

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Monday, October 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Village Hall

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Pro Tem Thompson.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Camille Fink, Garth Katner, Meghan Moses, Aaron Stigger,
Chair Pro Tem James Thompson

Absent: Chair Ron Burke, Commissioner Robert Taylor

Staff: Public Works Civil Engineer/Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Mike
Koperniak, Traffic Engineer Jill Juliano, Recording Secretary Dorothy Benson-
Baker, Parking Services Manager Pro Temp John Youkhana, Parking
Restrictions Coordinator Jennifer Jones, Village Engineer Bill McKenna

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Jenna Holzberg of Bike Walk Oak Park wants to know what staff did with the \$200,000 previously set up for the neighborhood greenways and why it does not appear to be on the 2020 Budget.

Village Engineer Bill McKenna responded about how the \$200,000 was removed due to other spending priorities and was deferred until 2021.

Commissioner Moses asked about the CIP priority process and Bill McKenna explained how the budget process works.

3. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Moses made a motion to move agenda item 6 (Progress Update on the Parking Pilot Program) ahead of agenda item 5 (Develop Draft 2020 Transportation Commission Work Plan). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigger. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Katner made a motion to approve the Transportation Commission minutes of September 13, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigger. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

6. PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM

The floor was open to public testimony.

- Ann Joachim, of the 500 block of Home Avenue, spoke about the extra number of cars parked on the streets adjacent to Rush Oak Park Hospital. She stated she submitted a petition to install a 3 hour parking restriction on Monroe Street.
- Brian Havener of the 500 South Kenilworth Avenue block spoke in favor of a petition for a 1 hour parking or more restrictive parking. He wants to see action taken by the Village.

Public testimony was closed.

- Village Engineer, Bill McKenna, gave a brief overview about the proposed Rush Oak Park Hospital 700 car garage structure.
- The Commissioners asked questions about the long que time to exit the existing garage and the seemingly inadequate Wisconsin Avenue green time at the Madison Street traffic signal. Bill McKenna responded.
- John Youkhana gave presentation about the parking update. He stated that the garage proposal won't change staff's recommendations.
- John Youkhana spoke about a possible 45-minute restriction. Staff is combining several petitions in one.
- There was a discussion about business customers parking further away. This is not a solution as it just pushes vehicles farther down the street. The problem does not go away; it just moves to another location.
- Another discussion was had about the possibility of restrict permit parking on one side of street and open parking on the other.
- The next discussion was about police enforcement and its effect and if it is sufficient.

- Following, was the topic of free parking versus paid parking and any communications with businesses.
- A final topic discussed was about communication with the businesses in the area.

Commissioner Moses made a motion to add 1 hour, 45 minute, 20 minute and 15 minute parking time limits in areas 500 feet from business districts and add, alter or remove time limits on blocks within the pilot program pursuant to parking policies adopted in September 1998. Commissioner Katner seconded.

The vote was as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Moses, Katner, Fink, Thompson
 Nays: Stigger

The motion passed 4 to 1.

5. DEVELOP DRAFT 2020 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN
(continued from September meeting)

The agenda item began with public testimony.

Laura Derks supports adding back \$200,000 to the Bikeways Neighborhood Greenway Improvement Project into the 2020 Budget Program as this will encourage less driving and more biking. She is on the Environment & Energy Commission and this commission should coordinate with the Transportation Commission. She asked that the Village put the money back.

Commissioner Katner made the following Motion which was seconded by Commissioner Moses:

I move that the Transportation Commission recommend to the Oak Park Village Board of Trustees to allocate \$200,000 of the adopted 2020 Fiscal Budget for implementing the following portions of the Greenways Plan: Scoville Avenue between Lake Street and Chicago Avenue, and Erie Street between Ridgeland and Kenilworth Avenue under the heading: Project = Bicycle Boulevard Improvements, Priority Code = D, Category = Infrastructure Improvements.

The vote was as follows:

Yes: Commissioners Katner, Moses, Fink, Stigger, Thompson
 Nays: none.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

The Transportation Commission continued its discussion about developing its draft 2020 Work Plan.

These recommendations were made and voted on during the discussion about the draft 2020 Work Plan:

- Pavement geometric changes * Electrical powered traffic control device
- Start data collection in first of 2020 with evaluation to take place in the 3rd quarter of 2020.
- Neighborhood greenways – mobility challenged, and pedestrians. Make the neighborhood greenways friendlier for all users.
- Review the effectiveness of the existing citizen petition process / systems for implementing traffic calming measures and then modifying or replacing them if warranted.
- Implement a more efficient and effective process for addressing citizen traffic calming requests. Develop an adopted vision for transportation in the Village of Oak Park. Due by Quarter 3.
- Review the effects of the 2019 Madison Street corridor traffic calming project. Development traffic calming recommendations for north-south and east-west streets adjacent to Madison Street. Due by 4th quarter.

The complete draft 2020 Work Plan will be forwarded to the Village Manager's Office for eventual submission to the Village Board for acceptance.

7. POSSIBLE ALTERNATE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING DATES

Since the November and December Transportation Commission meetings occur during the Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day holiday weeks, it was decided to move the meetings to alternate days. After considering available dates, the Commission agreed upon November 14th, if necessary, and the December 16th as the alternate meeting dates.

9. ADJOURN

Commissioner Katner motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Moses.

The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectively submitted

Dorothy Benson-Baker

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Administrative Secretary