



**Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024**

The public meeting was held in person in Council Chambers.

Council present: Rob Kairis, Amy Michael, Paul Moskun, Tyler Marovich, Tim Calfee, Christina West, Matt Harper

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Service Director, Tim Contant; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Controller, Brian Huff; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, John Sferra, Mike Bogo, Amy Young, Cynthia Miller, Richard Miller, Larry Silenius

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by Matt Harper.

The first item was Park Avenue.

Mr. Harper explained that there has been an issue between two residents on Park Avenue that is creating an issue where cars cannot pass between the two resident vehicles due to the neighbors parking across from one another. He said Ms. Chambers has requested that the street be turned to one side parking only, but that the City does not want to pursue that route yet. Mr. Harper said that if there is an issue then the police should be called out to address it.

Mr. Moskun stated that an officer came out and was told that the residents did not need to move since they are technically permitted to park on both sides.

Ms. Michael inquired as to how many times the police department had been called out.

Mr. Harper stated that the police can tow a car if needed and that tree lawn parking has been enforced so that residents now park on the road.

Mr. Moskun explained that the neighbors park in a manner that makes it difficult or impossible for vehicles to pass down the road between them.

Ms. Wood encouraged people to call the non-emergency police number if they cannot get through the street.

Mr. Kairis noted codified ordinance section 452.12 which outlines violations and citations when it comes to the matter.

Ms. Michael suggested making the street one side parking only.

Mr. Harper said that he will follow up on the situation and stated that it is the same two neighbors causing the issue.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was Locust Lane.

Mr. Harper explained that Council has heard and read comments from the Millers, the library and the American Legion on the library project and if proper procedures had been followed. He said that it's prudent to retain a third party attorney to review the library project issues so that Council can make a decision. Mr. Harper stated that Locust Lane had been vacated in 2003-2004 and that it is a good idea to have an attorney look at the documents.

Ms. Miller stated her concern for the traffic on Locust Lane and said that she would help back anyone who was in an accident on Locust Lane following the finalization of the library project.

Ms. Young stated that the additional use and strain on Locust Lane is an assumption by the Millers and that most library patrons do not use the driveway but park in the back parking lot.

Mr. Harper stated that there is a difference of opinion and that there are still unanswered questions that someone else should take a look at it.

Mr. Kairis stated that the procedure to hire an attorney would be to have two people from the committee move the item forward to the Committee of the Whole meeting, and then budget and consult with an attorney.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was the King and Main St. intersection.

Mr. Harper explained that he sat down with the school after the GPD presentation and said that they did not push for a replacement traffic light. He said that a pedestrian traffic beacon would be activated to turn yellow by a pedestrian and then it would turn red to stop traffic.

Mr. Calfee noted that he saw some of the pedestrian lights in person and said that the beacon seems like a good system.

Ms. Michael said that she is still against the idea of removing the traffic light and said that the proposed pedestrian beacons would not control traffic speed in that area.

Mr. Harper stated that the item is only for discussion and that they can decide next month.

- The item was for discussion only.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Matt Harper, Chairperson
Streets & Sidewalks Committee**