



# City of Florissant

*Honorable Timothy J. Lowery, Mayor*

## **\*\*MINUTES\*\***

### **MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 3, on Tuesday, April 11, 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), Pete Fischer (Ward 6), Zach Schneider (Ward 7), and Kim Redden (Ward 9). Also present were Lt. Pfaff, Police Department; Jason Timme, Street Department, and MaryAnn Fitzpatrick, Recording Clerk. Teri Reiter (Ward 5) was excused, and Dave Clasby (Ward 8) was absent.

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

Minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting were approved as published.

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**UNDER OLD BUSINESS:**

**01/23            REQUEST WAS MADE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG BOTH SIDES OF  
ESTATES DRIVE DURING CERTAIN HOURS  
Denied  
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 said this was brought to our attention last month. He said Latayna Clifton was here last month and she was asked for some sort of a petition to be brought to our committee meeting tonight with signatures of residents along that street that would approve of this change to restrict their parking. She was supposed to ask if they agreed to it, and did they want one side or both sides of the street. It was determined that she did not turn in any petition and she is not here tonight. Don Adams said that in the future when we are asking the residents to get signatures, he thinks we should get the councilman involved to make sure these signatures are legal. Jason Timme said Councilman Siam was involved to the point where he passed it along. Don Adams said he called Councilman Siam and asked him to contact him about this issue. He said something is just not right. He said he has been over on that street three times in the last month and the most he has seen is two to four cars on that street. And why does this resident want it only during the day from 8:00 to 5:00 when people are in school or at work. He said it just doesn't make any sense. He said it is just a waste of Florissant's money to line the street on both sides for about three blocks with no parking signs. Jason Timme said technically it is just one long block. Kim Redden asked if it was just from Halls Ferry to Lisa and she was told yes. Kim Redden said the thing is, her driveway is on the side on Balmoral. Don Adams said he tried to reach out to Councilman Siam to ask him to go

over and talk to the residents and get back with him, but Councilman Siam never called him back. He said he just doesn't see any reason for the parking restrictions. Al Schneider said that if it were his street, he would not want to prohibit parking because that would just make it a racetrack. He said he likes cars there because it makes people slow down. If you clear that out, it would just make it a speedway. Donna Smith-Pupillo said it will just be a speedway and they will just fly down there. Kim Redden said it is just straight. There is nothing there. She said that was her biggest issue. It is more of a safety thing than anything else. She said if the kids playing out there is what she is talking about, the kids need to be taught boundaries. They need to be taught to look both ways and don't play out in the middle of the street. She said you could see clearly down the street. There are no sight obstructions. Donna Smith-Pupillo said during the hours of 8 to 5 the kids are in school anyway. It is not the evening when they are out playing. Don Adams said that during the summer when kids are out of school they are only out for a couple of months and most of them don't get up until about 11:00 anyway. Donna Smith-Pupillo said the other part is, if she was a neighbor and you put a no parking sign in front of her house without telling her, she would be upset. What if she had a family gathering or something going on during the week and now you put no parking signs in front of her house. Kim Redden said the other thing is, are they going to live there forever. You get someone else who moves in – they don't want a no parking sign there. Pete Fischer said he thinks we should table this until she comes back with the petitions. Don Adams said no. Kim Redden said we should deny it and Ms. Clifton can put it back on the agenda if she wants to. If she does want to put it back on the Agenda she has to come back with a petition from all the residents.

Motion was made by Kim Redden to make a recommendation not to restrict parking on Estates Drive since Ms. Clifton did not return with a petition stating her neighbors were in favor of the parking restrictions. If Ms. Clifton wants to re-request this she has to come back with a petition from all of her neighbors. Motion was second by Don Adams. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Don Adams – yes, Al Schneider – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 01/23 was dropped from the Agenda.

