

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013  
5:00 P.M

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**Present were:**

**Voting Members:** Carr, Croasmun, Simmons, Stitt, Wood

**Advisory Member:** Lt. Mull

**Executive Secretary:** Patti Austin

**Department of Public Service:** Rick Tilton

**Division of Mobility Options Staff:** Bowman, Keeran, Moorhead

**Division of Planning and Operations Staff:**

**Guests:** Paul Carlson, Tim Dici, Geoff Schmidt, Chris Pack, Brent Beatty, Tim Bibler, Ethan Ortman

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CALL TO ORDER: 5:03 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to approve May 14, 2013 minutes.

Motion to approve – Croasmun

Second – Stitt

Motion carries

**ACTION ITEMS**

***Permit Parking Kossuth Street***

Requested recommendation to the Director of Public Service for approval of Permit Parking on Kossuth Street in German Village.

Keith Keeran brought forth a petition that was received on March 8, 2013. The requested restriction is for 2 hour parking from 10am to 4pm and no parking from 4pm to 2am except for city permit holders. The block faces involved are Kossuth (both sides) from Mohawk Street to Fifth. All signatures were verified and the all required criteria was met.

## **Public Comments**

In attendance at the meeting were representatives from both residents and businesses. Each speaker had concerns to the proposed recommendation to add permit parking on Kossuth. The following speakers gave their opinions and concerns: Paul Carlson, Tim Dici, Geoff Schmidt, Chris Pack, Brent Beatty, Tim Bibler, and Ethan Ortman

As a result of the requests from many of the speakers, the Commission tabled the issue for 30 days. It was requested that the residents and businesses work together to come to some type of compromise for fairness. Motion suggested to table permit parking on Kossuth Street for 30 days to allow the community to discuss amongst themselves and present the city with an alternate parking proposal at July 9, 2013 meeting.

Motion to table current request for permit parking on Kossuth – Croasmun

Second – Stitt

Motion carries

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Update on Traffic Signal Removal for Town and Rich and Near East**

Patti Austin provided an update on the unwarranted traffic signal removals. Previously Pilot Dogs had brought to the commission the concern of a signal removal immediate adjacent to their location. Through the monitoring process it has been upheld that the signal is not warranted. The city did add a 4 way stop at that intersection and other concerns are moving forward. Regarding the Near East signal removals there are various levels of success. Areas are in process of being observed and resolution to concerns with very little public opposition. Patti indicated that at this time there are about 25 to 30 signals on flash. With the CTSS project every signal in the city has to go through the warranty process or signals cannot be connected to the system.

### **Bicycle Subcommittee Update**

Daniel Moorhead gave an update as follows on issues discussed at the May 29, 2013 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

***Bike Corrals*** - The Subcommittee completed its feedback on this item.

***Bike Detector Marking Locations*** – The Subcommittee completed its feedback on this item.

***Share the Road Campaign Update-*** Daniel shared information of the upcoming launch of the Share the Road Campaign. The event focusing on bicycle safety is being held at the Westside Health Center on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Following the event there will be a 3 mile bike ride to city hall lead by Mayor Coleman.

***Railroad Crossing Improvements*** –Daniel stated the subcommittee discussed rail road crossing improvements. This is one of the 13 demonstration projects from Bicentennial Bikeway Plan. The committee verified whether the locations that were recommended in the bike plan were still the best locations to proceed with railroad crossing improvements. It was determined that five of the six locations were still advantageous. Although, the Edgehill Road crossing between 3rd and 5th Avenues is still in need improvement, it was determined by the committee that the crossing on Highland Avenue west of Olentangy River Road and east of Kenny Road is a higher priority improvement. Staff will be proceeding with this information as the projects are programed over the next 5 years.

***Update on Residential District Permit Parking Rules and Regulations***

The commission tabled the consideration of possible permit changes in Italian Village in May for 90 days. Randy Bowman provided an updated to the commission. A working group is being formed and will be reviewing possible recommendations to bring forth to commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

Motion to adjourn – Carr

Second – Croasmun

Motion Carries

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O’Harra  
Recording Secretary

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Steve Simmons  
Chairperson

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Patricia A. Austin  
Executive Secretary

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