

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
Transportation Commission  
Monday, July 22, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.  
Room 101 – Village Hall

1. Call to Order

James Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Garth Katner, James Thompson, Robert Taylor, Aaron Stigger

Absent: Roya Basirirad, Meghan Moses

Staff: Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak, Jill Juliano, Recording Secretary Kevin Cassidy, 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.
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Katner.
- The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Stigger made a motion to approve the draft May 30, 2019 Transportation Commission without comment.
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Katner
- The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. PETITION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE ON THE 600 BLOCK OF N. EUCLID AVENUE

- Engineer Jill Juliano presented background information and commentary regarding the petition
- Several documents were presented as written public testimony. Michael Rose wrote a letter in favor of traffic calming measures on behalf of residents from the 600 N. block of Euclid. Additional written testimony in favor of traffic calming was received from Tory Lowdon, Tom and Julie Noonan, Christina Welter, David Muzic, Brooke Long, Lisa Mulligan, Bill Martinez and Susan Price, Bill Martinez, Dina Mansour, and Gary E. McCullough. Written testimony in opposition to traffic calming measures was submitted by Hans and Barbara Lagoni.
- Engineer Juliano presented thorough statistical details regarding traffic activity and traffic controls effecting the 600 block of N. Euclid Avenue

The Commission opened the floor to Public Testimony

- Mike Rose of the 600 N. block of Euclid spoke for himself and on behalf of his neighbors in support of “pinch points’ and in opposition to “pavers”. Mr. Rose spoke on the poor condition of the street referring to potholes as “ad hoc rumble strips”. Called for police presence to discourage speeding cars. Praised the placement of a “speed wagon” which reminds drivers to keep to the limit.
- Kenneth Whiting of the 500 N. block of Euclid spoke on behalf of his neighbors. There is general enthusiasm in support of traffic calming efforts. He described traffic trying to avoid the traffic signals at Chicago and Oak Park Ave as “zipping up” Euclid. The street is heavily used by OPRF students. Contractor trucks are an additional hazard. Mr. Whiting noted a high number of “rolling stops” at the Iowa and Euclid intersection.

The floor was closed to public testimony

The Commission discussed the use of “Waze” and/or Google Map’s traffic filter to avoid traffic back-ups and bottle necks. The apps may encourage drivers to use side streets as alternate routes.

The Commission discussed the wording of the Commission’s recommendation for the installation of traffic calming devices; pinch-points, street “paver” bricks or a combination of the two.

- Commissioner Taylor made a motion to:
  - 1) Install pinch points. However, if a sufficient number of the block's residents approve the installation of brick street pavers and agree to pay the added cost, then the Transportation Commission recommends installation of brick street pavers.
  - 2) Install temporary pinch-points in order to evaluate their effectiveness.
  - 3) Request increased police enforcement of the 500 and 600 blocks of north Euclid Avenue during peak traffic hours.
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigger
  - Ayes: Taylor, Stigger, Katner, Thompson
  - Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously

6) REVIEW UPDATE OF VILLAGE'S BICYCLE PLAN AND IT'S IMPLEMENTATION ( CONTINUED FROM 03/25/2019 MEETING

- Engineer Koperniak reviewed the bicycle plan and provided detailed planning information
- Commissioners Thompson and Katner volunteered to discuss the Village bicycling proposal with various cycling organizations in the Village.
- The Commissioners discussed visiting the Neighborhood Greenway segments in order to develop a list ranking them in preference for bicycle friendly improvements.
- Review of the Bicycle Plan will resume during the August Transportation Committee meeting.

7) JENNIFER JONES REPORTED ON PILOT PARKING PROGRAM

- The Pilot Program Update report is expected at the August meeting
- Chairperson Thompson gave a re-cap of the Board of Trustees' recent actions regarding the Transportation Commissions' recommendations.
- Clerk Scaman reported to the Board of Trustees and recommended that all new Commissioners take the training course covering the Open Meetings Act.

Motion to adjourn by Aaron Stigger  
 Motion Seconded by Robert Taylor

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Recording Secretary  
Kevin Cassidy