



# City of Florissant

*Honorable Timothy J. Lowery, Mayor*

## **\*\*MINUTES\*\***

### **MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022**

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 3, on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with Zach Schneider presiding.

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

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

Minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting were approved as published.

#### **UNDER OLD BUSINESS:**

All old business was addressed and dropped from the Agenda at the April 12, 2022 meeting.

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**UNDER NEW BUSINESS:**

**04/22          REQUEST STOP SIGN AT THE CREST OF THE HILL ON MULLANPHY  
HEADING TOWARDS SHACKELFORD  
Denied  
Ward 1**

Request was made to place a stop sign at the crest of the hill on Mullanphy heading towards Shackelford. Zach Schneider said there was an email from Councilman Harris, April 7, 2022, with several photographs attached. Zach Schneider said resident was requesting a stop sign at the crest of the hill, going towards Shackelford, on Mullanphy. Donna Smith-Pupillo said there are three stop signs there already. She said there is a stop sign at the crest of the hill going towards Night, there is stop sign on Mallard and there is a stop sign on Cypress. She said she drives this every day. She said just the physics alone will tell you that if you put a stop sign back by Cypress, people are going to pick up speed anyway to come up to the top of the hill, go down the hill, and if you don't put on your brakes, you are not going to slow down going down the hill. She said it is not going to stop the traffic coming up Mullanphy. She said there are no blind spots. You can see all around you if you stop at the stop sign at Mallard. She said she thinks this is really about speed the way the memo reads. She feels they are trying to stop the speeding which stop signs are not about speeds. She said there are not a lot of accidents. She said the speeding is because of the hill. You have to remember that there is a hill there. She said that's the bottom line. She said it is not going to stop you from speeding, to be real honest, because if you stop there, you are going to pick up speed to come up over the hill anyway. Zach Schneider said he doesn't see why we would put a sign at the crest. He said if there was going to be stop sign there should be one at the intersection. Everyone agreed with that. He said the stop sign should be prior to

Cypress. Donna Smith-Pupillo said if you were going to put one, you are going to put one at Cypress and that makes no sense to put one at Cypress. She said its not about traffic flow. She said there is not that much traffic flow there. Greg Keil said it makes no sense because it's a dead-end there. Donna Smith-Pupillo said the police used to sit there inconspicuously with radar and would catch people all the time, but they don't do that anymore. Greg Keil said he assumes the speed limit there is 25 m.p.h. Donna Smith-Pupillo said yes. She said all of Mullanphy is 25. Don Adams said what they are trying to do is control the speed in a round-about way. He said if speed is the problem, could we make Mullanphy a double-fine zone. Zach Schneider said that would be a good option. Jason Timme said Mullanphy is already a double fine zone. It was stated that they wouldn't read those signs like they don't read any of the other signs out there. Zach Schneider said that based on the criteria, it doesn't warrant a stop sign. He said he was looking at the blind spot coming over the hill from Mullanphy Park towards Shackelford. He said the cars stopping at Mallard coming towards the park, they still have to continue on to make a left on Cypress so they are going to see you anyway. Donna Smith-Pupillo said they are going to see you anyway. They are going to see that you've stopped and the people on Mallard are going to see that. She said all the other streets coming into Mullanphy have stop signs at the end.

Motion was made by Donna Smith-Pupillo to make a recommendation not to place stop signs at the crest of the hill on Mullanphy since stop signs are not to control speeding and it does not meet any of the criteria of the stop sign warrant. Motion was seconded by Don Adams. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Teri Reiter – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, and Dave Clasby – yes. Motion carried. Item 04/22 was dropped from the Agenda.



**05/22          REQUEST STOP SIGN ON FLORISSANT PARK AT DANIEL BOONE TO  
CREATE A THREE-WAY STOP INTERSECTION  
WARD 2  
Tabled**

Request was made to place stop sign on Florissant Park at Daniel Boone to create a three-way stop intersection. Zach Schneider referenced the e-mail from Councilman Manganeli requesting a stop sign on Florissant Park coming towards Daniel Boone. He said the purpose would be to stop vehicles as they enter this part of the neighborhood to create a safer intersection. He said it already has a two-way stop and this would create a three-way stop intersection. Zach Schneider said he was there today and it is actually a one-way stop there. He said it is on Daniel Boone coming towards Florissant Park. He said he called the Councilman to tell him about this and said the Councilman said he understood that. Zach Schneider said the Councilman asked him to relay a message to the Traffic Commission asking that this item be tabled until he can re-evaluate this and then he will resubmit an amended request.

Item 05/22 was dropped from the Agenda.

