MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC, BICYCLE, & PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022, 5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting. Attendees and public may join via zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

1. This item contains Zoom information, instructions, and a link to the Virtual Comment Form.

B. ROLL CALL.

1. *Members*: Vice Chairperson Daniel Theno, Alder Craig Stevens, Lieutenant Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle, and one vacancy.

Present and Voting: Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Kasha Huntowski, Melissa Flucke, and Patrick Sorelle
Present and Not Voting: Dan Theno
Excused: None

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

1. Approval of the Monday, February 21, 2022 Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting agenda.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Kasha Huntowski to approve the agenda of the Monday, February 21, 2022 Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the Monday, January 17, 2022 Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting minutes.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Kasha Huntowski to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 17, 2022 Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. *General Business*: Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Moved by Craig Stevens, seconded by Kasha Huntowski to nominate Dan Theno as Chair.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

Moved by Dan Theno, seconded by Craig Stevens to nominate Kasha Huntowski as Vice Chair.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

2. *General Business*: Consideration with possible action on the request by Commissioner Dan Theno to draft a letter of support from the commission to fill the vacancy left by former Commissioner Matt Kuepers with a licensed traffic or transportation engineer.

Moved by Craig Stevens, seconded by Kasha Huntowski to refer to staff to draft a letter of support to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Brown County Public Works from the Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission to fill the vacancy left by former Commissioner Matt Kuepers with a licensed traffic or transportation engineer.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

3. *Held from Last Meeting:* Report by the Green Bay Police Department on the monthly (January) Traffic Enforcement Unit Traffic Safety Plan. (All Alders)

Moved by Melissa Flucke, seconded by Kasha Huntowski to receive and place on file the monthly (January) Traffic Enforcement Unit Traffic Safety Plan.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

4. *General Business:* Report by the Green Bay Police Department on the monthly (February) Traffic Enforcement Unit Traffic Safety Plan. (All Alders)

Moved by Melissa Flucke, seconded by Kasha Huntowski to receive and place on file the monthly (February) Traffic Enforcement Unit Traffic Safety Plan.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

5. *Initial Request:* Consideration with possible action on changing the remaining 2-hour parking areas on North Van Buren Street between East Walnut Street and Main Street to 3-hour parking. (Ald. Scannell - District 7)

Moved by Patrick Sorelle, seconded by Mike Sobieck to receive and place on file the request to change the remaining 2-hour parking areas on North Van Buren Street between East Walnut Street and Main Street to 3-hour parking.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

Moved by Patrick Sorelle, seconded by Mike Sobieck to place a new request on the March agenda to consider with possible action the request by Ald. Scannell to change the NO PARKING 7 AM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY zone to a 3-HOUR 7 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY parking zone on the west side of Van Buren Street from Cherry Street to Pine Street.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

6. *Termination of 90-Day Trial Period*: To establish a NO PARKING zone on the west side of Phasianus Street from Sun Terrace to a point 65 feet south of Sun Terrace. (Ald. Gerlach – District 3)

Moved by Mike Sobieck, seconded by Melissa Flucke, to establish a NO PARKING zone on the west

side of Phasianus Street from Sun Terrace to a point 65 feet south of Sun Terrace, and adopt by ordinance.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Next meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Moved by Patrick Sorelle, seconded by Melissa Flucke to adjourn the current Traffic, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Commission meeting.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mike Sobieck, Melissa Flucke, Kasha Huntowski, Patrick Sorelle
No- None
Abstain- None

Motion carried. Voice vote.

VERBATIM MINUTES

- Need like a three hour parking. So anyway, we can cover that one up when it comes up.

- Yep. Sounds good, Randy.

- Okay. Do we have everybody?

- Okay so,

- what time do we have here?

- Five thirty.

- Are we all set to go, Dave?

- Yes. Yes, sir.

- Are we all set to go?

- We are all set to go.

- Okay. I'll call the February meeting of the traffic bicycle and pedestrian commission to order. First of all, the roll call, chairperson, Dan Theno, here. Alder Craig Stevens.

- Here.

- Lieutenant Mike Sobieck,

- [Mike] Here.

- Okay. Melissa Flucke. Here.

- Kasha Huntowski

- [Kasha] Here

- And Patrick Sorelle.

- Here.

