

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Remote Participation Meeting

1. Call to Order

Transportation Commission Chair Ron Burke called the remote participation meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Staff Liaison Jill Juliano read the following statement into the record:

"The Village President has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 outbreak during the Governor's disaster proclamation. It is not feasible to have a person present at the regular meeting location due to public safety concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak during the Governor's disaster proclamation."

Roll Call

Present: Camille Fink, Garth Katner, Meghann Moses, Aaron Stigger, James Thompson, Ron Burke

Absent: Ryan Peterson

Staff: Parking & Mobility Services Manager Sean Keane, Parking Restrictions Coordinator (PRC) Cinthya Redkva, Staff Liaison Jill Juliano

Guest: Efrain Dorado

2. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Katner made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Katner, Thompson, Fink, Moses, Stigger, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

3. Approval of the Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

3.1) August 10, 2021 Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the draft August 10, 2021 Transportation Commission meeting minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Fink.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, Fink, Katner, Moses, Stigger, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

3.2) September 14, 2021 Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the draft September 14, 2021 Transportation Commission meeting minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Stigger.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, Stigger, Fink, Katner, Moses, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

4. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

5. RECOMMENDATION TO ADD Y7 OVERNIGHT ON-STREET PERMIT PARKING AND REMOVE DAYTIME PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT 511-531 S CUYLER AVENUE

PRC Redkva gave a presentation providing background on the item and staff's recommendation to add Y7 overnight on-street permit parking and remove daytime parking restrictions at 511 to 531 S Cuyler Avenue.

- Effective January 1, 2022, Village Parking Lot 44 located at 301 Madison St will close due to an intergovernmental agreement between the Park District and the Village.
- There are currently 19 permit holders in that lot and of those, 52% reside on the 500 block of S Cuyler.
- Staff's recommendation to allow Y7 overnight on-street permit parking is an effort to make up for the loss of spaces in Lot 44 and would allow for 11 parking spaces on the west side of the block. Staff is also recommending removing the daytime parking restrictions (2-hour parking 9am-5pm Monday through Friday) to allow permit holders to park continuously as Lot 44 allowed 24-hour parking.

- Zoning restrictions limit potential permit area to 511-531 S Cuyler, instead of allowing entire west side of the street to be used for permit parking.

Following the presentation, the Commission asked questions regarding the item. Below is a summary of the questions and staff responses.

Q: Why is the Village losing the parking lot? A: Via an intergovernmental agreement with the Park District of Oak Park (PDOP), which allows the Village to use the parcel for permit parking. The agreement allows PDOP to terminate the agreement if they give the Village proper notice; which they did.

Q: How many parking spots are in the lot? A: 19 parking permits.

Q: How many spaces would be created on Cuyler? A: 11 parking spaces per the Ordinance.

Q: Ordinance doesn't allow for entire western side of the block? A: Current ordinance doesn't allow for entire block, only within 750 feet of a multi-unit building.

Q: VBOT could make an exemption to the Village Code? A: If Transportation Commission want to make a recommendation to the Village Board to override the ordinance they could. Staff's recommendation is under the current parameters.

Q: Clarification regarding the change in restrictions will be affecting only multi-family buildings or both single family and multi-family buildings? A: It is only the west side of the block which is all multi-family buildings.

Q: Resident written testimony talks of cars parked throughout the day and overnight for extended periods of time which contradicts what staff has stated the parking restrictions on the block. A: Staff reconfirmed the current restrictions and added there may be a lack of enforcement. Also, between March 2020 and October 2021 a lot of the restrictions were lifted due to the pandemic. A lot of the complaints stem from that time period.

Q: How many spaces created if restrictions were extended to Adams St? 18 parking spaces.

Q: Has there been discussion with PDOP where a parking structure could be used by permit holders and patrons of the Rec Center? A: To staff's knowledge, they are not aware of any conversations.

Q: How does the Village manage Village services (street cleaning, snow plowing, leaf removal) in areas with overnight parking? A: Staff provided detail regarding the different operations.

