

Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Warsaw Police Department. **Voting members in attendance were: Joel Beam, Cindy Dobbins, Dirk Felger, Mike Klondaris, and Kip Shuter.** Members not in attendance were: Steve Foster and Dan Robinson. Ex-Officio members in attendance were: James Emans, Jeremy Skinner, and Mayor Thallemer. Also in attendance was Jennifer Peryam (Times-Union), Deb Patterson (Ink Free News).

Kip Shuter called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 6, 2015 Traffic Commission meeting were approved. Joel Beam made motion seconded by Mike Klondaris.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Market Street Update:** James Emans provided an update on Market Street advising that most of the work between Bronson and Colfax is complete and limited areas will be opened up as work is completed. The surface is only base coat at this time and the top coat for the entire project will all be done at once. The work is shifting to east of Lincoln Street.
2. **US30 Signalization Update:** The city inquired about INDOT's investigation of adding time to the US30 system corridor. INDOT engineer, Eric Miller, advised that INDOT plans to change the system time from 80 seconds to 100 seconds. The additional time should help with the congestion at Parker Street. Miller also advised that he would like to coordinate this change with new signal control boxes that gather real-time data to help adjust the traffic needs. Jeremy Skinner advised that he would like the city to be involved in the timing change before it occurs. Shuter will contact INDOT and advise them of such.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **U-Turns Parker St. at Husky Trail:** Kip Shuter reported that he received a complaint about vehicles performing U-Turns at the Parker and Husky intersection when traffic leaving Culver's discovers that they must turn north and perform a U-turn to get back to US30. This action is not illegal but is dangerous when traffic is already backed up. Shuter will get with Culver's to work on signage directing people back to US30 from Patterson Road. Skinner asked that a new traffic count be conducted on Parker/Husky/Patterson. Shuter will contact MACOG for the count. No other action taken at this time.
2. **Anchorage Point Drive:** Kip Shuter inquired of City Planner, Jeremy Skinner, if Anchorage Point Drive had been dedicated to the city. Shuter observed that there were no stop signs at both intersections with Anchorage Road. Skinner will contact the developer. Shuter will draft the ordinance for the stop signs.
3. **Buffalo Street City Parking Lot:** In a letter, Parking Control Officer, Dana Hewitt, requested the city consider opening up the last two (2) rows on the east side to unlimited parking, instead of reserved parking. Hewitt advised that there are 74 reserved spaces and only 40 have been rented. Other unlimited parking provided by the city is being utilized and this could create even more places to allow downtown employee's a place to park only a short distance away. The change would provide 24 additional unlimited parking spaces. Dirk

Felger motioned to approve the change, seconded by Cindy Dobbins. Motion passed. Shuter will verify the rentals and draft the ordinance change.

4. **SR15 Turning Traffic:** Mike Klondaris reported that he has concerns with eastbound traffic on Market Street and Winona Avenue, turning north on Detroit Street. He said that when southbound traffic is stopped for a red light, it blocks the vision of the traffic turning north on dedicated left turn arrows and causes the turning vehicle to get stuck in the intersection and block other traffic. The intersection is already posted with “Do Not Block Intersection” signs. Shuter will work with INDOT to seek a solution.
5. **Market Street near Fribley Field Safety:** Mayor Thallemer advised that he recently talked with Carl Sowers, Young Tiger Football, about safety concerns for children and families crossing Market Street surrounding football games and practices. The area is congested with parking and people having to cross the street. Shuter reported that additional signs were posted last year. Skinner reported that the Market Street reconstruction project will have “bump out parking”. Electronic signage may be an option during the reconstruction project. Mayor Thallemer advised Mr. Sowers to contact Shuter.
6. **Tree Limbs Blocking Stop Signs:** Mike Klondaris stated that he is aware of several locations where tree limbs are blocking stop signs. He was advised to contact the street department with the locations.

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Kip Shuter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kip L. Shuter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kip L. Shuter