- Okay. We got a full compliment. I think we even have a guest in, Randy. Is that correct? Is there anybody else? Okay. Let's take in mass the approval of the agenda and the minutes. Is there a motion to do so?

- Motion to group then.

- [Kasha] Second

- Motion to approve and second. All in favor signify by saying, "aye".

- [All together] Aye. Opposed, "nay".

- The ayes have it. General orders of business. The election of the chair and the vice chair, Alder Stevens, do you have a motion?

- I'd like to nominate Dan Theno for chair.

- Is there a second? Is there any other motions?

- I second to that.

- Is there any other motions? All in favor signify with saying, "aye".

- {all together} Aye.

- Opposed, "nay". Nay. No, I'm kidding. Selection of a vice chair. I will gladly nominate Kasha for vice chair. Is there a second?

- I'll second.

- There is a second. Any further nominations? All in favor signify by saying, "aye".

- [Everyone] Aye.

- Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. Congratulations, Kasha. Okay, let's move to regular orders of business. Number two, a consideration of possible action of a request by commissioner Dan Theno, to draft a letter of support from the commission to fill the vacancy, we have one vacancy as you know, left by a former commissioner, Kuepers, for the licensed traffic engineer or transportation engineer. Here, this is what this is. I simply wanted to put on the agenda to get your input or your approval to send a letter to the county and the State Department of Transportation's Regional Office to see if they would have an interested person who would be an engineer, who could sit on as a member of the commission. Up until about two years ago, and Dave, correct me if I'm wrong, we had a licensed professional engineer from the State of Wisconsin District Office,

- Where I'm at right now.

- and that person was very instrumental in helping us out with some of the state and federal regulations that we would sometimes run into. So I think from a standpoint of having a resource person on the commission to help all of us non-professional engineers, it would be good to have a professional engineer from the state district office or the county. And so that's what that item number two is. Is there any questions on that? Okay. Is there a motion?

- I do have a question.

- [Dan] Sure.

- So that probably happened before I started on traffic. I don't remember.

- [Dan] Yes.

- So would this engineer need to live within this limits, the city limits of Green Bay?

- Yes. I think that would be the directive of the mayor's office.

- [Craig] Okay.

- I would assume that would be the case. Dave, would you have anything else to add to that?

- I was just gonna add, I did do a little research on the licensed professional engineers that have been on the traffic bike and trike commission or actually traffic commission before it was renamed. So I just have a quick list here that some of you may be familiar with, Mark Schuster. He was on from March of 2007 through November of 2012. Chuck Carroll, I think he takes the cake on longevity. He was March of 2007 through March of 2016. Brian Lipke was August of 2009 to March of 2015. Ray Smith from May 1st, 2016 to December two twenty, 2020 that is, and Victoria Jones Kasab, she started in February, 2013. I couldn't find her end date. but she was on for a couple of years. And then, before I was traffic engineer, just with talking with some people here, getting some institutional knowledge, it was actually historic for the regional traffic engineer at the D-O-T office here in Ashwaubenon to actually be a member on the commission. So I know Chuck, excuse me, Chuck Christensen, he was one of them and I believe Brian Brock as well. And Brian is actually, he just retired from D-O-T but so. Just giving you a look.

- Yeah. Is there any further comments or questions? Is there a motion to approve of the allowance for me to send a a letter to the county and the state to ask if they have a person they would recommend for membership on our commission?

- Chair?

- [Dan] Yeah?

- Would you be sending that letter or would we be sending the staff to draft that letter?

- [Dan] What's that?

- Would you be drafting the letter or would we be sending the staff to draft the letter?

- We would have the staff draft the letter, and if you wish we can share that letter with you, all the members of the commission, before it's sent out. That would be my recommendation.

- Okay. So I would make a motion that we refer this to staff to draft the letter.

- Okay. Is there a motion? Is there a second?

- Second?

- There is a second. All favor signifying by saying, "aye".

- [Everyone] Aye.

- Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. Item number three?

- Chair?

- [Dan] Yeah.

- This is the time where I need to bow out.

- Yeah, I know you have another meeting.

- [Craig] Yeah.

- Thank you very much for attending, at least the beginning, Alder Stevens. We're gonna miss you the rest of the meeting, but I know you have other things to do here tonight.

- All right, Thank you.

- Well, thank you very much, sir.

- Yep. Talk to you later.

