

**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes
April 27, 2016 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Traffic Commission: James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Judi Maki, Sarah Ryterband, Larry Haywood, and Joe VanDeventer

Others in Attendance: Laurel Cornell, Matt Francisco, Dirk Fraser, Julia Karr, Sonya Johnson, Caren Stull, David Wierhake, Doug Wissing, Paula Worley, Nate Nickel (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff)

- I. Call to Order (~5:30 PM)**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – February 24, 2016. Mr. Cibor motioned, and Ms. Maki seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 6-0.
- III. Public Comment** - none.
- IV. Communications from Commission** – Mr. Cibor provided an update on a number of on-going or upcoming transportation projects that are occurring throughout the city. Mr. Cibor also highlighted concerns that have been raised regarding sight distances and conflicts at the 3rd and Highland intersection. He mentioned several conceptual ideas that could potentially be explored in the future and invited Commissioners to provide any guidance or thoughts they might have for solutions. Ms. Ryterband acknowledged that this intersection has issues and a future staff evaluation would be appropriate. Mr. Cibor noted it might be best to consider this as a future agenda item so that the Commission could explore it in greater depth.
- V. Reports from Staff** - none
- VI. Old Business** –
 - A. No Parking Zone – W. Smith Avenue between N. Rogers Street and S. Jackson Street (north side of street); and between S. Jackson Street and S. Fairview Street (south side of the street)** – Mr. Nickel provided a brief review of the proposal that was first presented at the February 24, 2016 meeting. He noted that the Commission asked staff to follow-up with several items regarding this section of Smith Avenue. These included providing accident data, specific conflicts that Street Department crews have experienced and feedback from the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association. Mr. Nickel reported that crash data from a ten

year period was included in the packet and noted concerns over narrow traffic lanes that both Street Department and MCCSC drivers have experienced. He said that the neighborhood association had no formal position on this proposal and instead encouraged its members to attend tonight's meeting. A number of individual residents submitted their thoughts on the proposal and those have all been made available for the Commission's review.

Ms. Ryterband asked if City Code had no-parking provisions during snow emergencies. Mr. Nickel answered that the City does not. Ms. Ryterband asked about regulations for boat and large vehicle on-street parking. Mr. Batcho answered that as long as a vehicle is properly registered, it can be parked for up to three days. Ms. Ryterband then asked for public comment.

Ms. Cornell referenced the letter that she sent to the Commission and was not in support of the proposal. Ms. Karr said that there were no parking issues with the narrow street and was not in support. Mr. Francisco felt that regulating parking would not solve any of the narrow street issues and was not in support. Mr. Fraser felt that Prospect Street was a bad comparison for this parking proposal and was not in support. Mr. Wierhake listed a number of reasons why he felt this proposal was not appropriate for Smith Avenue and was not in support. Ms. Worley agreed with other speakers and was against this proposal. Mr. Wissing spoke in support of this proposal and felt that extending Smith Avenue to its full right-of-way would be more appropriate. Ms. Stull echoed earlier statements and was not in favor of this proposal. Ms. Johnson felt that there was no problem with Smith Avenue and was not in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Cobine felt that municipal services didn't seem to be impacted and residents did not see a problem. Mr. Cibor said this proposal codifies existing conditions, promotes traffic calming and is similar to other no-parking requests. Ms. Ryterband didn't feel that codifying parking would solve anything and felt a recommendation to City Council would not be appropriate. Mr. Batcho said that emergency services would not be negatively affected by the narrow street width and did not feel codifying parking would be appropriate. The Commission took no formal action and was not interested in pursuing this proposal any further at this time.

VII. New Business –

- A. Bloomington Transit Driver's Ideas for Route 6 (informational only, no action required)** – Marilyn Conn presented potential options to improve Route 6 by removing buses from travelling on E. 7th Street. Ms. Ryterband noted that the Traffic Commission has no authority over bus routing and encouraged Ms. Conn to present her ideas directly to the

Bloomington Transit Board of Directors. The Commission thanked Ms. Conn for the information she presented.

VIII. Traffic Inquiries - none

IX. Adjournment (~6:25 PM)
Next meeting – June 22, 2016