

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Monday, March 20, 2017
Room 226 – Public Works

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Chalabian called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Present: Jack Chalabian, Kyle Eichenberger, Michael Stewart, James Thompson, Joel Schoenmeyer

Excused: Craig Chesney

Staff: Mike Koperniak, Jill Juliano, John Youkhana, Mary Avinger

There was no non-agenda public testimony.

Approval of Tonight's Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Eichenberger motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the Draft February 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Schoenmeyer motioned to approve the draft February 27, 2017, Transportation Commission meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE WIDE PARKING STUDY

The floor was opened to public testimony.

Art Murnan of 446 North Austin Blvd stated he has lived in Oak Park for 31 years and up until five years ago, people used to be able to park on Austin until 2:30am and now they can only park until 11:00pm. Mr. Murnan stated visitors he had one night got tickets because no one was notified of the change. 90% of the time there are no cars parked on the 400 block of North Austin during those restrictions. Mr. Murnan is upset that he cannot have visitors after 11pm and there is nowhere he is comfortable having his guests park after 11pm. Mr. Murnan wants to know why there is an 11:00 time restriction when no one uses it and how restrictions were changed without notification to the residents on the block.

Public testimony was closed out.

John Youkhana, the Assistant Parking Director, gave a presentation on the update of the Village wide parking study. John explained as part of the study how the Village will be looked at in themes such as border streets - Harlem and Austin and North Ave. and Roosevelt, commuter streets – South Blvd. and along I-290, and in business districts and how they relate to each other.

Commissioner Chalabian explained theme versus category style of study and how the Village Board wants the theme study.

John Youkhana spoke about getting the Commission's feedback on consolidating signage and improving understanding of parking restrictions and removing restrictions. John explained staff's recommendations on standardizing overnight permit parking hours to 11:00pm – 6:00am.

There was a discussion about the various hours for parking restrictions on Austin and rush hour parking. The discussion continued about overnight parking on Harlem, technology allowing property owners to see unused private parking spaces, and about educational seminars to help people understand parking restrictions and finding parking.

Commissioner Thompson asked about information about a parking consultant he read about and John Youkhana explained the reason for using a consultant.

Commissioner Schoenmeyer asked about rush hour restrictions on Austin and if the overnight parking restrictions should be kept. Commissioner Schoenmeyer also spoke about how the work of the consultant is integrated into what the Village is trying to do for the ease of the use and customer service.

Commissioner Eichenberger asked about the history of the daytime permit parking zone A8 and John Youkhana explained the history including how residents in the area requested those restrictions.

Commissioner Stewart stated he sees a need to standardize parking restrictions across the Village but the needs of residents need to be taken into consideration and renters should be notified of standardization. Commissioner Stewart also spoke about how 400 N Austin from Lake Street to Ontario is very dense and parking is tight. John Youkhana responded that Parking looks at the impact with an internal discussion then it goes to the Village Board. Then a week before implementation to put up signs in the area of change. Commissioner Stewart commented on how the Transportation Commission used to receive public testimony for these types of parking studies before the Commission gave comments or recommendations.

Chair Chalabian questioned what the purpose of the Transportation Commission is in the parking survey process and spoke about the Village Board goals from his perspective. Chair Chalabian stated that he thinks the study is moving fast but some staff recommendations make sense even though he sees lots of red flags and is disturbed by the process on how it is being delivered to the Transportation Commission.

Chair Chalabian also believes the Transportation Commission needs to communicate its opinions to the Village Board liaison and that the Commission needs more public testimony and public participation. Chair Chalabian shared his background with living on Austin and his parking experiences there. He questioned where commuters can leave their car and use other modes of transportation.

A brief discussion was had about parking availability on Austin and west of Austin.

Commissioner Stewart stated he likes staff's recommendation to remove daytime permit zone A8 and is for using technology to help match people to parking.

A discussion was had about how parking technology could work.

Commissioner Stewart reiterated again the need for more public testimony on this issue about parking on Austin.

Chair Chalabian stated he thinks that in regards to the process that the Village-wide Parking Study is using, that the Transportation Commission is a rubber stamp.

A discussion was had about the need for the Transportation Commission to be involved, the need for public testimony, the consultant contract for technology, and staff possibly giving parking tutorial about technology to Transportation Commission members.

Chair Chalabian stated he knows staff works very hard during open Saturday permit sales. He also went on to explain why the Transportation Commission involvement appears to him to be unnecessary and wants the Commission to be an active participant.

Commissioner Eichenberger asked what the Village Board's ultimate goals are and a discussion was had with John Youkhana about the interactions between the Village Board, staff, and the Transportation Commission.

Commissioner Stewart stated he doesn't want all past Transportation Commission recommendations and actions to be wiped away by standardization.

Chair Chalabian stated staff needs to balance the needs of residents on block versus needs of entire Village.

Commissioner Stewart stated there is no magic one size fits all solution and went on to speak about parking rates and how technology might affect it.

CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING TOOLBOX

Jill Juliano gave a presentation on the continued development of the traffic calming toolbox that included the pre-final traffic calming toolbox scoring table. Jill Juliano also presented the eligibility/prioritization example from the City of Centennial, Colorado

neighborhood traffic management programs, a table listing types of traffic calming measures and examples of traffic calming devices from other municipalities. Chair Chalabian stated the Commission's scoring criteria is sufficient and workable.

Commissioner Stewart asked according to the criteria on page 6.3 1/1 if per Village bike plan if Home Ave is included and spoke about bike routes and non-bike routes criteria. Jill Juliano confirmed that Home Ave is included in the Village's bike plan and explained initial table of traffic calming measures and that she is asking for input from Fire, Police, and the Public Works Department.

Chair Chalabian stated in April he would like to have Fire, Police, and Public Works Department staff present to dialogue with Transportation Commission.

Jill Juliano went over the list and indicated the measures the Village has used in the past.

A discussion about the use of speed tables and their effectiveness occurred.

Chair Chalabian stated he is skeptical about the impact on emergency services.

Commissioner Stewart stated that the neckdown/bulbout is not bike friendly.

A discussion took place about starting with the least impact and working on the way up until a solution is achieved.

Commissioner Eichenberger asked if there was anything about the petition process online and Jill Juliano responded right now there is not. Commissioner Eichenberger also stated the Commission should have public testimony and public should be able to file petition online by choosing criteria from a menu.

A discussion took place about modifying the top part of the petition to a checklist of what the petitioner's problems are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Volume | Maybe even rank them |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Crashes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Speed | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pedestrian Safety | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bike Safety | |

A discussion about giving the public the entire agenda 48 hours in advance before meetings and when staff uploads it to the Transportation Commission as well as what to do with public testimony received after the agenda is uploaded took place.

Chair Chalabian stated he would like to wrap up the traffic calming toolbox by June.

Commissioner Eichenberger motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart.

The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectively submitted

Mary Avinger

Mary Avinger,
Administrative Secretary