



Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Melinda Mueller, 2067 Windsor Place, to make East Main Cross Street at Bright Road right turn only.

6/16/2014

Chief Lonyo stated that it is difficult to make a left turn onto Bright Road from East Main Cross Street but not impossible if you take your time. Don't feel comfortable changing for one request. A suggestion is to put signage warning of a dangerous intersection. Director Rasmussen stated that better markings for lane designation for the right turn lane on Bright Road approaching Sandusky Street may help.

Motion to table request for further review by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Request of residents of Logan Avenue to revisit making Logan Avenue No Parking Any Time on one side of the street.

6/16/2014

Chief Lonyo inquired what the long term plan is for the fire hydrants along Logan Avenue with the ongoing project. Currently there are hydrants on one side of the street in one block and on the other side in another block.

Motion to table request for further review by Chief Horne, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of John Kunysz, IntelliHARTx, 130 East Crawford Street, Suite 360, for one or two additional handicap spots near 129 East Crawford Street.
2. Request of Sgt. Ryan Doe, Findlay Police Department, for an additional "Do No Enter Sign" or "One Way" sign on the south side of the intersection of West Main Cross Street and South Cory Street.
3. Request of a representative of Muddy River Bicycle Company, 403 South Main Street, for a Loading Zone (10 minute parking only) in front of their location in the space that is currently marked for the fire hydrant that is within a few feet of the intersection.
4. Request of Reid Ponx on behalf of Gardner Brothers, LLC, 16067 State Route 12, Findlay, per recommendation of City Planning Commission to make the east/west alley at 223 South Main Street one way.
5. Request of Chris Kucharski, Gilbane Construction, contractor for Marathon Petroleum Company, to temporarily remove one parking space in front of the building at 130 East Crawford Street on the East Sandusky Street side during the construction at Marathon Petroleum Company.

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June 4, 2014

Dear Traffic Commission,

A few weeks ago, my mother was sitting at the intersection of East Main Cross St and Bright Rd waiting to turn left onto Bright Rd. She moved forward so she could see if a car was coming over the Blanchard River bridge (to her left). Thinking she didn't see anyone coming, she pulled out to turn left and as soon as she pulled out, a minivan came over the bridge and my mom's bumper got caught on the right rear tire well of the minivan and it totally pulled my mom's car bumper off. Luckily, no one was injured. My mom was cited by the Findlay Police. The policeman stated that this is a bad intersection and it is too bad that a traffic light couldn't be located at that intersection (of course that would not be feasible since it is too close to the East Sandusky traffic light).

A few days later, I was sitting at the traffic light on County Rd 180 and East Sandusky (facing north toward the East Main Cross St intersection) and saw a car pull out of the East Main Cross intersection and turn left onto Bright Rd and almost was hit by a car coming over the bridge on Bright Rd. A near miss situation!

When I have a concern or complaint about a situation I believe that I should offer a suggestion for improvement. My suggestion for this situation is to make East Main Cross St a **right turn lane only** onto Bright Rd (no left turn at all). To enforce this, place metal bars with yellow reflectors (like the ones on the bridge over I-75 on West Bigelow Ave) in the middle of the street. This would prevent anyone from being tempted to turn left. Making this a right turn lane only will not prevent people from shopping on the east side as they can still reach Bright Rd by going down East Sandusky St and turn onto Bright Rd. Making this a right turn lane only would make the intersection safer.

If you have never encountered this intersection, I urge you to drive out there tomorrow to see and experience it.

I would like to be present at the next Traffic Commission meeting when this is discussed. Please let me know when this will occur.

Thank you for your time.

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East Main Cross Street at Bright Road

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
September 16, 2013

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Police Chief Greg Horne, Fire Chief Tom Lonyo, Councilman Ron Monday.