**UNDER NEW BUSINESS:**

**02/23            REQUEST WAS MADE TO PLACE STOP SIGNS ON FLORISSANT PARK AT DANIEL BOONE TO CREATE A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION  
Amendment Approved  
Ward 2**

Request was made to place stop signs on Florissant Park at Daniel Boone to create a four-way stop intersection. Zach Schneider read the email from Councilman Manganeli. Kim Redden said when she was there she saw only one stop sign. Zach Schneider said currently there is only one. He said the request is to add a second on Florissant Park. He said there is already one on Daniel Boone. He said you see that when you are coming down Daniel Boone. He said it stops you right there. Kim Redden said she can understand that because you have that other street on the other side coming around. She said you want to be able to see who is coming down that street. But there are six houses in that loop, or you can count the seventh house because their driveway is on Daniel Boone. She said but that is just six houses. She said she saw more traffic from the kids getting off the bus. Zach Schneider said it is more of a cul-de-sac than anything else back there. He said he remembers this from the last time it was on one of

our agendas and we denied it at that point. He said he doesn't know if there is any reason for that. He asked the Officer if there have been any significant traffic issues there. Lt. Pfaff said he would have to pull numbers for it, but there is nothing specific that rings a bell to him. Kim Redden said the only thing that she saw was the kids getting off the school bus. That was the most traffic she saw. Zach Schneider asked Don Adams if he ever gets down that way since he lives near there. He said it's not a very common way to get out of there. Don Adams said he has been down there three times and he hasn't seen anything there. Kim Redden said it really doesn't meet any of the criteria for a stop sign. Don Adams said when he was over there recently, he did see someone just blow the stop sign altogether. Stop signs are just a suggestion anymore. He said it is so off the beaten path that he doesn't think there is that much traffic over there. He said it may get traffic from people coming in the back way off of Lindsay or Patterson, but you really can't get in there off of Lindsay, per se. He said he just doesn't see need for what they are asking.

Kim Redden said it is not a cut-through and Don Adams agreed. She said there are only six houses and one with a driveway there. She said it just doesn't make sense. Zach Schneider said he agrees but there is just not enough data here or any kind of reason for the request. Don Adams asked Jason Timme what he had to say about it. Jason Timme said from the Street Department standpoint, he said he can see putting a stop sign on Florissant Park. He said you would have to stop at Daniel Boone and you would have to stop at Florissant Park. He said the problem is the way it is shaped. He said there is nowhere to put a stop sign if you are coming from Estes. He said he can see where coming down Florissant Park you should probably have to stop. He said you could make it a two-way stop. It was stated that coming down Estes you can either make a left on Florissant Park or you can go straight and make a little loop right back up

Daniel Boone. Jason Timme said it is like a U-turn going back up and then Florissant Park you would make a left-hand turn and go straight out to Mullanphy. He said the island sits way back so you would have to stop that traffic way back. He said again, Estes goes back and doesn't go anywhere. He said no one is coming from there unless they live there. It's not like that's going to be a cut-through or anything. Anybody that lives on that block of Estes may go that way and out Florissant Park, but it would be silly to go that way and go up Daniel Boone. He said could see Florissant Park at the main intersection, those two streets stop. Jason Timme said he doesn't imagine that much traffic going through there on a daily basis. Kim Redden said she sat there for about 10 minutes and the only thing she saw was a school bus letting a bunch of kids off the bus. Donna Smith-Pupillo said her uncle lives over there and she goes there all the time and has never seen much traffic over there. Jason Timme said it is not a good way to cut through. He said if you are cutting through from Lindsay, you are going to go down Manor or Loveland. He said he could see Florissant Park coming from Mullanphy would not be a bad idea to have a stop sign. Don Adams asked if the sign could be put in a place where it would be visible. Jason Timme said it could go close to the corner. He said if the sign sits back a little further you could always put a stop bar a little further out. It was stated that no one stops for stop signs anyway. They are now just a suggestion, especially if there is little or no traffic. Zach Schneider said he personally agrees with what our Street Department representative would suggest. He asked if anyone else felt differently. Jason Timme said if you are pulling up to Florissant Park you would stop and the one for Daniel Boone would be like straight across. He said everything from the other direction would be free-flowing traffic. Greg Keil said there is no good way to put a four-way stop up there anyway. Donna Smith-Pupillo said there isn't because of the way the intersection is laid out.

Motion was made by Zach Schneider to make a recommendation to follow the recommendation of the Street Department and put a stop sign on Florissant Park at Daniel Boone to create a two-way stop intersection. Motion was second by Greg Keil. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Don Adams – yes, Al Schneider – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, Zach Schneider – yes, and Kim Redden - yes. Motion carried. Item 02/23 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 9, 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