



City of Florissant

Honorable Timothy J. Lowery, Mayor

****MINUTES****

MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 3, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with Zach Schneider presiding.

Members present were: Donna Smith-Pupillo (Ward 1), Greg Keil (Ward 4), Pete Fischer (Ward 6), Zach Schneider (Ward 7), Dave Clasby (Ward 8), and Kim Redden (Ward 9). Also present were Lieutenant Pfaff, Police Department; Jason Timme, Street Department, and MaryAnn Fitzpatrick, Recording Clerk. Don Adams (Ward 2) was excused. Teri Reiter (Ward 5) and Mike Mott (Ward 3) were absent. Also in attendance were residents Michael Taylor, 1085 N. Castello Street and Jennifer Bogert, 1090 N. Castello Street.

A quorum being present the chair declared the Traffic Commission was in session for the transaction of business.

Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting were approved as published. The February 8, 2022 and March 8, 2022 meetings were cancelled due to the lack of Agenda items.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS:

All old business was addressed and dropped from the Agenda at the January 11, 2022 meeting.

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UNDER NEW BUSINESS:

**02/22 REQUEST NO PARKING AROUND THE CURVE ON ROSETTA DRIVE
Approved
Ward 3**

Request was made to place no parking signs around the curve on Rosetta Drive.

Zach Schneider read the e-mail from the property owner of that complex, through Councilman Eagan, February 28, 2022. He said basically they want no parking, coming from Charbonier, on the right side of the street, from the fire hydrant, around the curve until about half way through the condominium building. Kim Redden asked how is it possible that they are only allowing 1-1/2 parking spaces per unit. Zach Schneider said he believes that is a question for the property manager. Kim Redden asked if there was anyone here from the condo association and there was not. Donna Smith-Pupillo said you can't park within so many feet of a fire hydrant anyway. Zach Schneider said technically you have to park 15 feet from the fire hydrant on either side of it. He asked Lieutenant Pfaff if that was correct. Lieutenant Pfaff said he wasn't sure about that but he would have to look it up. He said that is something that the police can enforce. Kim Redden said there was a big truck parked there earlier today and it was pretty close and into the grass. Lieutenant Pfaff said if they are in the grass they can be ticketed for that. He said a couple of weeks ago the police went through there at night and wrote quite a few tickets for parking in the grass. He said people want to park on those curves on busy streets so they just pull up into the grass and think its okay. Zach Schneider said his observation was that building is close to the road, and if there are cars there, it is going to be a blind turn around that corner. He said he is not opposed to putting no parking signs up there. He said would we put the no parking signs up from the parking lot to the fire hydrant. Kim Redden said we have a map that has the area

highlighted where they want the signs. Donna Smith-Pupillo asked if it was a public safety hazard where the fire trucks couldn't get around that curve. Kim Redden said that was mentioned in the email. Jason Timme said he thinks any cars parked on the street are a hazard to the police and fire department. Donna Smith-Pupillo said it is on a curve and the width of the street, it does create a hazard. Jason Timme said it is a pretty sharp curve. With cars parked on the other side of the street, it would make it pretty tight to navigate through there. Kim Redden said the couple of times she has been through there the parking lots don't seem to be too full.

Motion was made by Zach Schneider to make a recommendation to place no parking signs around the curve on Rosetta Drive. The signs should be placed 15 feet northeast of the hydrant for a distance of 120 feet. Motion was seconded by Kim Redden. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, Dave Clasby – yes and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 02/22 was dropped from the Agenda.