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

GUESTS PRESENT: Duane Chambers and Kathy Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Request of Deborah Tuttle, 621 Frank Street; Kathy Chambers, 620 Frank Street; and Penny Turner, 908 Markle Street, for a "Caution No Turn Around" sign to be added to the existing "No Outlet" sign entering Frank Street at the intersection of Crystal Avenue.

Mr. Chambers stated that numerous drivers come down their dead end street and discover that there is no outlet and turn around in their driveway or Ms. Turner's or Ms. Tuttle's driveway. Most times turning around in yard and tearing it up. Drivers do not pay attention to the "No Outlet" sign that is posted. Matt Stoffel stated that the sign requested is not a regulated sign. Schmelzer inquired if we can add a dead end sign to the existing No Outlet sign post. Stoffel said it is possible.

Motion to place a "Dead End" sign on the existing "No Outlet" sign post by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Request of Nate Hoy, City of Findlay Engineering Department, on behalf of residents on Logan Avenue, to make Logan Avenue No Parking Any Time on one side of the street.

Schmelzer stated that instead of looking at each street individually in the West Park subdivision, we should wait to consider requests until the CDBG project is complete in the West Park area. Residents in the area need to submit the request direct to Traffic Commission and not through the Engineering Department. The request will not be considered if only one person in the area has a complaint. Neighborhood support is needed for consideration of request.

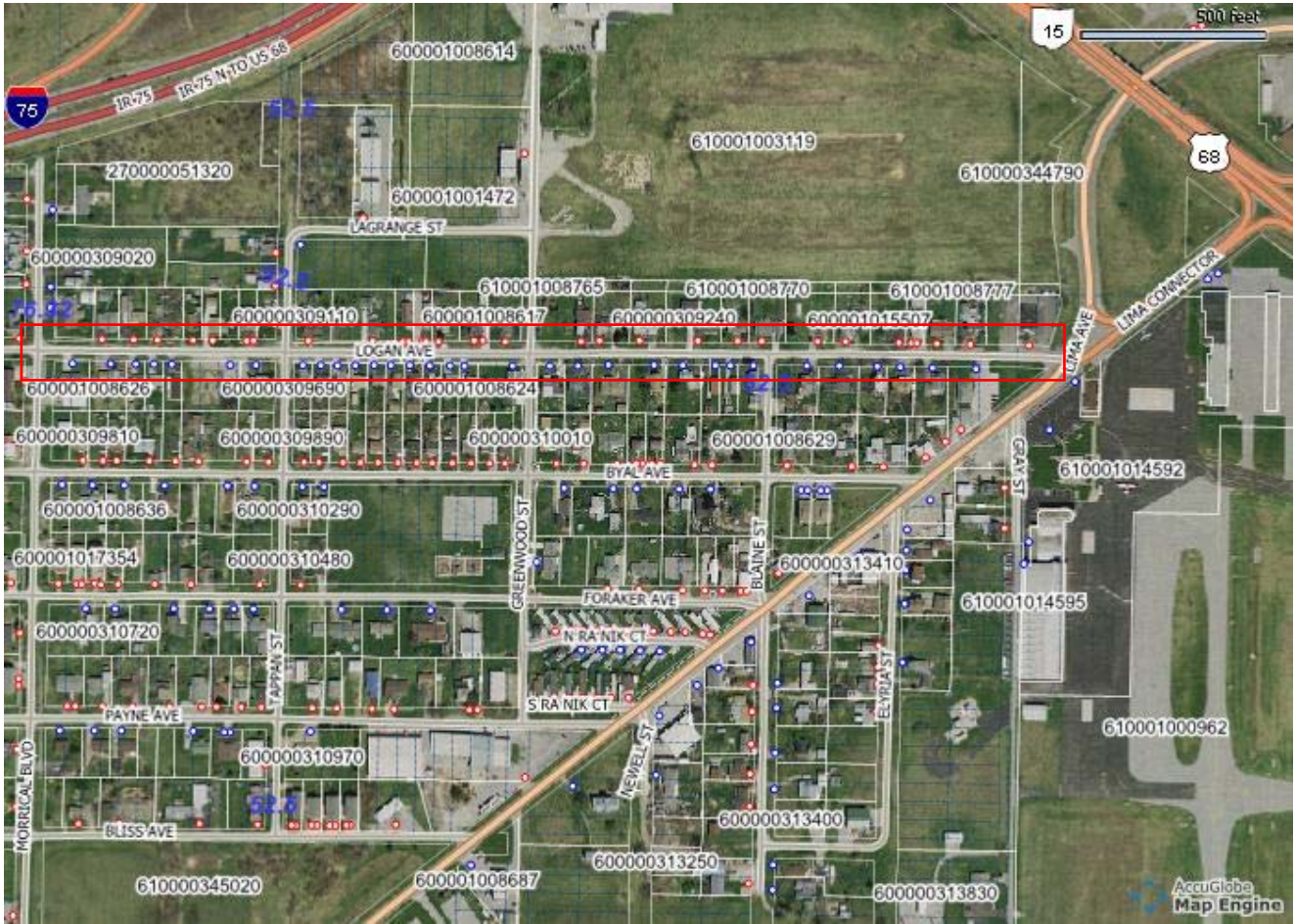
With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on October 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk

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Logan Avenue

Kathy Launder

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 2:55 PM
To: 'Kathy Launder'
Subject: FW: Handicap parking talk

Agenda item I emailed about.

Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S.

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From: Holly Frische [<mailto:holly@acapltd.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 3:35 PM
To: johnkunysz@intelliHARTx.com; Paul Schmelzer
Subject: Handicap parking talk

Hey John

I did touch base with Paul our safety service director regarding our conversation of an additional 1 or 2 handicap spots near your Crawford St office. So brainstorming a little with Paul it sounds as though a request for adding a space or 2 on Crawford shouldn't be a big deal that we could address that at Traffic Commission but the thought of adding parking/handicap parking to possibly Beech is a separate process that would take some time to get all our data collected.

So I have included Paul in this email and if you would like to proceed with looking at Crawford we can do that and would ask when it is added to the agenda that you are someone from your office be present to explain to the committee your request. Pretty basic. So just let me know.

Thanks John

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130 East Crawford Street
Request for 1-2 handicap parking spaces

Kathy Launder

From: Greg Horne <ghorne@findlayohio.com>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 2:02 PM
To: 'Kathy Launder'
Subject: FW: Main Cross/Cory St

Kathy,

Can this be put on the traffic committee agenda?

From: Doe, Ryan [<mailto:rdoe@ci.findlay.oh.us>]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 12:06 PM
To: ghorne@findlayohio.com
Subject: Main Cross/Cory St

Sir-

I sent the following to Matt Stoffel and he asked that I send it to you for submission to the Traffic Committee.

Would it be possible to add another "Do Not Enter Sign" or a "One way" arrow sign on the south side of this intersection? There is currently a "Do Not Enter Sign" at the southeast corner. Lately there have been a lot of cars going south from Main Cross (this is one way north). A recent driver said the sign is hard to see when driving east on Main Cross.

I drove east on Main Cross and the "Do Not Enter Sign", because of the location and angle, is nearly impossible to see.

If we can get a "Do Not Enter" sign, it should be at the southwest corner and possibly angled slightly to the west. If we can get a "One way" arrow sign it should be at the southwest corner as well.

