

Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES



January 14, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Conference Room A/B
3805 S. Casper Drive

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm, by Mary English.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Mary English, Marcus Grimm, Charlotte Kroupa (Alderwoman), Mitchell Lataille, Jim Oldham, Lucas Pichler (DPW), Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD), Justin Schulpus (NBFD), Tammy Simonson (Engineering)

Not Present: Chuck Garrigues, Matt Newman (SDNB)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 10th 2025, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Board Member Oldham
Motion Passed 9-0

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. **26-1:** A resident has requested consideration of “No Parking” signs on the west side of 124th Street, north of Beloit Road, due to hazards created from vehicles exiting the Varsity Club parking lot.

Tammy Simonson presented a map of the area for reference. Juli Baxter spoke about the safety concerns created by vehicles parking on the west side of 124th Street, north of Beloit Road. Baxter advised when vehicles were parked on the west side of 124th Street, from approximately the driveway for 4387 S. 124th Street to Beloit Road, it created visibility issues for drivers traveling southbound, especially when vehicles were exiting the Varsity Club parking lot. Baxter also noted that traffic volume had increased around 124th Street and Beloit Road due to construction near the area of the I-43 on-ramp/off-ramp at 124th Street/Layton Avenue. Because of the safety concerns, Baxter requested the installation of “No Parking” signs on the west side of 124th Street, from approximately the driveway for 4387 S. 124th Street to Beloit Road.

Simonson asked Baxter if there were times of the day when parking issues were more prevalent. Baxter advised that because of the Varsity Club, lunchtime and evenings were the most frequent times that parked vehicles were present and created visibility issues. Mary English also noted that for drivers traveling southbound who did not plan to turn left, they were forced to merge toward the right side of the roadway, which could present issues if vehicles were parked on the west side of 124th Street. Simonson explained that based on the shifting taper for southbound 124th Street and Beloit Road, the installation of “No Parking” signs on the west side of 124th Street could be considered appropriate. Lucas Pichler also agreed and advised that he believed that the addition of “No Parking” signs seemed appropriate. Charlotte Kroupa asked if “No Parking” signs were approved, would they allow for vehicles to park at that location at certain times of the day, while restricting parking at other times. Simonson advised that if “No Parking” signs were installed, they would be added due to the safety concerns related to the shifting taper; therefore, the “No Parking” signs would restrict parking at all times of the day. Mitchell Lataille asked if it would be appropriate to contact someone from the Varsity Club to inform him/her that the addition of “No Parking” signs near the business was being considered. Pichler advised the Varsity Club could be provided with notice if the addition of “No Parking” signs was approved; however, the consideration of adding the signs would be for safety reasons and there would be no requirement to seek their request for an approval or a denial of the decision. Simonson asked if a painted taper line would also need to be added to the roadway. Pichler advised a taper line would not be needed but could be added anyway. Jim Oldham asked if any additional signage would be needed besides the “No Parking” signs. Simonson advised that there would be no need for additional signage besides the “No Parking” signs.

MOTION: Motion to recommend the Common Council consider approving the addition of two “No Parking” signs on 124th Street, on the west side of the road, between the south side of the driveway for 4387 S. 124th Street and the north side of the Varsity Club, as well as a painted taper line to be taken care of by the Streets Department

VOTE: Motion by: DPW Director Pichler
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 9-0

Citizens providing comments:

- Juli Baxter, 13765 W. Linfield Drive

- B. 26-2:** A resident has concerns about the hazards created by vehicles parked on both sides of Linfield Drive, near Weatherstone Park. The resident has requested the creation of parking that extends into the park or “No Parking” signs on Linfield Drive.

Tammy Simonson presented a map of the area for reference. Juli Baxter spoke about the safety concerns created by vehicles parking on both sides of Linfield Drive, near Weatherstone Park. Baxter advised when vehicles were parked on both sides of Linfield Drive, it created visibility issues for drivers seeing children and other pedestrians in the area. Baxter also advised when she had previously spoken with an alderperson about the concern, she was informed there was an expectation that some park patrons would park on Wilshire Drive and enter from the other side of the park. Baxter requested when Linfield Drive or Weatherstone Park was due for upgrades, the City consider creating additional parking that extended into the park. Baxter also advised she understood the request to create additional parking would be expensive; therefore, she also suggested consideration of the addition of "No Parking" signs on at least one side of Linfield Drive, in front of Weatherstone Park.

