



City of Florissant

Honorable Timothy J. Lowery, Mayor

****MINUTES****

MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 3, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with Zach Schneider presiding.

Members present were: Don Adams (Ward 2), Greg Keil (Ward 4), Pete Fischer (Ward 6), Zach Schneider (Ward 7), Dave Clasby (Ward 8) and Kim Redden (Ward 9). Also present were Lieutenant Pfaff and Officer Feldman, Police Department; Kyle Rachow, Street Department, and MaryAnn Fitzpatrick, Recording Clerk. Donna Smith-Pupillo (Ward 1) and Teri Reiter (Ward 5), were excused. Mike Mott (Ward 3) was absent.

A quorum being present the chair declared the Traffic Commission was in session for the transaction of business.

Minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting were approved as published.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS:

All old business was addressed and dropped from the Agenda at the April 13, 2021 meeting.

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UNDER NEW BUSINESS:

05/21 REQUEST HANDICAP PARKING SIGN IN FRONT OF 1310 BLUEFIELD
Denied
Ward 6

Request was made to place handicap parking sign in front of the residence at 1310 Bluefield. Zach Schneider read the e-mail from Councilman Mulcahy, January 28, 2021. Dave Clasby said he just drove by before the meeting and there is a no parking from here to corner sign there. He said there is a little bit of room between the sign and their driveway and they do park there. He said they have a single car driveway and there was a car parked in the driveway. He said they also park out in the street and over the line of the sign. He said he couldn't tell if they were both handicapped or why the handicapped person is parked out in the street. Zach Schneider asked if the car parked in the street was marked handicapped. Dave Clasby said it was. Zach Schneider asked about the car in the driveway. Dave Clasby said he didn't notice. Kim Redden said they were not. She said she didn't see any indication that it was marked handicapped. Greg Keil said at least they didn't have the handicapped tag in the window. Kim Redden said they could have had the tag, but she didn't see it. Zach Schneider said he drove by yesterday and there was an SUV in the driveway that had a handicapped plate on it. He said his comment to this whole request is there is a driveway. He said he feels if they are handicapped they should park in the driveway. He said if there was no driveway there he could understand maybe doing something like this, like we do for a church or a business that doesn't have a driveway. But they have a spot to park closer to their home than parking on the street. He thinks that if we were to approve something like this it will open up to the rest of the people in the community that have handicapped placards or handicapped plates to request no parking in front of their house for their

own private spot. Dave Clasby said that right now they are parked about three feet past that no parking sign and that is a violation right now. He said there is not enough room between the sign and the driveway to park a car there. Zach Schneider said what about past the driveway. He said there was a small black car that was parked just past the driveway when he was over there. He said that car was not marked as handicapped. Greg Keil said when he went by the car that was there did have a handicapped placard. The car that Greg Keil saw was a gray SUV. It was stated that the gray SUV was in the driveway and the other car was out in the street.

Zach Schneider said they also have a garage, but maybe it is used for something else. It was stated that it has always been the City's policy not to put handicapped parking spaces in front of homes. The request was made to put it before the Traffic Commission, but it has always been the policy of the City that we don't put handicapped signs in front of people's homes. Greg Keil said it just opens things up. Everyone is going to want one now. Zach Schneider said he is going to make a motion to deny this request.

Motion was made by Zach Schneider to make a recommendation not to place a handicap sign in front of 1310 Bluefield since it has always been the City's policy not to place handicap signs in front of private property. Motion was seconded by Kim Redden. On the roll call the commission voted: Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, Dave Clasby – yes and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 05/21 was dropped from the Agenda.

**06/21 REQUEST TO PLACE NO PARKING SIGNS ON ST. CHARLES STREET, BOTH
SIDES, 75 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH ST. DENIS
Approved
Ward 5**

Request was made to restrict parking on St. Charles Street, both sides, 75 feet from the intersection with St. Denis. Zach Schneider read the email from Todd Hughes, Director of Public Works, April 12, 2021. Zach Schneider said he believes this is on the north side of St. Denis on St. Charles. Greg Keil said it just so happens that his cousin lives right next door and he talked to her about this. He said their house is up for sale and he thinks 75 feet would come past her property where they park their vehicle out in front of their house all the time. He said he thinks 75 feet is too far because it would impair the residents from parking right in front of their house. Kyle Rachow said he believes Jason Timme measured that out and he doesn't believe it goes in front of their house. He said the 75 feet goes up to their driveway. He said it goes right to the property line. Greg Keil said if it goes just up to the driveway that would be fine. Greg Keil said he noticed they painted some white lines up there and he knows one vehicle sits there kind of right on the line or a little over. Pete Fischer said it is about two foot over the white line. He said he pulled out there and he could see through the Cadillac's windows, but if it was another vehicle, it would block your vision from somebody coming down St. Denis. Don Adams said it looks like they put six or seven parking spaces in there with white stripes. He said the parking spaces should be about 10 foot wide. He said the six or seven spaces would be on their property and shouldn't affect Greg Keil's relatives. He said he likes working with businesses in Florissant and he has been by there several times. He feels that this business owner is the type that is thumbing his nose at Florissant. He recently, in the past two weeks, has been by there in

