

PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

January 20, 2014

A meeting of the Parking & Traffic Committee was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Chairperson Schlicht in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Members Bob Schlicht, Ron Vandertie and Ed Ireland were present. Also present: City Administrator Steve McNeil, Police Captain Dan Brinkman, City Engineer Tony Depies and Municipal Services Secretary Colleen DeGrave.

Moved by Ald. Schlicht, seconded by Ald. Ireland to adopt the following agenda:

1. **Roll call.**
2. **Adoption of agenda.**
3. **Approval of minutes from 9/16/13.**
4. **Consideration of: Request from Julie Behnke at Younkers to lift the two hour parking limit on Louisiana Street between 4th and 5th Avenue during the winter months.**
5. **Consideration of: Maple Street and Madison Avenue signal timing review.**
6. **Consideration of: Thorn Street improvements.**
7. **Consideration of: Ladder crosswalks in all three directions from Michigan Street and 14th Ave.**
8. **Consideration of: Review 14th Avenue, bike lanes from Michigan Street to Egg Harbor Road with 2015 projects.**
9. **Consideration of: Sharrow marking and bike friendly signs on 3rd Ave. from Iowa Street to Florida Street.**
10. **Adjourn.**

All in favor. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Ireland, seconded by Ald. Vandertie to approve the minutes from 9/16/13. Carried.

Consideration of: Request from Julie Behnke at Younkers to lift the two hour parking limit on Louisiana Street between 4th and 5th Avenue during the winter months.

Julie Behnke, Younkers store manager, spoke requesting to have the two hour parking limit lifted, specifically for the winter months. She stated right now they are using a few different parking lots in different locations and she was concerned about the safety of her employees walking by themselves at night when it is dark, and during inclement weather. Steve McNeil stated this could be done, but cannot reserve the parking for Younkers employees, but simply gives the option of parking there. Tony Depies stated the signs can be removed from only one side if desired.

Motion by Ald. Vandertie, seconded by Ald. Schlicht to recommend to Council to lift the two hour parking limit on the north side of Louisiana Street, between 4th and 5th Avenue, from December 1 – April 1. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: Maple Street and Madison Avenue signal timing review.

Tony Depies explained the current traffic signal lights at Maple Street and Madison Avenue are old and have limitations, but will be updated in future developments. A signal timing study was done in the past, but the needs of that intersection have changed and a new study should be done. Mr. Depies suggested to the committee using a flashing red or yellow light beginning at 8 p.m. or later. He stated TAPCO would be able to walk him through the resetting of the light mode and timing. Bob Schlicht asked Captain Brinkman if the Police Dept. receives a lot of calls regarding these traffic lights. Captain Brinkman stated he had no data suggesting they were a problem. Ed Ireland suggested there was no reason for a change and no action was taken.

Consideration of: Thorn Street improvements.

Jim McGowan, 506 Oxford Ave., Sturgeon Bay spoke against putting sidewalks on Thorn Street and submitted a signed petition. He expressed concern over people being directed toward the marina and the vandalism, etc. that could possibly result from heavier pedestrian traffic. He is worried about the maintenance and liability of sidewalks as a property owner, with no added value to his property. He also asked for extension & repair to the asphalt instead of sidewalks.

Ken Lynch, 1522 Lynchs Bluff Rd., Brussels spoke against sidewalks on Thorn Street. Ald. Schlicht stated support for sidewalks is rare due to maintenance and assessment reasons, however adding sidewalks after development has occurred becomes difficult. Tony Depies reported there are multifamily lots waiting to be developed that could be served by installing sidewalks.

Motion by Ald. Vandertie to place a walkway to the marina with no sidewalks. Motion failed for lack of second. Motion by Ald. Vandertie to not install sidewalks on Thorn Street. Motion failed for lack of second. Motion by Ald. Schlicht for

sidewalks to be installed on Thorn Street per the current sidewalk ordinance. Motion failed for lack of second. Ald. Ireland asked for the Thorn Street sidewalks to be sent back to the Planning Commission. Steve McNeil stated this had already been to Council. No recommendation was approved.

Consideration of: Ladder crosswalks in all three directions from Michigan Street and 14th Ave.

Ald. Schlicht said the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Board had suggested ladder crosswalks in these locations.

Motion by Ald. Vandertie, seconded by Ald. Ireland to recommend to Council placing non-ladder style crosswalks in all three directions at the intersection of Michigan Street and 14th Avenue. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: Review 14th Avenue, bike lanes from Michigan Street to Egg Harbor Road with 2015 projects.

Ald. Schlicht said the recommendation from the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Board was to hold off on painting the bike lanes on 14th Avenue until 2015. Tony Depies said the master plan identifies bike lanes on 14th Avenue. Joe Neuville, 1980 County U, Sturgeon Bay spoke in favor of bike lanes on both sides of 14th Avenue. Randy Sahs, 6445 Berg Rd., Sturgeon Bay, spoke in support of bike lanes on 14th Avenue.

Motion by Ald. Vandertie, seconded by Ald. Ireland to accept the Bike & Pedestrian Board's plan to review bike lanes on 14th Avenue in 2015. All in favor. Carried.

Consideration of: Sharrow marking and bike friendly signs on 3rd Avenue from Iowa Street to Florida Street.

Motion by Ald. Schlicht, seconded by Ald. Ireland, to recommend to Council placing sharrows and signage on 3rd Ave. from Iowa Street to Florida Street per the recommendation of the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Board. All in favor. Carried.

Motion by Ald. Vandertie, seconded by Ald. Schlicht to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen K. DeGrave
Municipal Services Secretary