

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
Transportation Commission  
Monday, September 23, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers – Village Hall

1. Call to Order

Chair Ron Burke called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Ron Burke, Camille Fink, James Thompson, Robert Taylor

Absent: Garth Katner, Meghann Moses, Aaron Stigler

Staff: Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak, Recording Secretary Mary Avinger

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Bob Larson of the 600 block of Home Avenue spoke about the petition him and his neighbors submitted at the last meeting for restricted parking on Monroe Street from Wenonah to Clinton avenues. Mr. Larson asked what happened after the petition was put in and Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak and Chair Burke responded. Chair Burke said he will also follow up with John Youkhana about the process.

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 August 26, 2019 Transportation Commission meeting minutes as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. DEVELOP DRAFT 2020 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak spoke about the Commission's 2019 work plan and the average number of items carried over from previous years (42%) and the average number of new items added each year (58%). Staff recommends that the Commission develops only two to three items to

include on the draft 2020 work plan so that there is a good chance that all of the work plan items can be completed by the end of the year.

During the initial review of the current work plan, Chair Burke made a suggestion for staff to speak to the Village Manager's office about adding a point of contact column to the work plan form. Chair Burke also stated he likes the idea of prioritizing the items narrowing the list down to two or three items that are obtainable.

The floor was opened to public testimony.

Jack Chalabian, former Transportation Commission Chair, of the 1100 block of North Oak Park Avenue spoke about the process of developing the work plan and the Commission not getting overwhelmed on details. Mr. Chalabian spoke about his experience on the Commission and gave his opinion on what he would like to see the Commission work on.

The floor was closed to public testimony.

The Commission began the discussion of the draft 2020 work plan:

- Carry over Parking Pilot Program to 2020
- Chair Burke would like staff to let the Commission know where traffic calming is most needed in the Village just by review of the crash data in the Village.
- Bicycle plan stays on the list – will circle back around after presentation
- Possibly need a multi-year plan
- Review traffic management plan Request for Proposals (RFP) by end of year.
- Does not like prioritizing traffic calming requests by first come first serve. Should be prioritized by crash data.
- Questioned if consultant that's hired for traffic toolbox also determine a way to prioritize how money is spent. Spoke about the process City of Chicago is currently using.
- Staff to bring recommendation of how to prioritize where money is spent for traffic calming.
- Staff recommendation on how to prioritize traffic calming funding for 2020 plan

Commissioner Taylor spoke about the high speed electric vehicle charging stations being taken off last year's plan. He questioned which Commission should consider this and is looking for guidance from the Village Manager's Office and Staff on sustainability. Commissioner Taylor would also like to touch base with the Energy and Environment Commission. Commissioner Thompson spoke about a resident who contacted him several times about parking permit discounts and a discussion took place about the complication of eligibility. It was decided that finalizing the draft 2020 work plan would be completed at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6. REVIEW UPDATE OF VILLAGE'S BICYCLE PLAN AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION  
(CONTINUED FROM 8/26/2019 MEETING)

Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike Koperniak gave an update of the Village's bicycle plan by presenting the cost plan to the Commission based upon the Commission's recommendations made at its August 26, 2019 meeting.

The Commission discussed the details of the cost estimate, bike lane markings, and the exact location where the markings would be.

Commissioner Thompson made a recommendation that the neighborhood greenway segments of Scoville Avenue between Lake Street and Chicago Avenue, and Erie Street between Ridgeland and Kenilworth Avenues be recommended for inclusion in the Village's adopted 2020 fiscal budget under the heading: Project = Bicycle Boulevard Improvements, Priority Code = D, Category = Infrastructure Improvements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

The voice vote was as follows:

Ayes: Fink, Burke, Taylor, Thompson

Nays: None

Motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Chair Burke stated he will reach out to Village Board Liaison Trustee Buchanan about coming to a Village Board meeting. Chair Burke also stated there needs to be more than three Commissioners at the next meeting.

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 9:08p.m.

Respectively submitted

*Mary Avinger*

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Administrative Secretary