# \*\*MINUTES\*\* MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 2, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., with Kim Redden presiding.

Members present were: Greg Keil (Ward 4), Teri Reiter (Ward 5), Pete Fischer (Ward 6), Zach Schneider (Ward 7), and Kim Redden (Ward 9). Also present were

Jason Timme, Street Department; and MaryAnn Fitzpatrick, Recording Clerk.

Donna Smith-Pupillo (Ward 1) was excused. Don Adams (Ward 2), Mike Mott (Ward 3), Allen Bluiett (Ward 8), and the Police Department were absent.

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

Minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting were approved as published. The December 10, 2019 and January 14, 2020 meetings were canceled due to the lack of Agenda items. The February 11, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

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

All old business was addressed and dropped from the Agenda at November 12, 2019 meeting.

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### **UNDER NEW BUSINESS**:

01/20 REQUEST NO PARKING ON ESTATES DRIVE AT NEW HALLS FERRY
Approved
Ward 8

Request was made to place no parking signs on one side of Estates Drive at New Halls Ferry. Kim Redden stated that the request was made by Councilman Siam even though this is Councilman Parson's ward. She stated that the councilmen had received complaints at a ward meeting that people were parked on the street on both sides of Estates Drive close to New Halls Ferry which obstructs traffic going both in and driving out of the subdivision. Kim Redden said the original no parking request was made for both sides of the street and it was for 30 feet back from the stop sign. Jason Timme said 30 feet is the law at any stop sign. You cannot park within 30 feet of that stop sign. He said that is an ordinance for everybody. He said we don't put signs up for all of those, but since there were complaints, we could put one up. Kim Redden said they are now requesting to go back 100 feet. Jason Timme said technically they are asking for 70 feet more from what the current ordinance states. Kim Redden asked if anyone had been by there. Several members of the committee said they had been by there. Zach Schneider said it will affect two houses on either side. Teri Reiter said neither of those people will be able to park in front of their own house. Zach Schneider said that's true. Kim Redden said but the one house that is on the corner as you are coming in, it looks like their driveway is right there. Zach Schneider said yes, it is right there. Kim Redden said it is a pretty long front yard. She said to her it looked like enough room. She asked what is 100 feet? What does it cover? Zach Schneider said it is going to cover two houses on both sides of Estates Drive. Kim Redden asked if this was okay with the residents. Zach Schneider said he did not know and that is a good question. Pete Fischer asked if those people were going to be upset when you put up this sign stating that you can't park in front of your own house. Teri Reiter asked if the councilmen talked to those people, and the answer was probably not. Kim Redden said she hoped that they had because they did have that ward meeting. It was stated that it looked like they had a ward meeting and people complained, so that is what they are basing this on, and not what the residents who live there want. Jason Timme pulled this area up on his tablet so all could see. He said it is speculation, but he thinks it is one house in particular that made the complaint because when they were out there working on the wall, there were construction workers parked there while they were rebuilding that monument that got hit. He said that resident didn't like that. He said this is how it always happens – the resident poses it as people are always parking there. Greg Keil said he was by there tonight and no one was parked there. Pete Fischer said he has never seen a car parked there, ever. Teri Reiter said she has never seen anybody park there. Jason Timme said really, this guy would be fine with it. He said 100 feet would be approximately to the first driveway. That would affect three houses – one on one side of the street and two houses on the other side of the street. Kim Redden said that when she went to view the sight, there were two cars that were coming out of the subdivision to turn onto New Halls Ferry. She said it was a little cramped to get into the subdivision because of the way these two cars were kind of over too far. She said having someone parked there would make it more difficult to get in and out of there. She was wondering if 30 feet was adequate. Jason Timme said he has already put up a no parking sign on the stop sign side of the street about 50 feet back. That's where the sign is now that says no parking here to corner. Zach Schneider said he would suggest 50 feet on the side where you would be driving into the neighborhood, and 100 feet on the side where

you are exiting the neighborhood. Kim Redden said then you are taking up the neighbor's parking area. Jason Timme and Zach Schneider said you wouldn't be taking up that much because of where their driveway is located. Their driveway is right there. It was stated that if no one ever parks there and there aren't accidents there all the time, what is the point. Zach Schneider said he has looked at other streets in the area as well. He said Santiago is the main street and it does have signs up about 100 feet back on both sides of the street. He said Santiago is also a wide street and there is a lot more traffic on it because it is a main street. Jason Timme said the ordinance for Santiago reads, both sides from New Halls Ferry, for a distance of 112 feet on the south side and 124 feet on the north side, there is no parking. He said that puts the signs at people's driveways. Zach Schneider said Rockingham and Hermoso do not have no parking signs. Jason Timme said there is no ordinance for those. He said Santiago was the only street up there out of all of those streets that has no parking signs on the end. Kim Redden asked if there have been a lot of accidents that have happened up there at the intersections with New Halls Ferry. Jason Timme said he is not aware of any. Zach Schneider said he isn't aware of any except for the one that ran into the monument. Pete Fischer said that was on New Halls Ferry and not on Estates. Zach Schneider said his suggestion would be to stick with 100 feet on the exit side and 50 feet on the entrance side. He said the residents would still have most of their lot for parking if they had to. Jason Timme said he will measure where the driveways start and end and then make the distance recommendation accordingly. Everyone said they were good with that.

Motion was made by Zach Schneider to make a recommendation to place no parking signs on Estates Drive at New Halls Ferry approximately 50 feet on the entrance side and approximately

100 feet on the exit side. Jason Timme will get the exact measurements. Motion was seconded by Teri Reiter. On the roll call the commission voted: Greg Keil – yes, Teri Reiter – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 01/20 was dropped from the Agenda.

# 02/20 REQUEST TO CHANGE SPEED LIMIT ON DERHAKE TO 25 M.P.H. Approved Wards 7 and 8

Request was made to change the speed limit on Dehake to 25 m.p.h. Kim Redden said it is requested that the verbiage be changed in the ordinance to reflect what is on the street. She said she drove down Derhake and the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. She said what they are requesting is that what reflects on the street reflects in the ordinance. Jason Timme said there are a lot of these ordinance discrepancies. Teri Reiter said we need that ordinance so the police can write tickets, and they have made that a double fine zone. Jason Timme said right now all of Derhake is 35 m.p.h. except for a school zone and a section from Pohlman to Greengrass/St. Catherine that was changed to 25 m.p.h. last year. The ordinance reads all of Derhake Road from New Florissant Road is 35 m.p.h. Zach Schneider said he agrees the ordinance needs to change to reflect 25 m.p.h. for the entire street of Derhake from New Florissant Road to Parker.

Motion was made by Kim Redden to recommend changing the speed limit to 25 m.p.h. on Derhake Road from New Florissant Road to Parker Road. Motion was seconded by Zach Schneider. On the roll call the commission voted: Greg Keil – yes, Teri Reiter – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 02/20 was dropped from the Agenda.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

There were no miscellaneous items brought before the Traffic Commission this evening.

Next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

## **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