- Item number three, report by the Green Bay Police Department on the monthly traffic enforcement unit traffic safety plan. Lieutenant?

- Yep. Sorry I didn't make it to the January meeting, But so we have actually two traffic safety plans that were sent with the packet. We have January's and February's.

- Yeah, just take 'em both please.

- The February numbers for traffic all together are a little lower. December, obviously with the holidays, increase over time patrols for seatbelt enforcement and alcohol enforcement increase the number of traffic

stops in December. So once January hit, those slowed down a little bit. But I have to get the numbers right here. We saw 245 stops in January over December. So that's a fairly big decrease in traffic enforcement, but we had the National Drive Sober Event the last half of December, which had a lot of enforcements. So I suspect, as the weather gets nicer, that number's gonna go up for enforcement-wise. And as the weather gets nicer, we will have more grant-funded overtime traffic enforcements for seatbelt enforcement and OWI enforcement. Overall, accident-wise, January saw 14 fewer accidents than December, with seven more hit and run accidents than December and two fewer injury accidents from December. So the numbers for accident-wises were pretty steady. And hopefully, you know, our big snowstorm that's coming, isn't gonna be all that big. So hopefully the traffic crash numbers are fairly well for the month of February and continue that in March depending on weather, but we haven't really seen much change month to month from December to January yet for traffic crash-wise. One thing I wanted to point out was two areas, one for January and one for February with a predictive analytics point, highlighted as a concern area was Mason and Webster. For both months that was highlighted for January and February. So I think that's an intersection that we'll have to keep an eye on to see if that continues to be a area that's highlighted as a potential for a reportable crash at.

- We had two of those recently, didn't we, at that intersection?

- I know we had one that had some injuries in January, and I'd have to look, but that I think has come up, you know, in the past half year, a number of times. So I think that's just something that we have to keep on the radar. You know Packeron and Mason has been another one, but obviously there's a plan in the works with the county and the city to reconstruct that one. And as we get more grant funding over times for traffic enforcement, that's one area, the Mason Street between Ashland Avenue and Websters and via area of enforcement focus. Just because of the speeds that people are driving over the Mason Street Bridge. That's all I have for those two documents. If anybody has any questions, please let me know. If you would like to see any further information included on those reports, let me know as well, and I'll try to get additional information on those.

- Okay. Thank you, Lieutenant. Any questions at all, from any of the members of the commission? Any questions? Okay. Well thank you very much, Lieutenant. Appreciate it very much. Thank you. Okay, let's move to item number five. Item number five was an initial request.

- Excuse me, Chair.

- possible action on changing the remaining two hour parking areas on North Van Buren Street between East Walnut Street and Main Street to three hour parking. Alderz Scannell, do you want to address that at this point?

- Can I interject real quick?

- [Dan] Sure. There is no motion on items three and four.

- Oh, I'm sorry. I'm new to this. You'll have to excuse me. Okay. [Dan Laughing] Is there a motion to accept and put on file items three and four?

- I make a motion...

- Motion? Cash a second.

- There you go.

- And a second. Thank you very much. It's been moved in second and to accept in mass items number three and four. All in favor signify by saying, "aye". [Everyone] Aye.

- Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. Thank you very much. Item number five, initial request. Dave, do you wanna take that or the Alder?

- I know, there was some brief discussion on it earlier, but let's get that on the record. So Alder Scannel, if you actually have some insight on the request, that'd be great.

- Yep. Yep. Yep. I'm afraid I kind of misunderstood that this is coming from neighbors on Van Buren and supported by the Whitney Labor Association. And I didn't quite understand that what they were talking about was designated as no parking. They'd like to see it change to parking and three hour parking to match all the other parking that's available on the street. It's all three hour. So it should be from changing no parking to three hour parking. And if I would've been more cognitive of that, I would've talked to Dave beforehand to see what he thought on that. I don't know if he needs to take time to figure out why it's no parking and if that's still necessary or not, or if he'd have an opinion on that right now. So this might need to be just referred to staff or something. I don't know. Take it over to Dave now.

- Okay. Sure. Well, yeah, I did drive that, and yeah, I left you that voicemail message, Alder. And yeah, I didn't see any two hour in the request area, but I believe the area you're talking about no parking is going to be the west side of the 200 block of North Van Buren Street, which would be between Cherry and Pine Street, next to the condos. Is that that correct?

