



City of Florissant

Honorable Timothy J. Lowery, Mayor

****MINUTES****

MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 3, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., with Zach Schneider presiding.

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

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

Minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting were approved as published.

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UNDER OLD BUSINESS:

All old business was addressed and dropped from the Agenda at the April 11, 2023 meeting.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS:

**03/23 REQUEST TO FIND A SOLUTION TO CONGESTION AT LAFAYETTE
AND ST. PATRICK
Suggestion was made and Approved
Ward 5**

Request was made to find a solution to the occasional congestion at the corner of Lafayette and St. Patrick. Teri Reiter said this was in her ward so she went over there and asked what congestion. She said she lives a stone's throw away from there and could not figure out exactly what we were looking for a solution for. She said she finally figured it out today. She said she thought it was funny that the lady was looking for a solution to something. She wasn't asking for anything. She said the bottom line is that everybody on Lafayette parks on St. Patrick to keep off of Lafayette, and they don't really go that far in. So, if you have people parked on both sides of the street you are going to have a problem. She said there is a lot of Amazon shoppers over there so there is always an Amazon truck going down the street, trash trucks, and whatever. She said it gets really crowded as you are trying to pull out onto Lafayette from St. Patrick. She said there is one "No Parking Here to Corner" sign but it doesn't seem like it is very far in. It can't be more than 12 feet in. Jason Timme said the ordinance says 30 feet from the stop sign. Al Schneider said that sign is underneath the tree so it can't be seen. Teri Reiter said that sign is definitely not 30 feet away from the stop sign. And that sign is only on the one side. She said she thinks the solution would be to pull those signs further back. She said the funny thing is that

one guy has a double garage and a double driveway and he parks over there. Kim Redden said her son lives right there on St. Patrick. He lives two houses up. He said usually after 5:00, when everyone is coming home, that's when there's a problem. Teri Reiter said it is. And the Lafayette people don't want to park on Lafayette so they park on St. Patrick. Kim Redden said normally it is not an issue, but when they are parked right there at the end of the street it is an issue because you can't see beyond that. Teri Reiter said she can see that. She said when she first went over there she was thinking what congestion? She said she has never seen any issues as far as that goes. But lately she has noticed that there are a lot of Lafayette people parking on that side. Kim Redden said there is a house across the street from her son and they do get a lot of visitors later in the evening and that does cause some congestion. Jason Timme said as far as he can see there are no no parking ordinances for St. Patrick. So whatever signs are there were put there without an ordinance. He said there is an ordinance that says you can't park within so many feet of a stop sign. Zach Schneider asked if that is for both sides of the street. Jason Timme said it is only on the stop sign side of the street. Zach Schneider said on the other side of the street there is a no parking sign, but it can't be more than 10 or 15 feet from that corner. He said the sign just says "From Here to Corner". He said he can see what they are saying, but we have this problem with every intersection. He said he can tell you right now that entering Duchesne is a pain when you are coming in off of New Florissant Road. He said when you pull into Duchesne there is always cars parked right there on both sides and is a bottleneck there. So this is a problem at every intersection. Kim Redden said this is not like what we did on Estates. If you remember we did 50 feet on both sides of the street. Jason Timme said it was 100 feet on one

side and 50 feet on the other side. Kim Redden said but there is more traffic over there than there is on St. Patrick. It is not really a cut-through street. Pete Fischer said there are a lot of cars parked there so you really can't go fast through there. Don Adams said when he was sitting over there the other day, he could see if someone was parked right past the no parking sign, it would be tight coming around the curve. He said he was parked facing Lafayette, and depending on what type of vehicle it is, the sight was kind of obstructed. He thinks that is one of the issues here too. He said you can't really see too good and you have to really pull out there to be able to see because of that short distance of that no parking sign. Kim Redden said maybe that is why they hit the stop sign. Teri Reiter said she would not use the word congestion, but maybe obstruction would be a better fit. Zach Schneider said it clogs up. If you have cars parked on both sides of the street, right at the entrance to that street, or any street for that matter coming off of a main artery, it's tight. It's just what it is. Zach Schneider asked if there is a possibility of putting a no parking sign further back than the 15 feet on the entrance side of the street. Jason Timme said if you want to make an ordinance, you can do anything. Kim Redden said there is already an ordinance in place for 30 feet from the stop sign. She was told that was only for the stop sign side. She said they want the ordinance for the other side of the street because when you are coming up you could not see. Don Adams said the no parking sign is actually on the opposite side of the street from where the stop sign is. Teri Reiter said her question is that the 30 feet from the stop sign, is there really a sign there or is everybody supposed to know that it is 30 feet. Jason Timme said we won't put no parking signs at every stop sign, no. He said at some chronic issue places like the new stop signs we put at Jefferson and St. Antoine, we did put no parking within 30 feet under the stop signs because people were parking right up against the stop sign.

Jason Time said on the stop sign side of the street, you can't park within 30 feet of the stop sign. On the other side of the street you can park right up to the intersection. He said you would have to make an ordinance. He said that other sign was put up without an ordinance. He said maybe it was put up as an Emergency Order by the Police Department and was just never taken down or maybe a Mayor or someone said put it up and then didn't follow through with an ordinance. Teri Reiter said it is just at a weird distance. Pete Fischer said it is a hard intersection to get in or get out without being obstructed. Don Adams asked what we have to do to get an ordinance. Jason Timme said if you want that no parking sign, just ignore the sign that is already there because it shouldn't be there. There is no ordinance for that sign. He said you would make an ordinance for whatever it is you want at this point, and submit that to the Council and say we want no parking so many feet from the intersection with Lafayette on St. Patrick. Kim Redden said she has pictures of people who are parked in front of the stop sign. Teri Reiter said that is a problem. Jason Timme said we can, if you feel like that's really a chronic problem, the whole group needs to make a suggestion that we put up a sign saying no parking within 30 feet of the intersection. He said we can do that out of the blue because it's a standing ordinance for every stop sign. He said he does not need an ordinance to put that sign up. But if you want no parking on the opposite side, you would have to put something before the Council. Don Adams said he would suggest putting signs up on both sides of the street, 30 feet from the stop sign. Pete Fischer said the north side is 30 feet already. We can just put a sign on the stop sign saying no parking here to corner. Jason Timme said the Police Department technically enforces the stop signs. He said on the other side of the street they can't enforce it because there are no signs there. There was some

discussion as to how far back from the intersection would be a good distance to place no parking signs without disrupting the residents on St. Patrick.

Motion was made by Don Adams to make a recommendation to add a no parking sign 50 feet from the intersection on the south side of St. Patrick to Lafayette. It was also suggested that the Street Department put up a no parking sign on the stop sign stating that there is no parking within 30 feet of the stop sign on St. Patrick at Lafayette. Motion was second by Al Schneider. On the roll call the commission voted: Don Adams – yes, Al Schneider – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Teri Reiter – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 03/23 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 13, 2023.

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