

**City of Kalamazoo
TRAFFIC BOARD
Minutes
October 11, 2017**

Stockbridge Main Conference Room
415 Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Traffic Board Members Present: Jim Hoekstra, Traffic Engineer
 Rebekah Kik, City Planner/Director of CP&D
 Matt Huber, Public Safety
 Jeff Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager

City Staff: Karen Rutherford, Recording Secretary

Guests: Theresa Johnson, Deputy Director Public Services
 Thomas Weinandy, City Resident, 703 Clinton Ave.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hoekstra called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Hoekstra completed roll call and determined that the aforementioned members were present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 14, 2017)

There were no changes to the September 14, 2017 Traffic Board minutes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Academy Street Parking

- Mr. Hoekstra stated this petition to remove the 2-hour parking ordinance on the north and south sides of Academy Street between W. Michigan Ave. and Westnedge Ave. was presented at the last board meeting. Signatures on the petition have been verified. The majority of property owners are in favor of this change; 71.6 % in favor of the change and 28.4% not in favor of the change, based on property frontage. This does not affect the 2:00AM to 6:00A.M. parking ordinance
- Mr. Hoekstra asked if there were any comments regarding this petition. The Board did not have any comments.
- **Mr. Hoekstra asked for a vote to grant the change of the 2-hour parking ordinance on Academy Street between W. Michigan Ave. and Westnedge Ave., to remove the 2-hour parking signs, and go to unlimited parking during the day. With a voice vote, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change.**

- Mr. Hoekstra stated the signs will be removed; he will generate a Traffic Control Order (TCO).

Fair Street Parking Petition

- Thomas Weinandy presented the petition to change overnight parking on Fair Street, between Egleston Ave. and Clinton Ave. His home was built in 1900 and explained the driveways were not designed for multiple vehicles at that time. The driveways do not accommodate the number of cars families now have. After speaking with his neighbors, who were in favor of the change, he generated a petition to change the overnight parking ordinance.
- Ms. Kik asked if he was petitioning for parking on both sides of the street or on one side of the street. Mr. Weinandy said it did not matter to him. Mr. Hoekstra stated, normally the City has alternate side of street parking for street sweeping, snow ploys, etc., to maintain the streets. Mr. Weinandy stated he would accept parking on alternate sides of the road.
- Mr. Hoekstra reviewed the survey which indicated 66.7% in favor of the parking change and 33.3% oppose, based on property frontage, which meets the criteria of more than 50% in favor.
- Mr. Huber is in favor of the alternate side of road parking and had no concerns.
- Mr. Chamberlain asked if this petition is for this block only. Mr. Weinandy responded, yes it is for this block only. Mr. Chamberlain suggested the parking permit change should include Fair Street from E. Stockbridge Ave. to Reed Street.
- Mr. Chamberlain asked if overnight parking was allowed for other roads in the area. Mr. Weinandy stated that part of Egleston does have overnight parking.
- Mr. Chamberlain stated he would like to see this apply to more than one block since this street is only 3 blocks. Mr. Hoekstra it would be good to have the entire street changed since it consists only of 3 blocks. He stated the board could vote to include the additional blocks from E. Stockbridge Ave. to Reed Street. This would be less confusing for the motorist. The board agreed to this change. Mr. Weinandy agreed to this change too and stated he did not expect any objection from neighbors from adjacent blocks.
- **Mr. Hoekstra asked for a vote to grant the change of the overnight parking ordinance on Fair Street, to allow overnight parking on alternate sides of the road from E. Stockbridge Ave. to Reed Street. With a voice vote, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change.**
- Mr. Hoekstra stated the signs will be placed, he will generate a TCO.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

- Mr. Chamberlain asked if we needed to take any action on Porter Street.
- Mr. Hoekstra stated no action was needed. Porter and Wallbridge was approved, the TCO's were signed and sent to Scott Borling, and would be posted at City Hall on Monday, October 9, 2017.
- Signs were to be posted on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. No parking signage was to be posted on October 10, 2017 from Harkins to Willard.

8. NEXT MEETING

- Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 2:00 P.M – tentative, depending if agenda items are submitted.
- Agenda items submitted to Karen Rutherford (rutherfordk@kalamazocity.org) by November 1, 2017. Mr. Baker may be chairing this meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Karen Rutherford
Recording Secretary

Date: 11-9-17

Approved by: James J. Baker
Staff Liaison

Date: 11-9-17