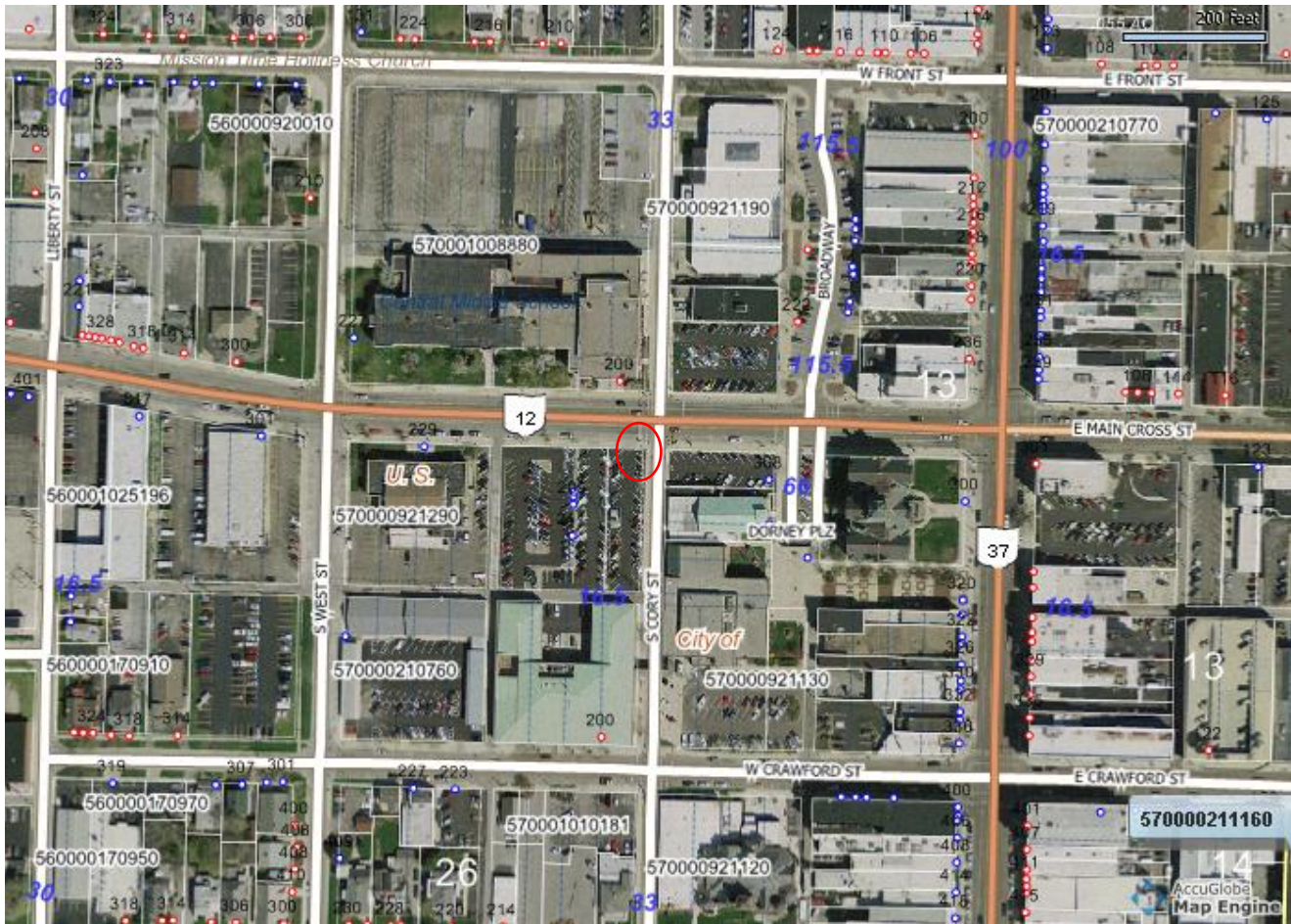
As a follow up, I was assigned Beech and Lincoln Friday for the glow run. This intersection has the "Do Not Enter" sign plus two One Way arrow signs. Main Cross is much busier than this intersection so maybe additional signs could be justified if comparing the intersections.

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Intersection of West Main Cross Street and South Cory Street
Request additional Do Not Enter or One Way signs

Kathy Launder

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2014 4:55 PM
To: 'Kathy Launder'
Subject: put this on agenda for next traffic commission

3) I was in Muddy River Bike the other day and they requested that I look into the possibility of a loading zone (10 minute parking only) being added in front of their store in the space that is currently blocked off (painted yellow) because of the fire hydrant that is within a few feet of the corner of that intersection. Is that possible? Or must a fire hydrant have a mandatory length of no parking around it?

