



City of Florissant

Honorable Timothy J. Lowery, Mayor

****MINUTES****

MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 3, on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., with Zach Schneider presiding.

Members present were: Donna Smith-Pupillo (Ward 1), Don Adams (Ward 2), Al Schneider (Ward 3), Greg Keil (Ward 4), Teri Reiter (Ward 5), Pete Fischer (Ward 6), Zach Schneider (Ward 7), Dave Clasby (Ward 8) and Kim Redden (Ward 9). Also present were Officer Feldman, Police Department; Jason Timme, Street Department, and MaryAnn Fitzpatrick, Recording Clerk. Also in attendance was resident Latanya Clifton, 3755 Estates Drive.

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

Minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting were approved as published.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS:

All old business was addressed and dropped from the Agenda at the November 8, 2022 meeting. The December 13, 2022, January 10, 2023 and February 14, 2023 meetings were cancelled due to the lack of Agenda items.

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UNDER NEW BUSINESS:

**01/23 REQUEST WAS MADE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG BOTH SIDES OF
ESTATES DRIVE DURING CERTAIN HOURS
Postponed until April 11, 2023
Ward 9**

Request was made to prohibit parking along both sides of Estates Drive on weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm, excluding weekends and holidays. Zach Schneider read the email request from Councilman Siam, dated January 3, 2023. Kim Redden asked resident Latanya Clifton why she doesn't want parking on either side of Estates Drive. Ms. Clifton stated the reason they don't want anyone parking there is because there is a big delivery truck that comes through there and cars are parking on the street so those cars may get hit. There are also children playing and riding their bikes, even though there are sidewalks on one side of the street. So to prohibit those cars from getting hit or to eliminate some of the traffic through the subdivision, it would be much better if they had no parking during those business hours from 8 to 5. She said anytime after that they can go ahead and park after 5:00. For the residents, that's not a problem whatsoever, but during business hours, there is just too much traffic with all the business trucks. Kim Redden said but they still deliver after 5:00 and they also deliver on weekends. Ms. Clifton said true, but she doesn't want to restrict some of the residents that have multiple cars who have to park on the street on weekends and after 5:00. Kim Redden asked Ms. Clifton if she had anything from any of the other residents on the street. Ms. Clifton said no. She said it was brought up at the last meeting that they had with Wards 8 and 9. So she brought it up again to Councilman Siam and he told her to email the Traffic Commission. She said there were other residents in support of this but were not able to make it to the meeting tonight. Al Schneider said she is asking for no

parking on both sides and asked Ms. Clifton if she thought one side wouldn't be sufficient. Ms. Clifton said no because the street is just so narrow. She said it's not like Marietta Street. She said Marietta Street is much wider. She said Estates Street is smaller. She said right now if you park your car you still have to get over to the right or left to let another car come over to go past you. Kim Redden said unfortunately that's with most streets in the City of Florissant. She said most streets anywhere you go are like that. Ms. Clifton said she is talking about safety. She said that is her statement. She said she is not worried about the majority of the streets, she is talking about a safe street because that is a major street that everyone uses to enter in to go to the other streets. Kim Redden said she can tell you what she witnessed when she was there. She said there is a lot of traffic that does go through there. That is correct. But her concern is those vehicles that are parking on that street are a deterrent for speeders. It keeps them from speeding if they have to veer around vehicles. Ms. Clifton said she doesn't know about that. She said it is a good point but she doesn't agree. Kim Redden said if you leave that open they speed down there. Ms. Clifton said they had the traffic things that monitor speed and that still didn't stop them from speeding even when the cars were not there. She said she is not concerned about the speeding as much as a car getting hit or children when they are playing. She said when those cars are there, it's just not good for the kids to come out from behind a car because that car is parked on the street. She said if the car is not there, then the kids are able to see or the person who is driving is able to see the kids. Al Schneider asked where all the traffic is coming from during 8:00 to 5:00. Where are all the cars coming from? Ms. Clifton said they are coming from Halls Ferry. He said he knows they come from Halls Ferry. He said the cars that are parked on the street, where do they go after 5:00. Ms. Clifton said they are parked on the street after 5:00.

Al Schneider said during 8:00 to 5:00 where are all these parked cars coming from. Ms. Clifton said she has no idea. Kim Redden said she only saw two parked cars throughout the whole street and she has been over there a couple of times. Ms. Clifton said there is a truck, a white BMW that is always there, a burgundy truck, a black vehicle, a Chrysler 300 that always parks on Paddock Estates. She said this is everyday. Kim Redden asked if there were certain times because she has been there a couple of times and has only counted two cars. Teri Reiter asked if they live there. Ms. Clifton said they do live there. She said these are her neighbors across the street so she knows that they are there because she works from home. She said they have a lot of vehicles. She said the other people who have the Chrysler are there most of the time. She said the white BMW is there and the red truck is always there. She said she has called on that red truck because they have dripping oil on the sidewalk. So she knows that truck is there all the time. She said that is four vehicles that are there. They are permanent and they are there all the time. Donna Smith-Pupillo asked if those residents are okay with having no parking put there because they are there all the time. She asked Ms. Clifton if she has spoken to them about their thoughts about having their parking taken away. Ms. Clifton there is just one that really doesn't have the room to park his car in the driveway because they already have three cars in the driveway, but the rest of them are fine with it. She said the truck just needs to move into the driveway, if possible. She said they just find it to be more convenient to park on the street. Greg Keil said they just don't want that oil stain in their driveway. Zach Schneider said Ms. Clifton is stating that there is a home on the street that has three cars in the driveway and one in the street. Where do you expect that car to park? Ms. Clifton said that car can actually park in the driveway because the person goes to work from 7:00 in the morning until 7:00 p.m. Don Adams