Commissioner Stigger commented he heard from a PDOP contact there will be three parking lots for the Rec Center (two on one side of the street and one on the other), but they will only be for those visiting the Rec Center.

Parking Restrictions Coordinator Redkva read the two written public testimony aloud. The comments, in their entirety, are attached to these minutes.

Resident Efrain Dorado reiterated comments provided in his written public testimony to the meeting and he shared his comments about the proposed recommendation. A copy of his comments that were previously submitted to staff and are included in the October 12, 2021 Transportation Commission meeting agenda.

Commissioner Stigger shared he had heard more from PDOP and thought if the Commission could hold off on this item, they might be able to collaborate with PDOP to find a better, less offensive way to provide additional parking. He asked staff when the spots would be lost. Staff responded the spots would be eliminated on January 1, 2022 and would still need to help permit holders find new spots before their permits expire.

The Commission discussed the following topics:

- Challenges for residents living on blocks adjacent to major streets with businesses.
- How parking regulation would help to address resident concerns about not receiving Village services, parking space turnover.
- What happens to residents when their permits expire and the parking spaces are eliminated.
- If staff's recommendation were implemented, who could park on street in front of 511 to 531 S Cuyler Ave during the daytime and for what duration.
- Examples of similar blocks with similar restrictions.
- Concern about lifting daytime restrictions and allowing anyone to park in that area for unlimited time during the day. Rather use the Pilot Program which allows residents of the block to park without restrictions, but places restrictions on non-residents.
- This is replacement of overnight parking spaces that will be eliminated within 60 days.
- Waiting for Pilot Program update as not having parking zones may be helpful as it would for more flexibility in where people could park.
- Possibility of finding temporary solution while PDOP and staff see if there could be collaboration on parking structure.
- Make recommendation for the entire west side of block rather than a partial block which could cause more confusion and frustration for motorists

Prior to making a formal recommendation, the Commission discussed possible options in their recommendation including:

- Noting that this is potentially a short-term solution and if enough parking could be found elsewhere, prefer the block remain without overnight permit parking
- Extents of the new parking restriction, partial block from 511 to 531 S Cuyler or full block down to Adams St.
- Type of daytime restriction: none, 2-hour restriction or 3-hour restriction and the possibility of residents of block could override the restriction same as the Pilot Program is testing.

- Trying to craft a recommendation that would be most comparable the existing 24-hour parking that residents currently have in Lot 44.

Chair Burke stated that the Commission seems to be agreement except about lifting the daytime restrictions and suggested having two votes for the item.

Staff clarified the language for the first vote.

Commissioner Stigger made a motion to recommend staff's original recommendation but also recommends 1) to extend the parking permit area to Adams St and 2) strongly encourage staff to look for other options for parking spaces to eventually replace the on-street overnight parking on the 500 block of S Cuyler by working with other agencies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Katner.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Stigger, Katner, Fink, Moses, Thompson, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion that the Commission amend the recommendation just made to state that if administratively possible, there will be a 3-hour daytime parking restriction on the 500 block of S Cuyler with a residential override option. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moses.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, Moses, Fink, Katner, Stigger, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

6. RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD REVISED PRINCIPLES AND GOALS FOR THE VILLAGE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM NETWORK (CONTINUATION FROM THE JUNE 8, JULY 13, AUGUST 10, AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETINGS)

Chair Burke provided a brief summary of past discussions regarding this topic. He mentioned that the rough draft of five basic goals were previously sent to the Commissioners to review and provide feedback since it had been determined that brainstorming together might not be as effective.

Commissioners Moses and Katner mentioned that neither of them had received the draft and would like to take time to review and provide feedback at a later date. Chair Burke suggested a deadline to submit comments by and it was decided that all comments would be submitted to

staff by October 29, 2021 to allow time to assemble the comments prior to the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Fink added that she would like to see the Commissioners also consider how the goals can be implemented.

Commissioner Moses suggested if these goals get approved by the Village Board the Commission can take their work plan for next year and align it to each of these categories to help ensure that the work plan has implementation strategies and performance standards.