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Kathy Launder

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 7:55 AM
To: 'Reid A. Ponx'
Cc: 'Kathy Launder'
Subject: RE: City Planning Commission Meeting

That is correct. I will take care of getting you on the agenda. Will the bulk of the parking be leased? If so, you may want to have your client consider having the alley go one-way to the west so they can exit from onto an arterial rather than wait on Main Street to make a left turn. I believe you may have issues there during peak times which is when the ingress/egress on leased parking will occur. I like that you moved the entry point off the alley farther east, but I am sure you can see an issue with a driver trying to get across multiple lanes of traffic during peak times to get into the parking lot to have to make a fairly immediate right turn.

I realize the HRPC notes recommended one-way west, but I would suggest you analyze the situation more from a traffic perspective and talk it over with your client.

Have a good weekend.

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From: Reid A. Ponx [<mailto:RPonx@tfc-inc.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 3:29 PM
To: pschmelzer@findlayohio.com
Subject: City Planning Commission Meeting

Paul,

Following up from a comment you made at the CPC Meeting today (7/10/2014). Per Site Plan Application #SP-10-2014 and this morning's approval, the owner is being requested to file request to Traffic Commission to make the east/west alley one way east. In the meeting this morning, you indicated that you would file the request with Traffic Commission.

Per the Traffic Commission website, the next Traffic Commission Meeting would be at 2:30 pm on 7/21.

Please confirm this is the meeting time, the location of the meeting, and let me know if there is anything else needed.

Thanks,
Reid

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SITE PLAN APPLICATION #SP-10-2014 filed by Gardner Brothers, LLC, 16067 SR 12, Findlay, OH for a **parking lot to be located at 223 S. Main Street, Findlay.**

HRPC

General Information

The site in this request is located on the east side of S. Main Street in the mid 200 block. It is zoned C-3 Downtown. All surrounding parcels are also zoned C-3. The land is located within the 100 year flood plain. The Land Use Plan designates the area as Downtown.

Parcel History

The commercial structures on the site were demolished recently.
The site plan submitted in June, 2014 was tabled by the Commission.

Staff Analysis

The applicant has submitted a new site plan to address the problems that the Commission saw in the first plan. The request is for the construction of a 37 space parking lot. We understand it to be built as a leased space lot.

The new site plan has eliminated the access point from Main Street. The existing alleys to the north and east of the parcel will be used for ingress and egress for the lot. Staff prefers that the east/west alley be made one way eastbound. The applicant can apply to Findlay Traffic Commission for this request.

The wall will be constructed across the entire frontage. Concrete curb stops will be used along the alley to prohibit cars from randomly accessing the lot from the alleyway.

The previous dumpster location was also problematic. The developer has moved it back about 4' from the east side to help with visibility along the alleyway.

Staff Recommendation

HRPC Staff recommends approval with the provision to make the east/west alley one way east.

ENGINEERING

Access – Access from adjacent alleys is appropriate. We recommend the Traffic Commission consider making the alley on the north side of the lot one-way east bound to avoid conflicts at the Main Street intersection.

Stormwater Management – Site was previously 100% impervious so detention is not required, Grading plan for the lot is appropriate.

Sidewalks – Existing sidewalks will remain

Recommendation: Approval of the plan

The following permits may be required prior to construction:

- A Flood Plain Development permit
- An approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

FIRE PREVENTION

No Comment

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **approval of SITE PLAN APPLICATION #SP-10-2014 for a parking lot to be located at 223 S. Main Street, Findlay subject to the following conditions:**

- Applicant files a request to Traffic Commission to make the east/west alley one way east.