the morning and in the afternoon and they have cars parked on the Lindbergh side of St. Charles next to the apartment complex. He said he knows that the one car has expired temporary tags on it. He said that car is parked about 10 feet away from the stop sign which is too close. He said about five feet back from the stop sign is a fire hydrant and you are not supposed to park within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. He said this guy who owns the business is parking right there on top of the stop sign and the fire hydrant. Zach Schneider said he noticed that they park all the way up to the stop sign, and they put all the cars along the Lindbergh side of St. Charles next to the apartment complex. Greg Keil said that in speaking to his cousin, she told him that they didn't have any problems with the previous owner. It seems that this owner has a number of cars there long term, like permanent. Zach Schneider said he noticed a lot of the same vehicles sitting there for months. He said it is supposed to be an auto shop where you get in and get out. Dave Clasby said that some of these vehicles are high performance type vehicles which may take a little longer to work on. Greg Keil said he is for the no parking as long as it doesn't impede on residential property.

Motion was made by Don Adams to make a recommendation to restrict parking on St. Charles Street, both sides of the street, 75 feet from the intersection with St. Denis. Motion was seconded by Dave Clasby. On the roll call the commission voted: Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, Dave Clasby – yes and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 06/21 was dropped from the Agenda.

**07/21 REQUEST TO PLACE NO PARKING SIGNS ON ST. DENIS STREET, BOTH
SIDES, FROM ST. CHARLES STREET TO ST. FERDINAND STREET
Approved
Ward 5**

Request was made to restrict parking on St. Denis Street, both sides, from St. Charles Street to St. Ferdinand Street. See email from Todd Hughes, Director of Public Works, April 12, 2021. Zach Schneider said he thinks that is a no brainer. He said he doesn't think we should have any cars parked on St. Denis Street at all. He said it is too narrow for the amount of traffic that goes up and down that street. Kim Redden agreed. Zach Schneider said there is just no room. He asked if anyone has any opposition to just moving forward and fast-tracking this one. All said no. Pete Fischer asked if there was something that could be done about the business to keep them from parking over the white line they painted, which they are doing right now. He said it does block your vision. He was wondering if there was anything that could be done to continue that white line up further. Kyle Rachow said they would have to measure where the actual street is and we might be able to put a white outside line on there. He said that street does have a little jog right where his parking lot starts. Kim Redden said you have a hard enough time seeing out as you are coming off of St. Charles to get onto St. Denis and looking to the north with the cars parked on the lot. If you have any other cars parked on the street on St. Denis, you can't see anything coming down that hill. Kyle Rachow said that was the reasoning behind bringing the striped area right there on the corner, which is obviously not working because he is parking on top of them. He said that was the area where specifically they mentioned putting bollards so no one would park there. He said he doesn't believe it was specified to go down the property line. He said he thinks it was specified to just be on the corner. He said they suggested the bollards

on that corner because of the safety sight issue. Kyle Rachow said the other thing they are trying to work on too with Officer Tony Perry and Public Works is how many parking spots is that business actually allowed to have, and making him stripe his own parking lot. If he has more cars than the spaces allow then Officer Perry and the ordinance guys would have to take care of that. He said he thinks that is the steps they are in right now trying to figure out what needs to be done. He said you would like to see them busy, but it appears they are just storing junk cars there and they have run out of room. Zach Schneider asked if there are no parking signs going toward Lindbergh on St. Denis or is this just specifically from St. Denis to St. Ferdinand. Kim Redden said they are asking for signs on both sides. Zach Schneider said it does say both sides on the request. He said really there is no room to park in front of those apartments anyway. He was asking if we need to put signs there anyway. Kim Redden said that if you start putting no parking signs on St. Charles Street, is he going to start taking those vehicles and putting them on St. Denis. Do we want to prevent that from happening. He is going to end up moving those vehicles and where is he going to move them to. The most logical solution would be St. Denis. Greg Keil said he will go on the other side of St. Charles Street. Pete Fischer said St. Charles is really wide there so he will start parking those cars there. Kim Redden said there is too much traffic on St. Denis and that is a safety issue. She said if we are going to say yes to no parking on St. Charles, we need to say yes on St. Denis. Zach Schneider said he agrees.

