

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Monday, March 25, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Room 101 – Village Hall

1. Call to Order

Interim Chair Kyle Eichenberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Interim Chair Kyle Eichenberger, Garth Katner, James Thompson, Aaron Stigger

Absent: Roya Basirirad, Meghan Moses, Robert Taylor

Staff: Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak, Jill Juliano, Recording Secretary Kevin Cassidy, Parking Manager Will Gillespie

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

3. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Stigger made a motion to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Katner. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Katner made a motion to approve the February 25, 2019 Transportation Commission meeting minutes without modification.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigger. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. UPDATE ON THE PARKING PILOT

Parking Manager Will Gillespie presented information:

- Pilot Program six month timeline
- Program to be implemented in three phases
- Discussed evaluation measures

Discussion:

Eichenberger inquired about methods for public feedback and inquiry

DISCUSSION (continued)

- Will Gillespie replied with description of communication methods including the Parking Services page on the Village website, e-mail and telephone messages.
 - Information regarding permits and overrides is communicated by direct mail as well as social media.
 - Parking regulations will be less confusing and more uniform Village wide
 - New, simplified parking signs will be rolled out street by street
 - o New signs installed on Maple provide examples
 - Commissioner Thompson asked for clarifications regarding six month period
 - o Gillespie responded that each phase had a six month schedule.
 - Phase 3 begins in April
 - Thompson inquired about the number of spaces added
 - o Gillespie replied that 100 spaces were added to Madison Street and that 50 spaces were added to Marion St.
 - Gillespie replying to Thompson stated that granted permits were increased in Y2, Y3 and Y4
 - Gillespie replied to Stigger stating that CALE payment system was more efficient than older parking meters.
 - Gillespie replied to Thompson that steps were taken to increase police parking enforcement.
 - o Gillespie reported that there are seven Parking Enforcement officers patrolling the Village along with patrols by all officers
 - o Thompson requested a report from Oak Park Police Department regarding parking enforcement
 - Commissioner Katner requested a summary of citizen feedback and Gillespie replied.
 - Parking Manager Gillespie will present the next update at the May meeting of the Transportation Commission
6. PETITION FOR A TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE AT THE INTERSECTION OF ADAMS STREET AND WISCONSIN AVENUE
- Traffic Engineer Jill Juliano presented detailed report in response to a citizen petition to upgrade a two-way stop at the intersection to an “All Way” stop.
 - Juliano reported that traffic counts were proceeding in response to Commissioner Stagger’s question regarding critical crash rates.
 - Juliano explained rationale of alternating stop sign pattern in response to Commissioner Stagger’s question regarding why some intersections have stops signs while others do not.
 - Stigger questioned the number of stop signs and asked if all were necessary.
 - Juliano discussed stop sign functions considering the problem of rolling stops and the problem of speeding drivers.
 - Thompson asked how an intersection qualifies for an all-way stop. Juliano replied with statistics regarding volume of traffic and number of crashes.

- Eichenberger raised questions regarding speeding cars and police enforcement.
- Eichenberger called for increased education regarding stop signs and stopping for school buses.
- Juliano reported that the Village has installed and/or orders “No Parking Here to Corner” signs and also has changed STOP sign plaques to read “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” rather than Two-way Stop.
- Staff research led to recommendations for the intersection:
 - o Upgrade and/or refresh pedestrian crossing paint to high visibility continental markings.
 - o Add pedestrian crossing signs

6a. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEM #6

- Robert Salm of the 700 block of Wisconsin spoke in support of all-way STOP signs. As a pedestrian he was nearly hit by a car.
 - o Indicated that data did not reflect the reality at the intersection.
- Charlene Schwar of the 700 block of Wisconsin spoke in support of all-way STOP signs.
 - o Stated that present YIELD signs are not effective.
 - o Questioned if traffic counter was in use for a long enough period.
 - o The speed limit is violated consistently
 - o Had questions regarding STOP signs at Adams and Kenilworth
- George Yanos of the 800 block of Wisconsin spoke in support of all-way STOP signs.
 - o Took issue with the nature of the parking restrictions on his block.
 - o Drivers are confused about the route out of the area
 - o Stated that speed remains a problem

Close testimony

The commission discussed:

- 25 mph speed limit and the use of portable speed radar displays
- Criteria that would call for an all-way stop
 - o Rolling stops
 - o Crash frequency, number of crashes
 - o Intersections of streets that have higher speed limits
- Concern for students and/or other pedestrians at Adams and Wisconsin
 - o School bus routes and pedestrian path to and from the bus stop
 - o Pedestrian presence relatively low in comparison to other intersections
- Compare alternative solutions to the all-way stop solution
- Traffic at Rush/Oak Park Hospital as a contributing factor and other traffic flow factors.
 - o Can Village dialog with hospital toward traffic solutions?
- Noted that staff data was at odds with public sentiment.

It was moved by Commissioner Stigger and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the All-way Stop at Adams and Wisconsin; to include continental striping on all four legs of the intersection.

Ayes - Eichenberger, Katner, Thompson , Stigger
Nays - 0

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

7.REVIEW UPDATE OF VILLAGE'S BICYCLE PLAN AND IT'S IMPLEMENTATION

Engineer Koperniak presented commentary on the development and status of the program.

- Koperniak presented extensive documentation
- Reviewed program goals and outcomes
 - Bike friendly Village
 - Identify streets to designate as bike routes
 - Merge Bike Plan with Capital Improvement Plan and Greenways Development
 - Educate the public
 - Analyze Divvy Bike failure
 - Increased bike sharing
- Koperniak concluded his report and asked the committee to review the materials as the basis for discussion at the May meeting.
- Eichenberger asked about the Bicycle Program's budget
- Koperniak explained that \$200,000 was an estimate.
 - Actual figure would be adjusted to fit actual proposals.
 - Commissioner Thompson asked for a schedule of specific costs toward establishing the budget request.
 - For example, what is the per mile cost of a bike lane?
What is the cost of a "hawk" signal?

Thompson moved for adjournment and was seconded by Stigger. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Kevin Cassidy
Administrative Secretary
Public Works