DISCUSSION

Dan Clinger stated that the bumpers on the alley appear to be very close and vehicles will overhang into the alley. These should be adjusted. He also questioned why a dumpster is on the site. That is something not usually associated with a parking lot. He also asked how it was to be accessed. He wonders if a truck would need to go down the north/south alley the wrong way.

Reid Ponx replied that the dumpster could be rotated so the access would come off the parking lot. The owner asked for the dumpster because he owns some other properties nearby that could use additional dumpster space.

Mr. Clinger said he still didn't follow how they will serve the dumpster. Mr. Ponx replied that the truck can come in off Main Street through the parking lot and access it from the lot. The way it is shown now, a truck would have to come down the alley the wrong way on the east end of the parcel. Mr. Clinger questioned if a truck could make that turn into the parking lot. Mr. Ponx stated that there is no curb or obstruction at the entry so they should be able to make it. Also this should be done during off hours so there is no conflict with cars in the lot.

Paul Schmelzer stated that he just think that they need to functionally locate your bumper stops.

Mr. Clinger asked if they intended to do anything with the alley itself as far as paving. Reid Ponx replied yes. He stated that in order to get the drainage appropriate they will have to repave up to the edge of the building. With the former building being torn down, there is no good edge to match up with. The grades will be pretty much the same as they are now they just need to make a good transition between the lot and the alley. The alley is in pretty poor condition now.

Mr. Schmelzer asked if the client has any issues with one way traffic. Mr. Ponx replied that he had not indicated that he has any problem with one way traffic that he is aware of. Mr. Schmelzer stated that he can have that item added to the next Traffic Commission agenda if he would like. Mr. Ponx asked if someone needs to attend that meeting. Mr. Schmelzer commented that that is typical. He will let them know when it will be.

Matt Cordonnier said he wanted to clarify if it is to be one way east or west. Mr. Schmelzer stated that the recommendation read east. That is the way he will present it to the Traffic Commission for further discussion at that point.

MOTION

Dan Clinger made a **motion to approve SITE PLAN APPLICATION #SP-10-2014 for a parking lot to be located at 223 S. Main Street, Findlay subject to the following conditions:**

