



FROM Chief Jim Armstrong
TO: Traffic Commission Members
SUBJECT: March 1, 2024 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: March 4, 2024

The March 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Grissom	Police Department
	Charles Stankovic	Engineering
	Jim Armstrong	Police Department
	Duane Reed	City Council
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mark Piontek	City Attorney
	Chad Briggs	City Council
VISITORS:	Tony Bonastia	Street Department
	Justin Frankenberg	Emergency Management
	Andrea Lueken	Engineering
	Darren Lamb	City Administration
	Doug Hagedorn	Mayor
	Terry Beckmeyer	Resident
	Sal Maniaci	Economic Development
	Chris Parker	Washington Missourian
	Pat Smith	4024 Winterberry Court
	Lou Folk	4021 Winterberry Court

OLD BUSINESS:

4A 24-02-0004 Oak Street parking review: At the last meeting a resident had requested that we add on-street parking to the East side of Oak Street. The item was held over to this meeting for further discussion. At this meeting, the committee agreed to allow parking on the East side of Oak Street, but to make the West side No Parking between Main and 2nd Street. Based on estimates provided by Engineering Department, the switch should gain us 6 additional parking spaces downtown. After the meeting, Mike Grissom reached out to Tyler King with Downtown Washington, who also supported the concept. Engineering will send the ordinance amendment to City Council for approval. (CLOSED)

4B 24-02-0007 Review of loading zones: While discussing another agenda item at the last meeting, the committee noted that there were a significant amount of loading zones in city code that needed to be reviewed. Mike Grissom checked each loading zone that was currently listed in code and noted that the majority of them no longer served any purpose. Mike Grissom provided a list of loading zones that could be removed from code, which was approved by the committee. Engineering will send the ordinance amendment to City Council for approval. (CLOSED)

NEW BUSINESS:

5A 24-03-0009 Request for two hour parking signage in the 200 block of Elm: This area is already a two hour parking zone per the code. Street Department will add signage as needed. (CLOSED)

5B 24-03-0010 Sidewalk complaint on Rabbit Trail at Dukes Way: A resident who lives in the area cited concern about the new sidewalk pour along the Rabbit Trail extension being the same color as the other pavement. She expressed concern that motorists may not differentiate the sidewalk from the roadway. The committee reviewed the complaint and agreed to take no action for now. Charles Stankovic did not that the curb and gutter in that location was approved at a lower height than normal, which in part contributes to the situation. That type of curb and gutter is not being allowed moving forward in new developments. (CLOSED)

5C 24-03-0011 Traffic complaints at Mo 47 and Mo 100 intersection: The committee was visited by Terry Beckmeyer, who spoke about the red light violations that he has observed at that intersection specifically. Mike Grissom provided crash data which indicated that red light violations were not creating a significantly increased number of crashes at that intersection when compared to other intersections along the Mo 100 corridor. The committee agreed that the issue should be handled as an enforcement issue by the Police Department throughout the city as a whole, with added emphasis on that intersection. Chief Armstrong has asked WPD Officers to pay extra attention to the issue. PD/Engineering has also reached out to Mo-DOT about the potential of adding message boards near 47/100 informing motorists of increased red light enforcement. (CLOSED)

5D 24-03-0012 Legion loading request: A shuttle service that will be working the Legion Regionals from August 4-13 has requested designated on-street stops on Front Street and Main Street. Representatives from the shuttle service were unable to attend this meeting, so it will be held over for the next meeting. (OPEN)

5E 24-03-0013 E-Scooter request: The board from Downtown Washington has endorsed the idea of bringing E-Scooters back to the downtown area. A new, local company had reached out to inquire about the possible opportunity. The information provided was that the new company would be able to place the same safety related restrictions on the scooters that Lime had (Driver's License Scanning, Reduced Speed Zones, Restricted Hours, etc). With that in mind, the committee agreed to send the request along to City Council for a vote. (CLOSED)

Note: The committee was also visited by residents of Winterberry Court, who expressed concerns about traffic created by Club Carwash. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 5, 2024 at 8:00 am in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully,

Chief Jim Armstrong
Washington Police Department

CC:
Each Member
Sherri Klekamp