Motion was made by Kim Redden to make a recommendation to restrict parking on St. Denis Street, both sides, from St. Charles Street to St. Ferdinand Street. Motion was seconded by Don Adams. On the roll call the commission voted: Don Adams – yes,

Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, Dave Clasby – yes and

Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 07/21 was dropped from the Agenda.

**08/21 REQUEST WAS MADE TO PLACE NO PARKING SIGNS IN FRONT OF
1600 YEARLING
Approved
Ward 9**

Request was made to reconsider no parking in front of 1600 Yearling. Zach Schneider read the email from Karen Goodwin, City Clerk, April 14, 2021. Dave Clasby stated that this has been brought before the Traffic Commission before. Zach Schneider said it was brought to us before and we discussed it and really there was no reason for it. The majority of this committee went over there and looked at it. He said there is really no reason for a sign over there. It was stated that the only people who go through there live there. Kim Redden said that when she went over there Councilman Siam was actually sitting there across the street. She said she talked to him and asked him to go park where he thinks the problem is so he can explain it. She said he did. She said she came around and was talking to him and then another vehicle was coming around the curve and couldn't get through. He said this is exactly why we need the sign here. She said but there is not a lot of traffic up there unless it is the residents. She said when she pulled up further to let that person behind her go past, he actually sped up and was speeding through there. She said her only concern is when they start putting up no parking in these areas, it keeps people from slowing down because you have a natural deterrent there. Zach Schneider asked her if she was parked in the middle of the street. Kim Redden said she was pulled over and Councilman Siam was parked across the street on the curve. Zack Schneider asked why the car couldn't get

around her. Kim Redden stated that the car couldn't get through. She said he was parked on one side and she was parked on the other side of the street and she was talking to him.

Dave Clasby stated that it is a 90 degree turn. He asked the officers if there were a lot of accidents there. Officer Feldman said no there weren't. Lieutenant Pfaff said there aren't a lot of accidents, but they do get complaints from the residents on the other side of the turn. He said when they come around the curve they end up in their yard. He said they are the real victims of the turn.

Kim Redden said that was her biggest concern. She was worried that if someone takes that corner too fast they are going to end up in someone's house. Zach Schneider said there is no reason anyone would be cutting through there. Kim Redden agreed and said it is all the people who live in that area who would use it. Zach Schneider said he drove there twice a couple of days ago. He said, again, he didn't see any issue with it. Kim Redden said Councilman Siam has a smaller vehicle and you could still see around it. She said she is less inclined to putting up the no parking signs especially when you have speeders. Dave Clasby said this resident is okay with that and he thinks it is pretty tight up there. He said it is a lot tighter than all the other corners up there. He said he wouldn't have a problem with the no parking signs. He said if the homeowner that lives at 1600 thinks it might help, then he would say yes – put up the signs. Kim Redden said you really can't park across the street because of the driveways that are there. She said there is not enough room between the driveways for a vehicle. Kim Redden said she is on the fence with this one. Don Adams asked if this would be on the inside of the curve or on the outside of the curve. He was told it would be on the inside of the curve. Don Adams said the outside of the curve still creates a blind spot when you are coming around the curve. Zach Schneider said the same situation is just down the street at the next curve. Greg Keil said that guy has the four

reflectors. He has tried to take care of the problem himself. If you park up against the reflectors you can't open your car door. Pete Fischer asked how the Police Department feels about this. Lieutenant Pfaff stated it would not hurt to put up the no parking signs. He said, granted, it is for residential traffic only, it is not a common thoroughfare, it not a cut-through, and he doesn't know how much residents park on that side of the street, but he thinks it would be advantageous to put the signs there because it is on the inside of the curve and it is a blind turn at that point. He said it does become a danger if you do have someone that is driving and disregards going around the curve, and someone is on the other side, it is a blind turn. Dave Clasby said he has lived here since 1971 and has never been up in that court. Several others agree that they have never been back there either. It was stated that there is no reason to be back there unless you live there. Officer Feldman said that in the event that you have a neighbor that throws a party and you have parking on the street, it would be advantageous to have that, especially if you are going to have parking on both sides of the street. It would also be advantageous for emergency vehicles. If cars were parked on both sides of that curve they could not get through. Zach Schneider asked if the police could also put up one of those speed signs so we could track the speed and it will tell us the amount of traffic that is going up and down that street – just so we know.

Motion was made by Kim Redden to make a recommendation to place no parking sign on the inside of the curve in front of 1600 Yearling. Motion was seconded by Pete Fischer. On the roll call the commission voted: Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – no, Dave Clasby – yes and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 08/21 was dropped from the Agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS:

There were no miscellaneous items sent to the Traffic Commission for review.

Next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for June 8 11, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

No other items were brought before the Commission this evening. The meeting was adjourned.

For the Chairman
Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "MaryAnn Fitzpatrick".

MaryAnn Fitzpatrick
Recording Clerk