

**STREETS & ALLEYS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee members present were Aldermen Berg, Marzahl, Logan and Perkins. Also present were Aldermen Hay and Ulmer, City Clerk Wells, Administrator Nelson and Ken Book, President and Supt. Dr. Gross on behalf of School District #50.

Jefferson School Circulation Study

Administrator Nelson reviewed the Jefferson School Circulation Study prepared by Smith Engineering. One observation made by Smith Engineering related to crossing guard procedures; the crossing guard has since been reassigned. The Committee and school representatives discussed Smith Engineering's recommendations:

Major Improvement #1 (Exhibit 4): bring Hart St. through one way to line up with Northfield Ave.; traffic signals could be installed at that intersection in the future.

Major Improvement #2 (Exhibit 5): reconfigure Harrison St. between Route 14 and Hart; making Harrison St. a two-way street from current western parking lot exit drive to Route 14; the remainder of Harrison, from the existing parking lot exit drive to Jefferson St., would remain one-way eastbound.

Minor Improvement #1 (Exhibit 6): provide designated striping on Harrison Street between Hart and Jefferson St. to provide parallel parking stalls along north side of Harrison and striped islands at the intersection corners to discourage vehicles which park too close to crosswalks.

Minor Improvement #2 (Exhibit 7): stripe existing turnaround to add additional parking/loading spots

The general consensus was for Administrator Nelson to obtain ballpark costs for Major Improvement #1 as a possible long term solution; the City and School District can then define the funding of the project. In the short term, the general consensus was to proceed with Minor Improvement #1 (Exhibit 6) with the School District to send home a letter with children the first day of school and via the City's fall newsletter. Dr. Gross inquired if Minor Improvement #2 (Exhibit 7) could be done at the same time; Dave will try to schedule the Harrison St. striping before school starts and the rest before it snows.

High School Parking Lot Paving

Dr. Gross noted that the school district's architect is working on the paving of the parking lot west of the High School and the parking lot west of Jefferson School. Chairman Berg noted that the school had not met the timeframe agreed to at the last committee meeting on May 18th to schedule a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission for a conditional use for a parking lot in a residential district and to pull a building permit no later than September 1st, which would then give a year for the parking lot to be completed. Chairman Berg recommended that an extension not be granted for the completion of the parking lot and that regardless of when the building permit is issued, that the paving of the lot be completed by September 1, 2006. The next hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission is September 13, 2005, with a deadline for submittal of the petition and site plan by August 25th. Clerk Wells will meet with Dr. Gross on Monday, August 15th. The general consensus was to hold off on the paving requirement for the parking lot west of Jefferson School at the intersection of Route 14/Harrison St. which will tie in with the new road outlined in Major Improvement #1 of the traffic study. If it is determined that the improvement is not going to be constructed within a few years, then the school would be required to pave the lot immediately. Chairman Berg noted the City's 12% green space requirement in the parking lots.

Paving in Alleys

The item was dropped from the agenda. Chairman Berg noted that the pot holes in the alleys have been hot patched.

Comprehensive Stop Sign Review

Administrator Nelson reviewed the map outlining the location of existing stop signs, locations where there is no ordinance authorizing the installation of the stop sign and locations where the stop signs can be removed. Each alderman reviewed the map as it pertained to their ward. Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to recommend to the City Council that a stop sign ordinance be enacted in accordance with staff recommendations as discussed for stop sign additions/deletions for each ward and to include the Autumn Glen Subdivision road plans with stop signs. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:50 p.m., moved by Marzahl, seconded by Logan to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Chairman Berg