

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
Transportation Commission  
Monday, April 22, 2019– 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, Robert Taylor, Meghan Moses

Absent: Roya Basirirad,

Staff: Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak, Jill Juliano, Parking Services Restrictions Coordinator Jennifer Jones, Recording Secretary Kevin Cassidy

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

David Baker of the 300 Wisconsin Avenue block offered a report about an accident at Wisconsin and Washington

3. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

Ayes – 6

Nays - 0

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of Draft of Minutes

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 25, 2019. The motion to approve as modified was seconded by Commissioner Katner. with the following correction: Motion to call the meeting to order was not made by Chairman Eichenberger. Rather it was made by Commissioner Thompson

Ayes – 6

Nays - 0

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. Evaluate and Select Three Key Intersections to improve pedestrian safety

- Engineer Koperniak presented information regarding the consideration of intersections needing further traffic control studies. Four intersections were actually chosen

## Evaluate and Select Three Key Intersections to improve pedestrian safety (cont.)

- Lake and Scoville
  - Oak Park Ave. and Garfield
  - Oak Park Ave. and Adams
  - Oak Park Ave. and Augusta
- The commission made requests for information to be presented at the next meeting
- Statistics concerning automobile crashes from July 2018 until the present
  - A list of possible bicycle and pedestrian improvement options including options presented in the Village Bike Plan of 2015.
6. PETITION FOR A TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE AT THE INTERSECTION OF KENILWORTH AND LEXINGTON ST.
- Staff Commentary and Background information
- Public Works Traffic Engineer Jill Juliano presented a detailed report describing traffic patterns and conditions on the streets and walkways in the area surrounding the Kenilworth and Lexington intersection.
  - Chair Eichenberger indicated that there does not appear to be a speeding problem. He did speak about outliers such as drivers exceeding the speed limit and discussed enforcement issues.
  - Commissioner Moses inquired about traffic signal functions at the intersection of Oak Park Avenue and Garfield. Engineer Juliano described the system's present design and described possible, future alternatives.
  - Engineer Koperniak identified southbound Kenilworth as a primary route to Lincoln School at Harvard for cars and pedestrians
  - Commissioner Taylor described the high volume of pedestrians walking along Lexington as a route to Lincoln School
  - There was a discussion among the commissioners regarding safe walking routes to access Lincoln School
- Public Testimony
- April Johnson of South Kenilworth Ave addressed the commission
    - Pedestrian safety is paramount, specifically young Lincoln School students
    - The Kenilworth and Lexington intersection is one block north of Lincoln School which serves 700 school aged children.
    - Traffic extremely heavy between 7:30am and 8:00am as children arrive by bus, car and on foot. There are many adult

pedestrians as well, parents of students and commuters heading to the Blue Line.

- Traffic on Lexington is slow as many are turning onto Kenilworth
- A traffic calming measure has wide support among the neighborhood residents. The survey results were hampered by inclement weather.

## CLOSE TESTIMONY

## DISCUSSION

- Commissioner Thompson indicated agreement with the staff recommendation that the Traffic Calming issue should be tabled.
- Taylor stated his concern for pedestrian safety and spoke in favor of the installation of a four way stop at the Kenilworth and Lexington intersection.
- Commissioner Stigger agreed to table the issue but also recommended assigning a crossing guard on a temporary basis to evaluate a guard's effectiveness.
- Commissioner Katner questioned a four-way stop and favors improvement of crosswalk markings
- Improved, "European" cross walk markings are described and discussed
- Moses spoke in favor of a four-way stop
  - Katner was in agreement and indicated his support of installing a four-way stop
- Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of "tabling" the issue
- Stigger inquired about possible turn restrictions at the intersection of Oak Park Avenue and Lexington.
  - The ensuing discussion considered the pros and cons and the effect on traffic movement.
  - Chair Eichenberger noted that defaulting to motorist's options may not produce the best result for pedestrians.
  - There was a discussion about the use or non-use of marked crosswalks

## 1a MOTION

- Commissioner Thompson moved to table the issue until traffic signal adjustments are made at the Oak Park Avenue and Garfield intersection.

SECOND – Commissioner Stigger

Ayes – 3

Nays – 3

The vote was tied and the motion failed

1b MOTION

- Commissioner Moses moved to install a four-way stop at Kenilworth and Lexington with high visibility crosswalks on all legs

SECOND – Commissioner Taylor

Ayes -- 4

Nays -- 2

The motion passed

7. PENDING TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ITEMS

- Engineer Koperniak reported on pending parking and traffic issues that the commission has agreed to consider
- Traditionally, the Traffic Commission limits discussion to three items per meeting.
- It may be necessary to add additional items to each meeting's agenda
- It may be necessary to hold additional meetings in the months ahead.
- There was a discussion of re-scheduling the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the Memorial Day holiday.

MOTION –

Commissioner Taylor moved to adjourn

SECOND – Commissioner Moses

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

The motion passed unanimously

Kevin Cassidy – recording secretary