

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
Transportation Commission  
Monday, December 10, 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, James Thompson, Robert Taylor

Absent: Roya Basirirad, Meghann Moses

Staff: Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak, Parking and Mobility Services Division Manager Will Gillespie, Recording Secretary Mary Avinger, Parking Restrictions Coordinator Jennifer Jones

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

3. Agenda Approval

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

4. Approval of Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the draft October 22, 2018 Transportation Commission meeting minutes as modified which was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. DISCUSSION ABOUT RUSH HOSPITAL DAYTIME PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE 600 WENONAH AVENUE BLOCK AND 700 WISCONSIN AVENUE BLOCK

Parking and Mobility Services Division Manager, Will Gillespie, gave a background and update presentation on the petitions requesting parking restrictions on the 600 block of Wenonah and the 700 block of Wisconsin avenues. He spoke about Rush hospital asking to postpone the agenda item until after construction has been completed. Hospital reps believe that construction is adding more traffic to the streets.

The Commission discussed how much traffic is generated by construction workers and construction.

The floor was opened to public testimony.

Charlene Schwar of the 700 Wenonah Avenue block spoke about people getting tickets the following day after No Parking Here to Corner signs were installed. She disagrees with the hospital's statement that it is the construction workers parking on the street. Ms. Schwar stated she witnesses hospital employees parking and does not feel the agenda item should be delayed. She stated she thought the petition was approved at the last meeting and questioned why they were there again.

Will responded there was no room on the Village Board of Trustee's meeting tonight. Village staff invited Rush Hospital to tonight's Commission meeting but they did not attend.

Rick Newmar of the 700 Wisconsin Avenue block agrees with Ms. Schwar's observations and spoke about witnessing the same vehicle parking from a hospital staff employee and how parking is getting worse.

Jack Chalabian of the 1000 North Boulevard block supports the daytime parking restrictions on the blocks however, he feels when the restrictions go into effect the illegal parkers will find a new space to park. Mr. Chalabian spoke of the Transportation Commission reviewing these petitions twice within the past 12 months. He feels this is a comprehensive issue and not a spot issue. Mr. Chalabian feels Rush hospital has not been a good neighbor and that the Commission needs to look at this problem holistically instead of a block by block case.

Brian Murphy of the 700 Wisconsin Avenue block agrees with his neighbors and the other comments made. Mr. Murphy stated he works from home and has never seen construction workers parking on the block but sees the same hospital employees parking every day. He thinks the vehicle sticker option should be considered.

Public testimony was closed out.

The commission discussed:

- The fact that the Transportation Commission reviewed this issue at a previous meeting and made its recommendations
- When the parking pilot restrictions begin
- Speaking to hospital representatives to develop a plan
- Decision made at last meeting to move forward
- Discussion of why hospital didn't show up
- Including comments from tonight's meeting with Village Board of Trustees agenda item commentary

Interim Chair Eichenberger supports the agenda item moving forward to the next Village Board meeting in late January. If item is approved it will roll out in March.

## 6. DEVELOP 2019 PARKING PILOT PROGRAM EVALUATION PLAN

Parking and Mobility Services Division Manager Will Gillespie gave an overview of the parking pilot program and the need to develop evaluation measures. He spoke about the current parking pilot program being scaled back from the original recommendations of the Commission.

The Commission discussed

- What the scaled back program entails and what was taken out
- How to evaluate the smaller program
- The summary of what was approved by the Village Board
- The July 16<sup>th</sup> Village Board of Trustees meeting includes a tabular summary of what the Commission recommended versus what was approved
- If Madison Street Road Diet will impact parking meters
- How will Lake Street construction impact parking pilot program

Will presented a chart outlining staff's suggested evaluation components and went over the options line by line with the Commission.

Discussion with the Commission continued on the following topics:

- Privacy concerns with license plate recognition (LPR) data collection
- Having a FAQ on privacy concerns
- Status of new LPR system
- When parking enforcement officers will start using the new technology
- Warnings before citations
- Enforcement plan
- Effective enforcement is critical

Will presented and discussed with the Commission components of the tentative schedule for the parking pilot program from November 2018 through June of 2019. Two components, evaluation work plan and tentative commission reviews, span between December 2018 and March 2020.

As Staff Liaison to the Transportation Commission, Mike Koperniak, thanked Jack Chalabian for his many years of service as a Commissioner and Chair over the last 11 years. Mike stated it was a pleasure working with him and stated he will always be welcome to attend meetings as an audience member.

Jack Chalabian spoke about his term as Chair and serving on the Commission. He encouraged the Commission to work on their Work Plan and to work on items that are important to them. Jack spoke about challenges over the years and advised the Commission not to be discouraged. He mentioned there would be issues they wouldn't want to work on and how they would need to be worked on anyway. Jack spoke about working with parking and now working on traffic items including the work with the traffic calming toolbox. Jack thanked and commended the members of the Commission for their hard work. He said he will always be here in spirit but will come from time to time to speak. Jack stated it has been an honor and privilege to work with the Commission.

7. Adjourn

Commissioner Taylor 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 9:08 p.m.

Respectively submitted

*Mary Avinger*

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Administrative Secretary