

**MINUTES**

MEETING OF THE OAK PARK PLAN COMMISSION  
Council Chambers, Village Hall  
October 5, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

A recording of this meeting is available on the Village of Oak Park Website: <https://www.oak-park.us/your-government/citizen-commissions/commission-tv>

PRESENT: Chair Iris Sims, Commissioners; Nick Bridge, Frank Sullivan, Michael Sturino, Miriam Tamayo (7:10 p.m.), Jeff Foster and Jon Hale.

EXCUSED: Commissioners: Jeff Clark and Paul Beckwith

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Failor-Village Planner and Courtney Willits-Plan Commission Attorney

**Roll Call** - Roll was called at 7:02pm. A quorum was present.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion by Commissioner Foster, Seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was unanimously approved.

**Non-Agenda Public Participation** – None.

**Approval of Minutes** – August 3, 2023: Motion by Commissioner Sullivan, Seconded by Commissioner Bridge to approve the draft minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Sims made a statement regarding her tenure on the Plan Commission as this was Chair Sims last plan commission meeting.

**New Business / Public Hearings & Findings of Fact**

**PC 23-04: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

The Petitioner, the Village of Oak Park, seeks text amendments to the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance as follows: (1) an amendment to Article 2 (“Definitions & Rules of Measurement”) by adding definitions for electric vehicle types, electric vehicle charging station types and electric vehicle charging station levels; (2) an amendment to Article 8 (“Uses”) by adding “Electric Vehicle Charging Station (Primary)” to the list of special uses; and, (3) amendments to Article 10 (“Off-Street Parking & Loading”) by adding a new Section 10.1 (G) (“Electric Vehicle Charging Parking Spaces”), amendments to Section 10.3 (“Off-Street Parking Design Standards”), Subsection I (“Electric Vehicle Charging Station) for clarification purposes, and an amendment to Section 10.4 (“Required Off-Street Vehicle and Bicycle Parking Spaces”) by adding a new subsection C(5) regarding required parking spaces.

Village Planner Failor introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Chris Donovan, resident, provided public comment. He indicated that the proposal is directed to one property on Roosevelt Road at Lyman Avenue. He asked the Commission to consider the text amendment application’s appropriateness relative to the Roosevelt Road property. Mr. Donovan provided a handout for the Commissioners.

Chari Sims asked Village Planner Failor to proceed with the staff report. Planner Failor indicated that the proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment was in fact not associated with the Roosevelt Road property mentioned by Mr. Donovan. Planner Failor continued to introduce the subject matter as a universal text amendment which would affect several commercial zoning districts equally. Planner Failor indicated that the text amendment was a product of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Electric Vehicle Readiness Program cohort. Planner Failor also provided some context on recent Village and State regulation adoption regarding electrification codes and electric vehicle requirements.

The Plan Commission asked questions relative to other commercial offerings such as restaurants, hours of operation, commercial truck vehicle usage, and use of state of art equipment. The Commission was also interested in understanding the impacts of recent code adoptions relative to the proposed EV station regulations.

Chair Sims asked for a motion. Commission Sturino made a motion to Approve this application as presented, Seconded by Commissioner Bridge with the following roll call vote:

Sturino – Yes  
Bridge – Yes  
Sullivan – Yes  
Tamayo – Yes  
Foster – Yes  
Hale - Yes  
Chair Sims – Yes

Motion passed to recommend Approval of the Application with a 7-0 vote.

Chair Sims asked for a motion to approve the Findings of Fact report. Commission Bridge made a motion to approve the Finding of Fact report as prepared, Seconded by Commissioner Hale with the following roll call vote:

Bridge – Yes  
Hale - Yes  
Sturino – Yes  
Sullivan – Yes  
Tamayo – Yes  
Foster – Yes  
Chair Sims – Yes

Motion passed to recommend Approval of the Application with a 7-0 vote.

Due to the regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting of December 7 being the first evening of Hanukkah, the Plan Commission approved moving the December meeting to Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Sturino, Seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. A voice vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Craig Failor, Village Planner-Staff Liaison