

Residential Traffic Commission
Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 10, 2022

The Residential Traffic Commission met on Monday, January 10, 2022 in the Lower-Level Conference Room #1 of the Municipal Government Center (Town Hall), 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. The Commission was officially called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present

Sandy Grossman, Chair
Brian Caney
Raymond L. Jones
Deepan Patel

Town Staff Present

Bud Siegel
Chip Umbaugh
Sargent Ryan Martin

Members of the Press

None

Citizens Present

See Public comments

Planning Commission Liaison

Keith Reeve

1. Chairman Grossman re-distributed hard copies of the necessary forms and paperwork to Commissioners present to apply for their Town Commission stipend.

2. *Approval of Minutes:* On motion by Deepan Patel, seconded by Raymond L. Jones, the Committee approved the December 6, 2021 minutes.

3. Public Comments: Jo Anne Pearson (214 N. King St.): Ms. Person has not noticed any changes since initially bringing concerns about speeding on N. King St. before the Commission. She advised that motorists are still speeding, and there are lots of construction vehicles, serving residents, parking on N. King St. and limiting available parking. She commented lots of people working downtown are parking on the 200 block of N. King St., and perhaps they could be encouraged to park in the Pennington lot.

Scot Ferris (216 N. King St.): Mr. Ferris raised concerns over speeding on N. King St. Staff advised that a recent speed study seemed to indicate that speeding was not a problem (85% speed = 28mph), although total volumes on N. King St. were high. (Mr. Ferris was given a copy of the meeting minutes which provide the results of the speed study).

Chairman Grossman noted that the downtown traffic situation is constantly changing and asked the citizens to consider "how much parking are you willing to give up to address your concerns." He thanked the citizens and encouraged them to think of viable solutions and to continue their collaboration with the RTC.

The Commission agree to continue the discussion an exploration of options surrounding N. King St. at the next meeting when Calvin returned.

4. Traffic Data Base: Chip Umbaugh (Town DPW GIS) gave a demonstration of the recently developed Town Portal information of the Residential Traffic Commission complaint GIS application. The Commission was pleased at this new tool and understood that they; a). Need to confirm the data they wished to collect and track, b). Want to create a “read-only” version of this application to be available to the Commission and other designated Town employees and eventually the public, c). Need to consider issues limiting secure and sensitive information available to the public. d). Need, as a Commission, to better think through how best to use this information/application moving forward.

The Commission wanted to have access to the full data (without full edit capabilities). Mr. Umbaugh advised this would take some changes to Town policy. Also, Mr. Umbaugh advised he would send the link (web URL) to the public version application to the current Commission members after the meeting.

The Commission concluded by agreeing to further discuss this application with the full group at subsequent meetings.

5. Residential Traffic Commission vote on Vice Chairman: It was agreed to defer this vote until more Commission members were present.

6. Smart Trailer Results: The summary results table was reviewed with no comments.

7. Speeding on Wirt St: Sgt. Martin (LPD), presented the results of a recent speed study on Wirt St. taken Dec. 15-20, 2021. Summary table below:

| | Volume (veh./ 6 days) | 85% speed | Max. Speed |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Northbound | 2110 (56%) | 21 | 36 |
| Southbound | 1682 (44%) | 23 | 39 |
| Total | 3792 (100%) | 22 | 39 |

Conclusions: 1). Based on 85% speed, speeding is not an issue. 2). Traffic volumes are somewhat directional (56% NB flow).

8. Commission Member Concerns: After a brief general discussion regarding the usefulness of the RTC Complaint application, there were no concerns raised by any Commission member (or meeting participant).

9. Next meeting date is February 7, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on motion by Deepan Patel, seconded by Brian Caney.