Commissioner Katner agreed with Commissioner Moses but sees the items less as goals and more as guidelines. He also sees them as a way to move forward and maintain consistency across the various issues the Commission reviews.

Chair Burke concurs with Commissioner Fink, the Commission needs to be more proactive and hopes that advancing goals like this will help to make that happen. He also agrees with Commissioner Moses that future work plans aligning with the goals that are adopted. He stated the next step is for the Commissioners to review the draft and return and feedback to staff by October 29, 2021.

7. Adjourn

With no further business, Commissioner Stigger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Fink.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Stigger, Fink, Katner, Moses, Thompson, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by:

Anna Muench

Customer Service Representative II

Juliano, Jill

From: Pedraza, Art [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 12:32 AM
To: Transportation
Subject: Comment to be read aloud re: Petition to Add Overnight Permit Parking 511-531 S. Cuyler Ave

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Transportation Committee.

My wife & I and three sons have been residents of this block for almost 25 years. We and many neighbors vehemently oppose adding overnight parking. Reasons why we oppose monthly permit parking on West side of 500 Cuyler Avenue are as follows:

- 11 spots will take up virtually the entire West side of the street from Madison to Adams (note the fire hydrant on the West side).
- Right now parking on the North of our street is extremely difficult to obtain.
 - As an alternative perhaps offer 5 spots but restrict it to the South side of the Street.
 - An even better alternative is to offer spots on Adams between Highland & Ridgeland.
 - Another great option offer permit parking around Longfellow Park.
- Snow removal is horrible on the North side of 500 Cuyler and will be much much worse. Seldom if ever has our has the North side of the street (both sides) ever been snowplowed. So often it is just a disaster especially after the 3rd or 4th snowfall.
- Same goes for leaf pickups. So often winter comes and we still have batches of frozen leaves on the North side of the street because cars were parked overnight when leaves were picked up. And incidentally on those nights when street cleaning or leaf pickup will occur where will all the cars park?

- 11 permits will raise additional revenue for the Village of Oak Park while it deeply harms the homeowners' property values. Our taxes are high enough please don't harm the value of our homes.
- 11 permits will benefit the owner of the apartment building by enabling him to charge more for rent. This is to the disadvantage of all homeowners on both sides of the street.
- 11 permits do not consider the interests of homeowners on both sides of the street.
 - Residents and temporary, non-monthly parkers will suffer
 - When you account for the 11 permits as well as the visitors, our block will be full 7 days/week.
 - Overnight permit parking should be enough

- When did we lift the overnight parking ban and make even half of 500 Cuyler eligible for monthly parking permit? I thought there was a ban on overnight parking? When did that change?

- We have been here since 1997 and the overnight parking ban brings value to our block. Permitting even on one side of the street will completely destroy our ability to park. Parking on one side will reap the same harsh reality of parking on both sides. This will ruin our block!

- On a random night like tonight we have 14 cars parked on the North side of the street between 510 and 526 S. Cuyler (both sides). The half of the block South of 526 has only 2 cars. This is with no permits, imagine the congestion on both sides when you add 11 permitted cars.

I can tell you without a doubt the ability for residents to park near our homes and much less to have snow plowed, leaves picked up or streets cleaned will go away forever. Incidentally street cleaning is important to us just as it is to all residents of Oak Park. Trust me I know as I pick up garbage from the CVS or from fast food restaurants on Madison every week. Often I see visitors to our block emptying garbage from their cars or most recently an oil filter and container of used oil. Masks, CVS price tags, wrappers, bags, you name it.

Please do not allow permit parking (except limited call in overnight parking) anywhere on Cuyler street.

Thank you.

Art & Arlene Pedraza
[REDACTED] S. Cuyler Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60304
[REDACTED]

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Juliano, Jill

From: Alex Hatch [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: Overnight Permit Parking, 511-531 S Cuyler Ave

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I'm aware these comments are past the cutoff to be read, and give my apologies for that. I am a vehicle owner who lives at [REDACTED] S Cuyler Ave and would like to voice my whole hearted support for overnight parking allotments in this area. I encourage the Village to vote in favor of this proposal.

Sincerely,
Alex Hatch