- I think that's correct. Yep.

- So what is posted is actually no parking 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. My presumption, I don't think it's been in place longer than I've been traffic engineer. So I don't know the exact history on why it went in. I probably have a very good idea on why it's in place, and that would be its proximity to downtown and the number of employees and nearby businesses that were likely parking there all day in order to avoid any sort of paid parking type of situation that say like one of the parking ramps or a meter that, for example. But what you've seen over the years, some of these areas were eventually turned over to say, one hour parking, two hour parking, three hour parking, which is what you see there currently. And the three hours actually is relatively new. That's been converted over in the last couple of years. And yeah, as a matter of fact, if you actually do Google Street view on it, you'll see two hour parking on a majority of it. So it is still relatively recent and it seems to be working fine. I don't hear any complaints about it. And Randy, correct me if I'm wrong, I don't think you're hearing any complaints either. It sounds like actually this is more of what they want, so.

- Right. Correct.

- Yeah. I guess I've got two recommendations to the commission at this point in time, 'cause initially I heard you say, well do we refer this to staff or study or whatever. I don't know exactly if there's any swift constraints out there. That would be probably the only reason I would have a reservation on removing that no parking zone. However, it's highly unlikely that we have, the 100 block is wider , the 200 block is narrower, and then the 300 block is wider. And I'm doubting that, so. But it should be at least checked just to make sure that we still have enough street with. The other item would be that it simply is not part of the request, and I get it. It wasn't your intent. But being that this is a public meeting, and these agendas are published for the public to read, they're not actually part. And some of these people may have looked at that and said, "Oh, I got nothing to worry about." But if they've heard what the actual request is they may have an issue with it. So I think technically I would do two things. Number one, I would receive and place on file the request. And number two, I would place a new request for next month for the actual change of the no parking through Friday, no parking zone on the west side of the 200 block, and change that to three hour, I believe it's seven to seven, Monday through Friday. I would be specific about it. That way, everyone is very clear on that. And there's no typos involved or anything like that in this.

- Okay. Any questions?

- Well, just that, I'm glad Dave brought up the narrowest of the street, the width of the street; that was brought up by one neighbor as a concern. So if that could be checked that and then this brought back and then that could be part of the discussion on whether it's a good idea or not.

- Okay. Thank you, Alder. Is there a motion to receive and place on file with the stipulations that have been mentioned just a few seconds ago by the traffic engineer?

- I'll make that motion.

- I'll second it

- Been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying, "aye".

- [Everyone] Aye.

- Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. Thank you very much. Thank you, Alder.

- Have a great night. Thank you.

- Thank you. Item number six, termination of 90 day trial period establish of no parking zone on the west side of, I don't know how to say that, [Dan laughing] Street from Sun Terrace to .65 feet South of Sun Terrace.

- I believe that's pronounced Phasianus Street.

- Phasianus. Okay.

- Correct. Yeah. I have not heard anything negative or positive or any feedback relative to this new parking zone. So with that being said, no news is good news, and I would make a recommendation to establish the zone as noted in the agenda item and move it to ordinance.

- Is there a motion to approve of item number six?

- I make a motion to approve it.

- Second.

- There's a motion to approve. There's a second. Any discussion? All in favor signify with saying, "aye".

- [Everyone] Aye.

- Opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. Okay. The next meeting March 21st. Are we all set for a meeting on March 21st? That's the first day of spring, right? Any problems with March 21st?

- Nope.

- Okay. Is there a motion to adjourn the meeting of the traffic bicycle and pedestrian commission this evening?

- I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Well, okay. Thank you. I'll second.

- It's been moved in second. All in favor signify by saying, "aye".

- [Everyone] Aye.

- Opposed, "nay". No nays. Okay. Thank you very much. It's getting nasty outside. So please drive carefully. We don't want to see your name in the paper on the statistics. Thank you everyone. And thank you for the confidence that you've placed in me as your new chair. I hated very much to see Matt move and resign from the commission. I thought Matt did an outstanding job being the chair of commission for many, many years. If I do half as good as he did, then we'll be okay. And thank you all for your attention tonight, and God bless you all. And again, drive safely 'cause it's getting icy out there.

- Thank you.

- Goodnight.

- Thank you. Have a good night.

- Take care.