring this up also on Google Earth. Location is far west end of Cherry Street right before Fox River and CityDeck. Some may be familiar with this. For accessing the Deck, it's one of two prime spots for a... actually one of three, of accessing CityDeck. A number of years ago, I believe it was early 2000s, this roadway was actually wider. Nicolet National Bank, at the time, had requested that the city vacate part of the city right-of-way in order to accommodate the foot print of the building. That happened, which effectively narrowed that street to a, I believe it's 20 or 24 feet, it's very narrow. So, both sides of the street are actually "No Stopping or Standing". And their "No Stopping or Standing" for that primary reason that the roadway is just too narrow to allow parking and two-way traffic. That said, fast forward to mid-2000s, there was a request, at the time, by the River Loft Apartments, to have some sort of a loading area, on Cherry Street. At that time, staff opposed the request. It was, I don't recall if Traffic Commission or City Council was the one that had the final decision on it but the loading zone was actually put in. It was more, I think it was actually a two hour zone, sorry, but its effectiveness was for River Loft Apartments. Fast forward to, I believe it was November of '17 where... And this was the culmination of many, many years of just a lot of confusion with this zone. If you look at the way it was signed, I believe even before the meter was in there, let me show you what the sign said, Signs I should say... So you have "No Stopping or Standing" and then you have "Except of For 1 Hour 7-3 Monday through Friday" with a left arrow. So, basically meaning from this post forward to that alley that you had a one hour zone, within this time frame. Outside of this time frame it became "No Stopping or Standing". So, somewhat confusing. We always receive challenges from people that have received citations in that area. I have changed the signage three or four times just to try and make it clearer. This is the best that we could do. Then again fast forward to November '17, and a request was made to have that be a metered stall. Hopefully that was going to maybe make some clarity out of it. It actually I think made it worse because the fact that meters, in general, around the city, when they are not or I should say outside of the time that you need to feed them money basically become a free parking zone. So I think a lot of people were interpreting the meter as someplace that you could park outside of those times when there's a charge for the spot. However, this spot right here says "No Stopping or Standing" outside of whatever the effectiveness of that zone is. So it became the actually even more confusing. So actually the police department had approached me on this and asking say look let's just get rid of this altogether. It's one spot. . .

- [Daniel] We are just talking about one meter?

- [Dave] We are talking about one meter, we're talking about one meter. And just in case there is any questions about, what about River Loft Apartments and this delivery area, since then there has been multiple loading zones in the nearby downtown that've been added since this so, that really addressed any of my questions about that but again I never really supported it from day one. Just because the roadway is so narrow and it's just been a problem to enforce and again, yes, it's one spot so... It's certainly DPW... DPW's position, as well as Green Bay Police Department by the request and speaking with Randy Scannell, he is the Alderman of the area, and he is also willing to try this on a 90 day trial. So we recommend removal of the metered zone and in essence the "No Stopping or Standing" becomes effective on the entire street.

- [Daniel] So moved Mr. President and Mr. Chairmen.

- [Charles] I second that.

- [Matt] Motion been made and second. All in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- [Matt] Motion carries. Initial request, consideration with possible action on the request by Alderman Brunette for a traffic study of the intersection of Mirage Drive and Ferndale Drive. Concluding potentially installing a yield or stop sign.

- [Dave] This actually came through as a request via counsel and then Aldermen Jesse Brunette had contacted me afterward asking if I could speak with the requester to give my opinion. I did follow up and talk to the gentlemen. He ended up, what it was was he was a worker, and retired relatively recently and had always traveled that intersection for the most part very early in the morning and really didn't see any issues. Well, he retired and all of a sudden his whole time pattern changed and he was going through the intersection at different times and didn't realize that the dynamics of the intersection changed over the course of the day. So, he was more or less saying well, it kinda seems like there should be a yield or stop there. So, that was really pretty much the extent of it. When I talked to him, I explained to him that we have no crash history at all at the intersection. And that we have a lot of intersections that are "T" intersections or even multi approach or four leg intersections that are uncontrolled. It is okay to have an uncontrolled intersection. That, control happens because either A. There's so much traffic volume coming to the intersection or B. There's some sort of a safety or crash history that we are trying to correct. We don't have any of those at this location, so. Upon giving that explanation to this gentlemen he seemed satisfied with the answer and leaving it alone. So my recommendation, and just so you know, I did speak with Alderman Brunette on this and he agreed. So it was his opinion and my opinion to move forward with the recommendation received and placed on file.

- [Charles] Recommend motion to receive and place on file.

- [Ray] Second.

- [Matt] Motion been made and seconded. All in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- [Matt] Motion carried. Number five, 90 day Trial Terminations, Numbers five through seven.

- [Dave] Yeah, we can take from...

- [Matt] Or five through six I should say.

- [Dave] Five, six and actually seven is lumped in as well. Yeah, that memorandum, that's because it is down by Bay Beach. It's, basically we had to remove a larger zone to find a more specific zone and reestablish the rest. That's all that is. This is that request that came forward from Kathy Lefebvre -- Alder Kathy Lefebvre, that there were people parking too close to the Wildlife Sanctuary entrance. That's what this is. As a matter of fact, this afternoon I ran into Kathy, asked her about this item, said - Everything is fine with it. We're not hearing any issues or complaints or anything like that from the motoring public and we inspected the signage installation and it looks good. She said it's been working successfully so. Items five, six and seven... I see no reason not to recommend moving forward with subsequent removals and establishment of those items and moving them to ordinance.

- [Charles] So moved en masse.

- [Matt] Motion made to approve five, six and seven. Do I hear a second?

- [Charles And Craig] Second.

- [Matt] Second. All in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- [Matt] Motion approved. Next meeting... didn't have a meeting last month either. So next meeting, Monday, September 17th, good for you Dave and you. Anybody got any hiccups for that date?

- [Matt] 17th good for you Dave?

- [Dave] Yeah, that works for me.

- [Matt] Okay, all right, I'll make the motion. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

- [Charles] Motion to adjourn.

- [Matt] Motion made. Second?

- [Daniel] Second.

- [Matt] Nobody else...

- [Ray] Second.

- [Matt] The second. I was gonna say nobody wants to adjourn? Motion's been made, all in favor?

- [Group] Aye.

- [Matt] We're adjourned. 19 minutes.