

**City of Kalamazoo  
TRAFFIC BOARD  
Minutes  
September 14, 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

City Staff:                                 Karen Rutherford, Recording Secretary

Guests:                                     David Thomas, Public Safety Officer, COK  
  Mark Rupert, Rupert's Brew House

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hoekstra called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Hoekstra stated all agenda items should be submitted to Karen Rutherford.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 10, 2017)**

Ms. Kik stated she was to give Mohamed Aguib a copy of the current ordinance plan. Mr. Aguib is no longer employed with the City of Kalamazoo. Mr. Hoekstra stated she should give current ordinance plan to him and he will give it to the Traffic Tech.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**Academy Street Parking**

- Mr. Rupert presented a petition with property owner's signatures to change the 2-hour parking ordinance on the north and south sides of Academy Street between W. Michigan Ave. and Westnedge Ave.
- Mr. Rupert stated Academy St. between W. Michigan and Westnedge has become more commercial. The 2-hour parking has not been enforced for some time. Now that there is more man power, the City has been enforcing it. This does not benefit the businesses. Their customers and employees have been getting tickets. Mr. Rupert stated he has acquired property owner's signatures from all owners except for one owner who has three properties along this street. This petition is not intended to change the overnight parking ordinance.
- Mr. Hoekstra asked if he is requesting to revert back to unlimited daytime parking, which Mr. Rupert agreed.
- Mr. Hoekstra explained the petition will be reviewed. Based on property frontage, they will evaluate how much property frontage along the road is in favor with those who are not in favor

and present it to the board. The board will decide if they will allow the change, consequently if there is 50% or more in favor it usually does pass. Other circumstances will determine the vote, i.e. public safety and/or other issues. Mr. Hoekstra stated the board will make a decision at the next board meeting.

- Mr. Rupert explained he was aware there would be a 2-3 week gap before a decision was made and the City halted enforcing parking tickets for this area while they wait for a decision from the board. He asked if this could continue longer while they wait for the board's decision. Mr. Hoekstra said this would be ok. Mr. Thomas said this would be ok with Public Safety.
- Ms. Kik asked while this issue is being evaluated is there additional streets in the area that may need this same change. It may be beneficial to evaluate the streets in this area now, rather than going through this again at a later date. Mr. Hoekstra agreed to look at the Academy from Westnedge to Park to see if it would be a good idea to extend the ordinance change.
- Mr. Rupert asked if he needed to be here for next meeting. Mr. Hoekstra stated the board would contact him if they need him.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

None

**8. NEXT MEETING**

a. Date: Thursday, October 11, 2017

b. Agenda items submitted to Karen Rutherford ([rutherfordk@kalamazoo-city.org](mailto:rutherfordk@kalamazoo-city.org)) by October 6, 2017.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Rutherford  
Recording Secretary

Date: 10-11-17

Approved by: [Signature]  
Staff Liaison

Date: 10/11/17