

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
Transportation Commission  
Monday, July 9, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
Room 101 – Village Hall

1. Call to Order

Chair Chalabian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Jack Chalabian, James Thompson, Kyle Eichenberger, Robert Taylor,  
Roya Basirirad

Absent: Meghann Moses

Staff: Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak, Transportation Engineer, Jill Juliano, Parking and Mobility Services Division Manager John Youkhana, Recording Secretary Mary Avinger, Restrictions Coordinator Jennifer Jones, Police Sergeant Dave Jacobson

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

3. Agenda Approval

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

4. Approval of Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Eichenberger made a motion to approve the draft April 30, 2018 Transportation Commission meeting minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. IRVING SCHOOL PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN

Transportation Engineer Jill Juliano gave a presentation on the proposed transportation safety plan for Irving school. The presentation included history on the request to address the concerns of the school and parents after a vehicle/pedestrian accident in January of 2018. The presentation outlined all of the proposed safety measures around the school during arrival and dismissal times.

The Commissioners asked:

- If any other schools lacked safety plans
- About what time periods for the westbound barricade on Harvard west of Cuyler would be deployed
- If moving barricades would be the crossing guard's responsibility
- About Cuyler being one way south bound
- How safety plans started
- How far out from the school to deploy devices and signs
- Ridgeland and Fillmore not being included in the safety plan
- How the speed zone on Ridgeland came to be
- If citations were issued for rolling stops around the school
- Plans to refresh pavement markings as part of the safety plan
- If there's a schedule to refresh pavement markings around schools annually

The floor was opened to public testimony.

Kent Dean of the 1100 block of South East Avenue spoke about having a child attending Irving school and that the student has to use the south side of the school on Fillmore to enter because the north side is chaotic. Mr. Dean thinks southbound Cuyler should be closed and speed bumps on Fillmore would be good.

Michelle Gurgas lives in the 1000 block of Highland and is the pedestrian that was hit on Cuyler at Harvard in January. Ms. Gurgas spoke about her experience and her personal traffic count she's done for the streets around the school. She agrees there should be an additional crossing guard and spoke about the restrictor at Cuyler and Fillmore and the reason for it. She agrees with speed tables on Cuyler and wants to make it safer for kids to cross Cuyler and mentioned a daycare on Cuyler south of Fillmore that should be considered.

Doug Chien who also lives in the 1000 block of Highland spoke about coming in February and speaking about proposing a safety plan. Mr. Chien thinks staff should also look at Fillmore and Ridgeland as part of the safety plan. He also spoke about the restrictor at Cuyler at Fillmore where two cars can proceed through at times and only one car at a time should be able to pass.

The floor was closed to public testimony.

The Commissioners discussed:

- Plan helps to solve problem at Cuyler and Harvard but thinks approaches from the south and southwest to the school needs to be looked at for more safety.
- Refreshing pavement markings needs to be a formal part of the safety plan and include bump-outs at Cuyler and Fillmore.
- The reason why Ridgeland and Fillmore were not in the plan.

- Issue with District 97 not being at meeting and that similar problems are happening at other schools.
- Safety plan items A-H are good; Cuyler and Fillmore does not need to be reconstructed; reiteration of problem at Ridgeland and Fillmore intersection and speed zone and crossing guard are good ideas.

Commissioner Eichenberger made a motion to approve the safety plan items A through H, refresh pavement markings, test the neck down on Cuyler at Fillmore for 3-6 months during the school year, refresh pavement markings at Ridgeland and Fillmore, and send request to IDOT asking to install an in-street pedestrian crossing sign on Ridgeland at Fillmore which was seconded by Commissioner Basirirad.

The voice vote was as follows:

Ayes: Eichenberger, Basirirad, Taylor, Thompson, Chalabian

Nays: None

Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

#### 6. PARKING PILOT PROGRAM (FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION)

Chair Chalabian spoke about the recent Village Board of Trustees meeting that the parking pilot program was discussed at.

John Youkhana spoke about the history of the parking pilot program and the presentation of the Commission's recommendations at the May 14<sup>th</sup> Village Board special session meeting. There is a follow up meeting scheduled on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to present a scaled back approach for on-street paid parking, on-street day parking, and on-street night parking.

Chair Chalabian asked if there is a follow-up plan, would the Commission members be interested in reviewing the follow-up plan:

The response was as follows:

Ayes: Eichenberger, Taylor, Chalabian

Nays: Basirirad, Thompson

The poll result was 3 yes and 2 no.

The Commission discussed:

- No meeting in August; Commission will meet in September to discuss 2019 work plan, follow up discussion with Parking, and possibly two traffic petitions.

- No meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Chair Chalabian mentioned his term is over November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Concerns about items on the 2018 work plan that haven't been discussed; concerns about detector loops at Home and Madison

## 7. Adjourn

Commissioner Eichenberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectively submitted

*Mary Avinger*

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