**03/22 REQUEST TO ADD STOP SIGNS ON CASTELLLO AT ST. MICHAEL
TO CREATE A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION
Approved
Ward 6**

Request was made to place stop signs on Castello at St. Michael to create a four-way stop intersection. Zach Schneider read a chain of e-mails from Councilman Mulcahy, February 9, 2022. Michael Taylor, 1085 N. Castello, said the light at Parker and New Florissant Road has been fixed but that doesn't make the cut-through traffic any less. He said that's not the only issue there. He said there is a blind corner. If you come up Castello and make a right on St. Michael you have

an issue there. He said if you go over the hill in front of his house, there is a telephone pole there right where the crest of the hill is and it is very near the street. He said he doesn't know why there hasn't been a stop sign there forever. He said when he brought this up at a meeting, they said they would check the light down there. He said it's not just a cut-through. He said it's a dangerous intersection. Zach Schneider asked him if he was coming from Parker. Mr. Taylor said yes. He said when you are going up the hill, the first block you have two hills. You have a blind corner. If you take a right you go down to Florissant Road. When you don't, there are cars parked on the other side of Castello. He said there is a pole on one side and all of a sudden you have two cars parked there all the time. He asked if anyone had gone up there to look at the intersection. Several members of the Traffic Commission said they had. He said it is a weird spot and it is not going to slow down traffic. He said it's a big cut-through no matter what they do. Kim Redden said that from Washington to Parker there are already four stop signs on Castello. Zach Schneider said it's not necessarily a cut-through issue any more. Jennifer Bogert, 1090 N. Castello, said it is still a cut-through issue. She said she leaves about 6:00 in the morning and people are cutting through already. She said there is no reason for anybody to be coming from Parker, up Castello, making a right onto St. Michael, and making an immediate left onto New Florissant Road. She said the only reason is to beat the light at the corner at Parker. She said they come flying around that corner and there is no reason for that much traffic at 6:00 or 6:30 in the morning. Zach Schneider asked if she thought if a stop sign would stop people from making a left and a right real quick just to get ahead of the light. Mr. Taylor said it would force people to slow down before the stop sign. Ms. Bogert said it may stop some from coming through there because they are going to have to stop. Kim Redden said no. That stop sign is not going

to make people stop. They look at it as merely a suggestion. She said as far as the blind spot – she can see what they are talking about because it is a hill. People are not just as cautious or considerate as they used to be and that is what we're dealing with. Mr. Taylor asked if there was any reason why there shouldn't be a stop sign there. He was told it doesn't meet any of the criteria for a stop sign. Mr. Taylor said it is a blind corner and a blind hill. Dave Clasby said he has a friend who hit a kid on that hill going to Parker Road because there is a blind spot there. Kim Redden asked Lieutenant Pfaff if there had been any accidents there. Officer Pfaff said he didn't know and he would have to check on it. Mr. Taylor said we also have to take into consideration that they are building a church right there. People are going to be coming in and out of that parking lot. Zach Schneider said he wasn't looking at it as a blind spot. He said he was looking at it as a cut-through. Dave Clasby said he is in favor of the stop signs with hills, the blind spot and the parking lot being there. He said cars are going to be pulling out and not being able to see someone cruising down there at a higher speed. He said he thinks that parking lot is going to increase traffic problems. Ms. Bogert said there are a lot of people who walk through there as well. Some also walk with dogs. Greg Keil said he was also looking at it more as the flow of traffic and not really looking at it as blind spots and hills. Mr. Taylor said he has lived there 18 years and it has always been a problem. He said the lights are not the issue. People are always going to avoid a stop light if they can. He is worried about the hills and the blind spots and feels it is dangerous. He said there are two neighbors whose driveways are right there. Every time they back out they hope they don't get hit. He said there is a pole there that is right on the side of the road. He said there is no room for cars to avoid each other. Kim Redden said she is thinking they are not going to get the results they are looking for by putting a four-way stop there.

Mr. Taylor said he thinks anything will help. He just wants to make it to where they at least have to slow down. He said there is still the hills on either side of that corner and no one can see what's coming. He said he thinks the stop sign will help and he doesn't see how a stop sign would hurt anything.

Motion was made by Pete Fischer to make a recommendation to place stop signs on Castello at St. Michael to create a four-way stop intersection. Motion was seconded by Dave Clasby. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, Dave Clasby – yes, and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 03/22 was dropped from the Agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS:

There were no miscellaneous items sent to the Traffic Commission for review.

Next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

No other items were brought before the Commission this evening. The meeting was adjourned.

For the Chairman
Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission



MaryAnn Fitzpatrick
Recording Clerk