

**City of Kalamazoo  
TRAFFIC BOARD  
Minutes  
February 8, 2018**

Stockbridge Main Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
415 Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Traffic Board Members Present: James Baker, Director of Public Services  
Matthew Huber, Captain, Public Safety  
Christina Anderson, City Planner, CP&D

Members Excused: Jeff Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager  
Rebekah Kik, City Planner/Director of CP&D  
Jim Ritsema, City Manager

City Staff: Karen Rutherford, Recording Secretary

Guests: James Crosswhite, Gospel mission  
Don Jones, Ministry with Community

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Baker conducted roll call and determined that the aforementioned members were present and quorum existed. Ms. Anderson supported by Mr. Huber, made a motion to excuse the aforementioned members. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the February 8, 2018 Agenda. Ms. Anderson supported by Mr. Huber, made a motion to approve the February 8, 2018 Agenda. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 14, 2017)**

There were no changes to the December 14, 2017 Traffic Board minutes. Mr. Huber supported by Ms. Anderson, made a motion to approve the December 14, 2017 Traffic Board minutes. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**Parking Petition for N. Edwards Street**

- Mr. Baker opened discussion for N. Edwards St. The petition asked the City to reinstate no parking, no standing, no stopping on the left and right sides of N. Edwards Street between the railroad tracks and Ransom Street. Two property owners out of three were present to discuss the parking change - Mr. Don Jones with Ministry with Community and Mr. James Crosswhite with the Gospel Mission.
- Mr. Baker asked why they were asking for the parking change. Mr. Crosswhite stated there is a lot of drug trafficking, drinking, loitering, loud music which happens more in the summer time, and littering. Mr. Jones added there has been a number of assaults and fighting.
- Mr. Baker asked if there was ample parking for the guests and visitors at the Gospel Mission and Ministry with Community. Mr. Jones responded there is ample parking.
- Mr. Jones commented that they would like to see those committing these crimes to be forced off the streets and sidewalks and into their parking lots so they can speak and engage with them. Mr. Crosswhite commented when they approach the offenders who are hanging around on the sidewalks drinking and loitering and ask them to pick up after themselves, they are told this is public property and they cannot do anything.
- Ms. Anderson asked Mr. Huber if they have had much enforcement requests in this area. Mr. Huber stated there is a problem with the crowds in this area, more so in the summer.
- Mr. Baker asked why the third property owner, Mr. James Horrocks, did not want the parking change. Mr. Crosswhite responded he believes Mr. Horrocks lives in Portage. He was the previous owner of Johnson & Johnson property prior to Ministry for Community taking ownership. The piece of property Mr. Horrocks still owns has a shed on it. Mr. Horrocks has a friend that lives around the corner who uses the shed for storage and keeps an eye on it for him.
- Mr. Jones asked if there was a formal response from Mr. Horrocks. Mr. Baker stated Mr. Horrocks was contacted by a letter regarding the parking change and responded no to any change. Mr. Baker said Mr. Horrocks property represents 3.5% of the frontage, not in favor of the change, as compared to 96.5% of frontage in favor of the change.
- Mr. Baker asked for a motion to approve the petition to reinstate no parking, no standing, no stopping on the left and right sides of N. Edwards Street between the railroad tracks and Ransom Street.
- **Mr. Huber, supported by Ms. Anderson, made a motion to reinstate no parking, no standing, no stopping on the left and right sides of N. Edwards Street between the railroad tracks and Ransom Street. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.**

#### Parking Petition for Oak Street

- Mr. Baker opened discussion for the parking petition for Oak Street. The petition requests the City to eliminate the 2 hour parking on Oak Street between W. South Street and W. Lovell St. There was no representation for the parking petition present at the meeting.

- Mr. Baker stated the petition indicated 59.4% of property frontage in favor of the change and 40.6% of property frontage not in favor of the change.
- Mr. Baker stated the petition is not clear what the owners wanted to change it to. Discussion followed with Ms. Anderson and Mr. Huber to the possibilities of changing the parking on alternate sides of the street or a different daytime restriction. Mr. Huber suggested they could instate the city ordinance of no parking between 2:00am and 6:00a.m. Ms. Anderson stated the petition did not request overnight parking. Mr. Baker responded it would revert to the city ordinance.
- Mr. Baker stated the City usually has 2 hour parking in the business district and this is not a business district and Ms. Anderson agreed.
- Mr. Baker asked for a motion to eliminate the 2 hour parking on Oak Street between W. South Street and W. Lovell St. and restore the city ordinance of no parking between 2:00am and 6:00am.
- **Ms. Anderson supported by Mr. Huber, made a motion to eliminate the 2 hour parking on Oak Street between W. South Street and W. Lovell St. and restore the city ordinance of no parking between 2:00am and 6:00am. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.**

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

- Mr. Huber stated he received an email from Linda Macleod of 204 Monroe Street. She is asking for parking options in front of her home. She has 15-20 people who meet at her home and the current two hour parking restriction is not enough time.
- Mr. Baker stated they could do odd/even alternate parking or ordinance parking. Mr. Huber asked who he could forward the email to. Mr. Baker stated he could send it to Ms. Rutherford.
- Mr. Huber had a copy of the email and gave it to Ms. Rutherford.
- Ms. Anderson noted there are only two residents on this block of Monroe with Kalamazoo College across the street.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

- Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 2:00 P.M, 415 Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, Stockbridge Main Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- Agenda items submitted to Karen Rutherford ([rutherfordk@kalamazoocity.org](mailto:rutherfordk@kalamazoocity.org)) by February 28, 2018.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Anderson supported by Mr. Huber, made a motion adjourn the meeting. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Baren Rutherford  
Recording Secretary

Date: 4-12-18

Approved by: Jane J. Park  
Staff Liaison

Date: 4/12/18



### N Edwards RR to Ransom

<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Frontage</u>	<u>In Favor of Name Change?</u>	
			<u>Frontage - Yes</u>	<u>Frontage - No</u>
500 N Edwards	Ministry with Community	294.99	294.99	
521 N Edwards	Gospel Mission	155.1	155.1	
525 N Edwards	James Horrocks	24.5		24.5
510 N Burdick	Gospel Mission	172.12	172.12	
134 E Ransom	Gospel Mission	58	58	

Survey

TOTAL	704.71	680.21	24.5
Percentage		96.5%	3.5%



# Oak Street

<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Frontage</u>	<u>In Favor of Name Change?</u>		Survey
			Frontage - Yes	Frontage - No	
629 South Street	South St Properies&Buildings	165	165		
617 South Street	South St Properies&Buildings	148.5	148.5		
622 Lovell	Robert Pleznac	115.5		115.5	
702 Lovell`	Philip Glennie	99		99	

TOTAL	528	313.5	214.5
Percentage		59.4%	40.6%