said he was over there today. He said he drove to the end of the street, drove the whole street, drove back and forth, and saw a couple of cars coming up the street. He said he flagged these cars down and stopped them and asked the people if they have any problems with driving up and down this street as far as traffic or interference or anything. He said both of them said no, they don't have any problems at all with the situation. He said there was only one vehicle parked there when he was over there today. He said he doesn't see any need for the no parking signs. He said he never thought about what Kim Redden just said about vehicles being there. He said instead of it being a flat out straight-away it does make people have to slow down to get around them. It was also stated that this street is a double fine zone if you are caught speeding.

Kim Redden asked when the speed monitor was over there. Ms. Clifton said it was some time before COVID. She said there was just so much speeding on that street. Al Schneider said he can see both sides of this because he lives on a street that is a cut-thru street between Howdershell and Lindbergh. He said he can understand that when cars are there that maybe a kid can't see a car coming down the street, but when they are there, the traffic is a lot slower. He said he showed a video of a couple of them before. He said a gal came down his street every morning at 8:30 going 40 or 50 mph, and blew right through the stop sign. He said one day he set his phone between the storm door and the frame and he video taped her. He said he took it over to the police station. He said the officer looked at it and said that it was in his sector. He said he would come over Friday. He said Friday morning at 8:30 here she comes flying down the street and blew through the stop sign. He said the police officer came out of the dead end and got her, gave her a ticket and he hasn't seen her since. He said they really fly up and down that street. He said he knows that having cars on the street slows them down. Greg Keil asked

Ms. Clifton if she wanted the no parking all the way down the street past the golf course.

Ms. Clifton said no – just to Lisa. Don Adams said based on what he saw today there was no need for this since there was only one vehicle parked there. He said the street is a typical Florissant street like every other street we all live on. He said the street is about 25 foot wide. He was told the street is 26 feet wide. Zach Schneider said we just had signs put in on that street in the last three years for the no parking off of New Halls Ferry. He said there shouldn't be a problem anymore with getting in and out of the subdivision. Ms. Clifton said that has helped, but that is not the issue. Don Adams said it was narrow getting in and out of there, but once you got on the street it was wider and there were no problems there. Al Schneider said that he understands that where he's at by the dead end, when the cop sits back there he can't be seen. He said he came down the street one day and didn't see him until he was almost at the stop sign. He said he knows that the Police Department has way more to do than sit and watch for cars; however, if there is any way that this should be brought up at the Council meeting and see if they can get a neighborhood watch program over there. That way the people can go to the police and say at this time there is speeding and whatever. He said if enough people complain about it maybe they put a police officer over there during those times. Zach Schneider asked if this was a speeding concern. Ms. Clifton said it is not. She said they are going to speed no matter what. You can't stop them from speeding. She said they complained and they put monitors up there twice. She said they are still going to speed when the monitors are gone. She said her concern is cars could get hit and kids running out. Zach Schneider asked if there were any vehicle accidents or cars getting hit. Ms. Clifton said she is not sure. Kim Redden said she understands. She hears exactly what Ms. Clifton is saying. But until she can hear from the rest of the residents that that's what

they want, she has to say I'm sorry. I can't do that. Ms. Clifton said that's fine. No problem.

Kim Redden said her concern is if you take away those obstacles then that opens it up to people speeding. She said they have backyards and that's where the kids should be playing most of the time. She said she does not allow her children or grandchildren to play out front because of that.

Dave Clasby said there are some streets that are safer to play on rather than on a thru-street. He said he lives on a court and he has five kids. He was told the street is not a playground. He said there are other streets that have less traffic but this is the main entrance to the whole area and you are going to have a lot of traffic and it may not be best to have kids playing out front.

Pete Fischer said he is concerned about the other residents on the street if all of a sudden these signs go up. Ms. Clifton said she will go around and get signatures. She will ask the residents if they would like to sign or would you prefer not to sign it. That way she will have a tally who does or does not want this. Pete Fischer said he would be a lot more comfortable if everybody on the street knows what is going on. He said if I had a house there and lived there for 15 years and all of a sudden someone is going to tell me that I can't park in front of my house, I wouldn't like that. Al Schneider said that's what you have to do. You have to canvas everybody in the neighborhood. He said that's the way to do it. Dave Clasby asked Ms. Clifton if she could also get the addresses of the people just so we know if there are several houses there or 50 houses there. He said if 95 percent of the people said they want no parking on one side of the street or whatever. Zach Schneider said maybe give them an option. Do they want no parking on one side of the street or both sides, or no signs at all. Kim Redden said you might let them know what some of the consequences are if you do have no parking. She said If they don't know the consequences we could be back here next year asking us to take the signs down.

Motion was made by Kim Redden to table this item until next month so Ms. Clifton can poll her neighbors to see how they feel about restricting their parking. Motion was second by Pete Fischer. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Don Adams – yes, Al Schneider – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Teri Reiter – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, Dave Clasby – yes and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 01/23 was postponed until April 11, 2023.

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

Next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2023.

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