**06/22          REQUEST STOP SIGNS ON SWAN, NORTHBOUND AND  
SOUTHBOUND, AT FLAMINGO TO CREATE OF FOUR-WAY STOP  
INTERSECTION  
WARD 1  
Approved with Amendment**

**07/22          REQUEST STOP SIGN ON CHICKADEE, SOUTHBOUND, AT  
FLAMINGO  
WARD 1  
Approved**

**08/22          REQUEST STOP SIGN ON BOBOLINK, NORTHBOUND, AT FLAMINGO  
TO CREATE A THREE-WAY STOP INTERSECTION  
WARD 1  
Approved with Amendment**

Jason Timme said these three items are all tied together. Donna Smith-Pupillo referenced the Emergency Powers from the Police Department. Jason Timme said the stop signs went up because of the Emergency Powers and he put them on the Traffic Commission Agenda so the stop signs would stay after the emergency. He said he feels these signs need to be there. He said these are just for the streets that come into Flamingo, not the ones on Flamingo. He said he feels you do have to stop before you enter Flamingo. Donna Smith-Pupillo said there were yield signs on Swan and the stop signs would replace the yield signs. Jason Timme said yes, they would replace the yield signs on Swan. He said Swan, Chickadee and Bobolink are streets that are coming into Flamingo. He said they would all have to stop before they turn onto Flamingo. Donna Smith-Pupillo said Swan had yield signs but the others did not. Jason Timme said Chickadee had a sign that just said "Dangerous Intersection". Donna Smith-Pupillo said if you are over on Mullanphy, all those intersecting streets end with a stop sign. Jason Timme said that instead of waiting for the Emergency Orders to run out, we take them out, and then realize that we should have just left them, at that point we are just going back and forth. He said these signs just need to stay. Donna Smith-Pupillo agreed. Teri Reiter asked if the signs are there now. Jason Timme said they are there now under

the Emergency Powers, along with two more on Flamingo. Greg Keil said this is something that we addressed a few months ago. Donna Smith-Pupillo said she admits that she got really angry when she drove down the street and saw the signs on Flamingo. She was wondering how in the world these signs wound up here. She said she called the Street Department and that is when she heard about the Emergency Powers. She said her concern is that we make a decision here and then there is no feedback. She said she knows she is not an elected official or the police, but there is no feedback loop. There is nothing that feeds back that comes and says this is the decision that they made and this is why we issued an Emergency Order. She said there is no back and forth communication. She said that is what she is concerned about. Greg Keil said there are many avenues to get this done, and we are one of them. Don Adams said but they cut us out of the loop. Jason Timme said he could try to get that feedback for us. He said he didn't get any explanation on this either. Donna Smith-Pupillo said she would just appreciate the feedback so she didn't feel like they are just wasting our time. At least if we had the feedback, then we would at least feel like they heard our point of view. Teri Reiter asked how that Emergency thing happened. Jason Timme said the Chief and our Traffic Engineer, which would be our Public Works Director, made the decision to issue the Emergency Order. He said why the order was issued, he doesn't know. He said he doesn't know the reasoning behind it. Donna Smith-Pupillo said that was just her concern in having the feedback loop. She said what will happen is people get upset like



the one we just did on Shackelford. They really want it, so they will just go to the Police and have them put it put through as an Emergency Order, and then we'll turn around and be doing this again. Jason Timme said he will try to get a better explanation for the Committee. Just so we know why we were circumvented. Donna Smith-Pupillo said that would be helpful. Greg Keil asked if this is only temporary right now. Jason Timme said yes. It is a 90 day order, so after 90 days they would either have to do another Emergency Order or the stop signs would come down. That is why he wanted to do these other ones before that so we didn't take them down and then just realize they should stay there anyway. Teri Reiter said, in your opinion, they should stay there. Donna Smith-Pupillo said she feels they should stay there. Jason Timme said the ones entering Flamingo should stay there. The ones on Flamingo should not. Zach Schneider said he would like to make a motion to amend the request to align with the email dated April 29, 2022 from Jason Timme to MaryAnn Fitzpatrick. Donna Smith-Pupillo said the stop signs should be placed on Swan southbound at Flamingo, Swan northbound at Flamingo, Chickadee southbound at Flamingo and Bobolink northbound at Flamingo. Zach Schneider said he makes a motion to approve those only.

Motion was made by Zach Schneider to make a recommendation not to place stop signs on Flamingo, and made a recommendation to place stop signs on Swan, northbound and southbound at Flamingo, Chickadee, southbound at Flamingo, and Bobolink, northbound at Flamingo. Motion was seconded by Dave Clasby. On the roll call the commission voted:

Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Teri Reiter – yes,  
Zach Schneider – yes, and Dave Clasby – yes. Motion carried. Items 06/22, 07/22 and 08/22  
were 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 14, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

For the Chairman  
Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission

  
MaryAnn Fitzpatrick  
Recording Clerk