

**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes
February 24, 2016 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

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Attendance

Traffic Commission: James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Markeus Farrand, Larry Haywood, Judi Maki, Abigail Pietsch, and Sarah Ryterband

Others in Attendance: Kylie Batcho, Rich Mordurgo, Janet Roberts, Fred Walkins, Doug Wissing, Neil Kopper (Staff), Nate Nickel (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff)

- I. Call to Order (~5:33 PM)**
Elections of Chair and Vice Chair: Mr. Cibor nominated Sarah Ryterband and Ryan Cobine as the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively; Judy Maki seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

- II. Approval of Minutes** – January 27, 2016. Ms. Ryterband motioned, and Mr. Cobine seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 8-0.

- III. Communications from Commission** – Mr. Cibor thanked the Street Department for the great job they do maintaining the streets, especially on snowy days like today. Ms. Ryterband welcomed newly appointed members Markeus Farrand and Larry Haywood to the Commission.

- IV. Public Comment** - none.

- V. Reports from Staff**
 - A. 4th and Rogers Streets Intersection Improvement Project** – Mr. Kopper explained the intent of the project and opportunities to provide comments. A survey will close at the end of February and a meeting will be held in the spring to gather public feedback and highlight possible options.

 - B. Title 15 Updates** – none.

- VI. Old Business** - none

- VII. New Business** –
 - A. Resolution 16-01: Establishing Traffic Commission Rules and Procedures** - Mr. Robinson explained that by City code the Commission shall adopt rules and procedures. No current rules and procedures have been located, so staff is asking the Commission to adopt Resolution 16-01. Mr. Cibor mentioned that “traffic” includes pedestrians, bicyclists, busses,

as well as vehicles. He also said that safety is synonymous with “improving conditions”; both of which are implied within these rules. Mr. Cobine asked about the roll call vote and if these are typical for other Commissions. Ms. Maki asked about making future amendments. Robinson explained that staff worked with City legal staff and these generally follow standard rules and procedures. He also explained that the Commission may amend or adopt rules as necessary. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Ms. Pietsch seconded, to adopt Resolution 16-01. The motion passed 8-0.

- B. No Parking Zone – S. Gentry Street between 4th Street and W. Kirkwood Avenue (both sides of the street) -** Mr. Robinson explained that this is in response to Parking Enforcement concerns over lack of parking controls along Gentry Street. He spoke with two businesses along Gentry and both feel this proposal helps to address concerns. Mr. Farrand asked about access to the other drives and some members wondered about the area under the Hyatt’s awning. Mr. Robinson explained that with these changes access should be improved. Creating a loading zone under the awning may be counter to the 15-minute meter spaces that all hotels have in the downtown. The Street Department can restripe a line to help indicate the travel lane and the respective shoulder area under the awning to maintain traffic flow. Code changes can be made if access continues to be problematic. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Cibor seconded, to approve the recommendation and forward it to the City Council. The motion passed 8-0.
- C. 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 explained this request was also staff generated and is based upon access and safety concerns. He said the proposal is very similar to the existing conditions and regulations found on Prospect Street. It also reflects how Smith Avenue currently functions and this would codify the current conditions. Ms. Ryterband expressed concern over the lack of any specific problems or accidents and was unsure being proactive was needed in this instance. She also wanted to give the neighborhood association time to provide feedback and gather public comments. Mr. Wissing said six houses would be impacted from this proposal, the pavement does not extend to the full right-of-way width, there are encroachments along the street, and perhaps paint could be used to identify where parking could occur for each half block. Mr. Walkins said vehicles have side-swiped his camper while it was parked on the street. He has also received parking tickets for it before. The Commission wanted more information from staff on specific accidents or conflicts. They also wanted the neighborhood to have some time to consider the proposal and provide feedback. No formal action was taken on this request.

D. Pedestrians – Title 15.060.050 amendments – Mr. Robinson said that removing “jaywalking” and “pedestrians” from Title 15 would be more consistent with the state code. He explained that while this may seem counterintuitive towards pedestrian safety, this actually gives deference to pedestrians on locations to cross the street legally. Vehicles still must yield to pedestrians within crosswalks. Mr. Cibor mentioned that this was supported by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Haywood seconded, to approve these changes and forward it to City Council. The motion passed 8-0.

VIII. Traffic Inquiries - none

IX. Adjournment (~6:45 PM)
Next meeting – March 23, 2016