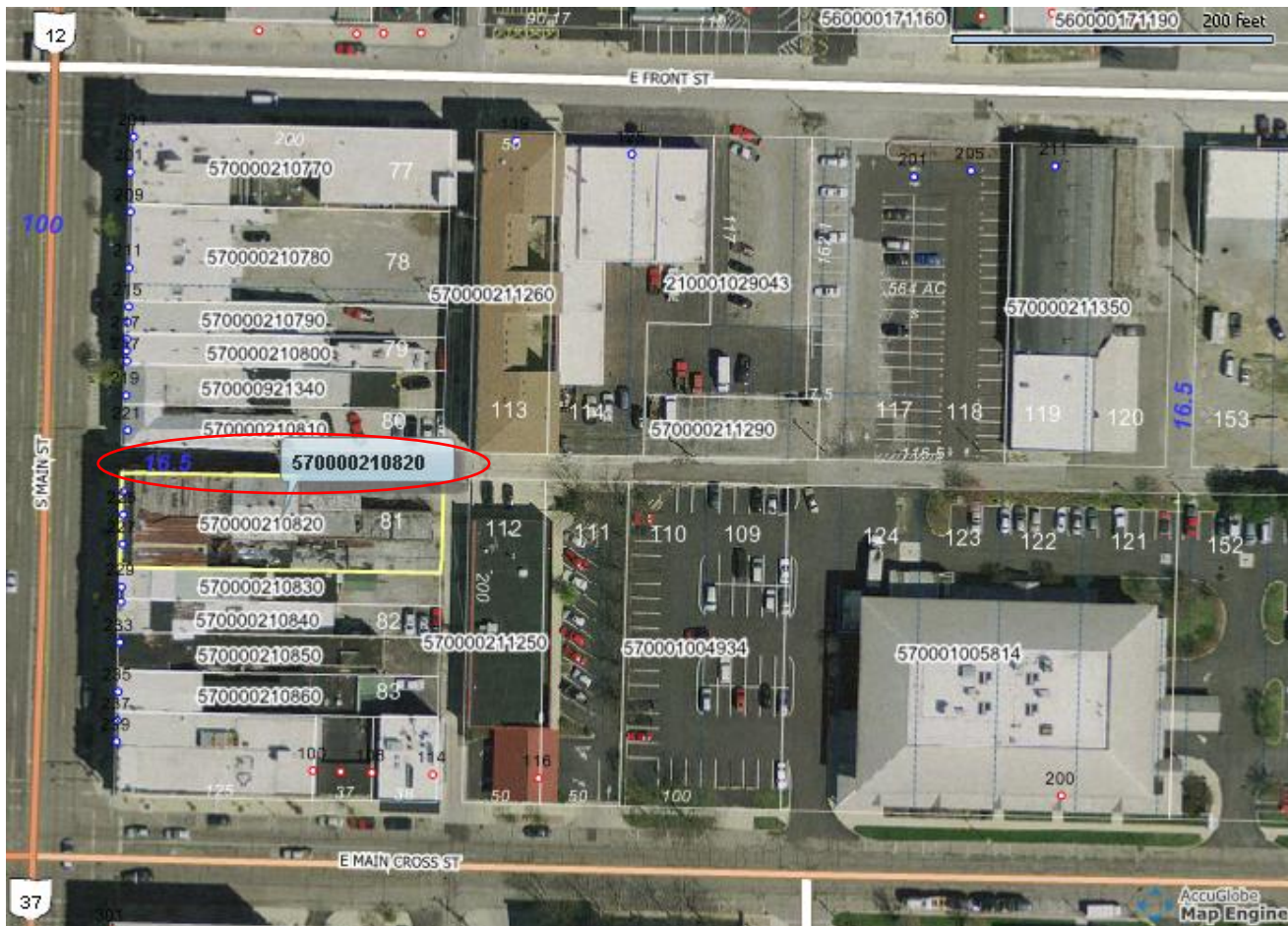
- **Alley is converted to one way**
- **The curb stops along the alley are adjusted to keep cars from overhanging**
- **Confirm that the dumpster access will not be an issue for traffic flow.**

2nd: **Paul Schmelzer**

VOTE: Yay (3) Nay (0) Abstain (0)

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Request to make alley one way

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223 South Main Street
Request to make alley one way

Kathy Launder

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 12:21 PM
To: 'Kathy Launder'
Subject: FW: Traffic items

Looks like we have another request for traffic commission. We should already have one for the alley next to gardner parking lot, parking spaces in front of intellihartz and now this beach st request.

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From: Paul Schmelzer [<mailto:pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 12:19 PM
To: 'Kucharski, Chris'
Subject: RE: Traffic items

Chris,

The business is open already. They have a request for handicapped parking in the area. That request will go to the next traffic commission meeting.

If MPC wants formal consideration of the two-way on Beach, have an appropriate representative send a brief description of the request in writing. I will add it to the agenda for the Traffic Commission meeting on the 21st at 2:30. The meeting is held in the 3rd floor conference room.

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From: Kucharski, Chris [<mailto:CKucharski@Gilbaneco.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 11:01 AM
To: pschmelzer@findlayohio.com
Subject: Traffic items

Paul-

We met a few weeks ago and I requested at that time to eliminate the parking space in front of the Kirk Bldg. Has any resolution been finalized yet?

I would accept closing that one space until the new business does open up in that Kirk bldg.

Also I'm asking for closure on whether Beech St. (North of Sandusky St.), will remain only southbound traffic or become two way, as the traffic arrows indicate on Van Horn Hoover's dwg SP2.

Thanks for your help in these matters.

