

**City of Kalamazoo  
TRAFFIC BOARD  
Minutes  
December 14, 2017**

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

Traffic Board Members Present: James Baker, Director of Public Services  
Sean Gordon, Public Safety  
Rebekah Kik, City Planner/Director of CP&D

Members Excused: Jeff Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager  
Jim Ritsema, City Manager

City Staff: Karen Rutherford, Recording Secretary

Guests: Bill Brown, Resident  
Sean McBride, Central County Transportation Authority  
Kathy Schultz, Central County Transportation Authority  
Rick Stravers, Open Doors Kalamazoo

**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. Kik, supported by Mr. Gordon, 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 December 14, 2017 Agenda. Ms. Kik, supported by Mr. Gordon, made a motion to approve the December 14, 2017 Agenda. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (November 9, 2017)**

There were no changes to the November 9, 2017 Traffic Board minutes. Ms. Kik, supported by Mr. Gordon, made a motion to approve the November 9, 2017 Traffic Board minutes. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**Parking At Metro's Office, 530 N. Rose St.**

- Kathy Shultz and Sean McBride of Metro Transit, 530 N. Rose Street, is asking to the City to remove the on street hourly parking restrictions on W. Ransom Street between N. Church Street and N. Burdick Street and on E. Ransom between N. Burdick Street and N. Edwards Street. Mr.

Baker stated they discussed the business needs of Metro Transit, they looked at the road cross sections, and traffic counts and it was determined Engineering would support removing the no parking restrictions and keep only the City ordinance parking of no parking from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM. Parking would be allowed on both sides of the street.

- Mr. McBride asked if the change would be effective today. Mr. Baker responded the current signs will need to be taken down and the current Traffic Control Order (TCO) will be recanted. Public Safety follows the posted parking signs on the streets, with the signs down there should not be a problem. Mr. Baker stated the City is very responsive and it should not take very long to implement.
- **Ms. Kik, supported by Mr. Gordon, made a motion to remove the on street hourly parking restrictions in front of Metro's Office at 530 N. Rose Street, on W. Ransom Street between N. Church Street and N. Burdick Street and on E. Ransom Street between N. Burdick Street and N. Edwards Street, with parking on both sides of E. Ransom Street and W. Ransom Street, and keep the City ordinance of no parking between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. All other on street parking restriction signs will be removed. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.**

#### **Ranney Street Parking Petition**

- Bill Brown and Rick Stravers presented a parking petition asking the City to eliminate the parking restrictions during the day and allow 24 hour parking on Ranney Street between S. Westnedge Avenue and S. Park Street.
- Mr. Baker reviewed the petition and the property frontage survey which indicated 76.0% in favor of the parking change and 24.0% not in favor. There were no property owners who were not in favor of the change, present at the meeting. Mr. Baker asked Mr. Brown and Mr. Stravers if they knew the reason why the property owners were not in favor. Mr. Stravers stated the one neighbor, who is not in favor, parks her car in a vacant lot and the parking restrictions do not affect her. The other neighbors do not live in the state and they did not contact them.
- Mr. Brown stated he is petitioning for all day parking on one side of the street. Mr. Baker stated when the City allows all day parking, they require parking on one side of the street one day and parking on the other side the next day to allow for snow removal and leaf pick up.
- **Ms. Kik, supported by Mr. Gordon, made a motion to eliminate the day parking restrictions on Ranney Street between S. Westnedge Avenue and S. Park Street. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.**

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

None

**8. NEXT MEETING**

- Date: Thursday, January 11, 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@kalamazoo.org](mailto:rutherfordk@kalamazoo.org)) by January 3, 2018.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Rutherford Date: 2-8-18  
Recording Secretary

Approved by: Jan J. Bal Date: 2/8/18  
Staff Liaison





### Ranney Street Between S. Westnedge Avenue and S. Park Street

<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Frontage</u>	<u>In Favor of Change?</u>		Survey
			Frontage - Yes	Frontage - No	
819 Westnedge	South Westnedge Market	66		66	
446 Ranney	Muhammad Abbas	29.4	29.4		
442 Ranney	Ali Raza	30	30		
438 Ranney	Joseph Hertel	40	40		
436 Ranney	Edwin Vander Salm	22.7	22.7		
432 Ranney	Edwin Vander Salm	52.4	52.4		
428 Ranney	Lisa Poole-Woldring	31		31	
426 Ranney	Roger and Sally Stamm	31	31		
422 Ranney	Antwain Allen	31.35	31.35		
420 Ranney	Rick Stravers	31.35	31.35		
414 Ranney	Rick Stravers	62.7	31.35		
818 S Park	Micheal Swords	125.4	125.4		
827 S Westnedge	Ye Old Central Laundry	121.07	121.07		
421 Ranney	Kim Grinage	62.7	62.7		
415 Ranney	Ruth Livingstone	31.35	31.35		
413 Ranney	Muhammad Abbas	31.35	31.35		
904 S Park	Richard Gauper	125.4		125.4	

TOTAL	925.17	671.42	222.4
Percentage		76.0%	24.0%