Simonson advised in terms of classifications, Weatherstone Park was considered a neighborhood park. Simonson further advised with the other neighborhood parks in the City, there were very few, if any, that had parking restrictions in front of them. Simonson also added that although Weatherstone Park had an area with soccer goals and a backstop, the park was simply open to the public and not used for scheduled sporting events. Simonson continued by informing Baxter and the Safety Commission that over the previous five years, there had been no reported crashes around Weatherstone Park. Simonson further added that although some visibility could be obscured by allowing parking on both sides of Linfield Drive, it would also result in slower speeds of vehicles traveling on Linfield Drive. Simonson noted the Parks Department could consider creating additional parking; however, she believed obtaining the funding for that type of project would most likely be difficult. Lucas Pichler advised in addition to obtaining funding for creating additional parking, the addition of parking would also change the character of the park.

Mary English advised she was familiar with the area of Weatherstone Park. English stated the pedestrian activity in the area was limited; therefore, she was opposed to both proposed suggestions. Pichler also noted there had been a relatively recent request made to the Safety Commission for consideration of the addition of a crosswalk on Linfield Drive, in front of Weatherstone Park; however, that request was denied. Pichler also added when the crosswalk request was discussed, the Streets Department agreed to trim some of the trees to increase visibility. English and Baxter both advised what had been trimmed had since grown back.

Charlotte Kroupa asked if there were any thoughts on making the entrance and path into the park from Wilshire Drive more visible, to encourage more street parking on Wilshire Drive. Mitchell Lataille also inquired about whether there was appropriate signage to the entrance and path into the park from Wilshire Drive. Pichler advised the Parks Department could consider adding a curb ramp, stone, and/or additional woodchips out to the roadway to potentially make it more clear that there was access into the park from the path off Wilshire Drive. Pichler added that he had some concerns about adding concrete or asphalt pavement leading entirely up to the path, as the path itself was covered with woodchips and therefore not ADA compliant.

Jim Oldham inquired if there was any consensus or decisions on where the Safety Commission stood on the request for "No Parking" signs and/or the creation of additional parking. Simonson advised she was opposed to the installation of "No Parking" signs and/or the creation of additional parking. Pichler and English agreed with Simonson and also advised they were opposed to both.

MOTION: Motion to take no action on the request for the creation of additional parking and/or installing "No Parking" signs, but instead referring the item to the DPW/Parks Department for looking into improving access and visibility for the Wilshire Drive pedestrian entrance for Weatherstone Park

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner English
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 9-0

Citizens providing comments:

- Juli Baxter, 13765 W. Linfield Drive

6. TABLED ITEMS

- A. 25-6:** A resident has requested a “School Bus Stop” sign be added at or near the intersection of Honey Lane and Elm Grove Road.

Item not discussed

- B. 25-8:** A resident (via Alderman Stribl) has requested a yield sign be added at the intersection of Marin Way and Langlade Drive.

Item not discussed

- C. 25-10:** A resident (via Alderman Horbinski) has requested a sign to monitor vehicles’ speeds or stop signs in the area of Crawford Drive and Long Acre Drive.

Item not discussed

- D. 25-14:** A resident, who is also a Cadette Girl Scout working on completing a Silver Award project, has requested the installation of a crosswalk and/or other enhancements near the intersection of Sunny Slope Road and Briarwood Lane as a means of improving the safety for Orchard Lane elementary students and their families, as well as other pedestrians.

Item not discussed

- E. 25-16:** A resident, via Alderman Harenda, has requested that additional enhancements or signage be added to the intersection of Beloit Road and Calhoun Road to increase the safety of the intersection.

Item not discussed

- F. 25-18:** Members of the Rogers Glen Homeowners Association have requested stop signs be added at the intersection of Mill Creek Trail and Two Ponds Court, due to concerns of increased traffic, speeding, and blind spots at the intersection.

Item not discussed

7. SET MEETING DATE

- A.** Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn

VOTE: Motion by: Staff Designee Rocklewitz
Second by: DPW Director Pichler
Motion Passed 9-0

**Respectfully Submitted,
David Rocklewitz, Police Captain**