CHRIS KUCHARSKI

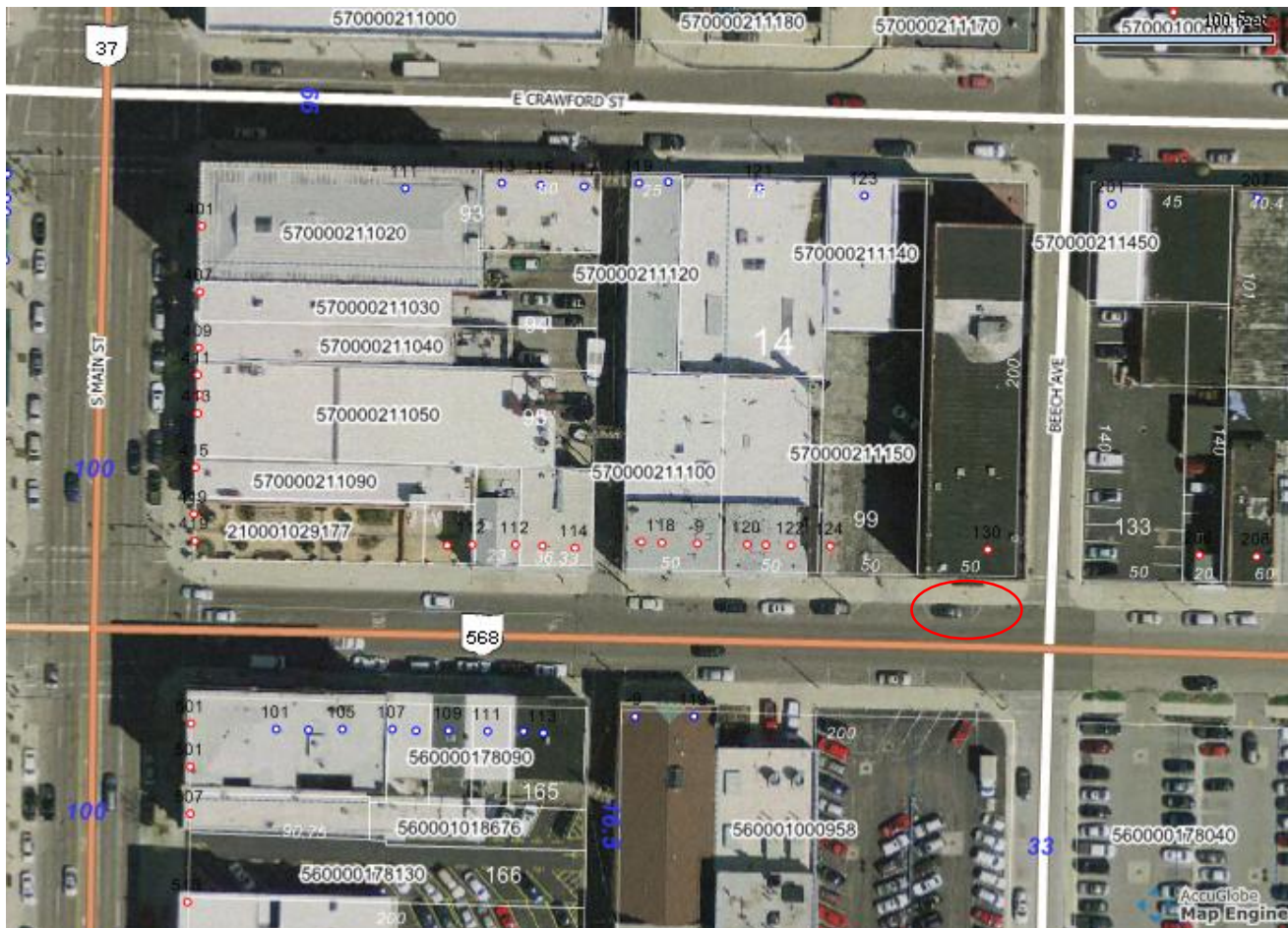
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Gilbane Company
Temporarily eliminate parking space