

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 - 7:00 PM
Remote Participation Meeting

1. Call to Order

Transportation Commission Staff Liaison Michael Koperniak called the remote participation meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Staff Liaison Koperniak read the following statement into the record:

"The Village President has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 outbreak during the Governor's disaster proclamation. It is not feasible to have a person present at the regular meeting location due to public safety concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak during the Governor's disaster proclamation."

Roll Call

Present: Camille Fink, Garth Katner, Meghann Moses, Aaron Stigger, James Thompson, Chair Ron Burke

Absent: none

Staff: Development Customer Services Director Tammie Grossman, Parking Restrictions Coordinator (PRC) Cinthya Calderon, Traffic/Transportation Engineer Jill Juliano, Staff Liaison Michael Koperniak

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

3. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented.

Commissioner Stigger seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes - Thompson, Stigger, Fink, Katner, Moses, Burke
Nays - None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the draft August 11, 2020 Transportation Commission meeting minutes

Commissioner Katner made a motion to approve the draft August 11, 2020 Transportation Commission meeting minutes as presented.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes - Katner, Thompson, Fink, Moses, Stigger, Burke
Nays - None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

5. DEVELOP A DRAFT 2021 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Staff Liaison Koperniak gave a brief presentation about this item. The bulk of the draft work plan was developed at the Commission's August 11, 2020 meeting. The purpose of tonight's agenda item is to decide on the completion time frame for each work plan item and then to vote to submit the draft 2021 work plan to the Village Board of Trustees for review and approval.

The Commission and Staff discussed:

- The completion time frame for each work plan item.
- Whether to retain or delete the 'Review why Divvy Bike Program failed' outcome from the Neighborhood Greenways Plan review work plan item. The Commission ultimately decided to delete this outcome.
- Whether to retain or revise the 'Develop a mission statement and guiding principles' outcome from the Develop mission statement and guiding principles work plan item. The Commission ultimately decided to revise the outcome to

read 'Develop principles and goals for the Village's transportation system network'.

- Whether to retain or delete the 'Determine if the Transportation Commission's policies align with the core values of Oak Park' outcome from the Develop mission statement and guiding principles work plan item. The Commission ultimately decided to delete this outcome.

Commissioner Stigger made a motion to submit the draft 2021 Transportation Commission Work Plan, as revised tonight, to the Village Board of Trustees for its review and approval.

Commissioner Moses seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes - Stigger, Moses, Fink, Katner, Thompson, Burke

Nays - None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

6. OVERVIEW OF OVERNIGHT PARKING REFERRAL

Development Customer Services Director Grossman gave a brief presentation. She indicated:

- That tonight's agenda item is intended to be an introduction to the topic and that the Commission will discuss this topic in detail and depth at its October 28, 2020 meeting.
- This item was referred to the Transportation Commission by the Village Board of Trustees.
- One item to be discussed on October 28th is to possibly increase the size of the overnight on-street permit parking zones.
- The Chief of Police and Public Works Director have been invited to participate in the October 28th meeting.
- Staff has developed some proposals.

- That one outcome of the October 28th meeting is for the Commission to tell Staff if it's on the right track or to recommend something else.
- That Staff has been receiving public comment regarding the easing of parking restrictions caused by the ongoing COVID-19 health pandemic.
- That the Transportation Commission was not being asked to make any recommendations at tonight's meeting.

7. PETITION FOR EVENING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE 1150 S CUYLER AVENUE BLOCK

8. PETITION FOR EVENING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE 1150 WISCONSIN AVENUE BLOCK

This started out as a review of only the 1150 S. Cuyler Avenue petition. However, during the public testimony portion of the review the Commission folded the 1150 Wisconsin Avenue petition into this review since both petitions were asking for similar parking restrictions due to similar parking problems caused by two Berwyn bar/night-club type business establishments.

PRC Calderon gave a presentation on the 1150 S. Cuyler Avenue petition agenda item which included going through each exhibit.

After the presentation, the Commission asked questions about the presentation and Staff replied. Items discussed included the following.

- Two Commission member's personal experience that this block is regularly filled with parked cars and that this particular block is being used as a bypass to avoid the traffic signals on Ridgeland Avenue.
- Under what conditions, parking passes would or would not be required by the residents of the block and their guests.
- If parking is restricted on this block would the parking problem move to adjacent blocks.
- The possible benefits of developing a standard parking restrictions template for streets adjacent to business corridors.

Twenty-eight pages of written public testimony that were received for all items on this agenda are attached.

The floor was opened to live public testimony.

Margaret O'Neill of the 1100 S Cuyler Avenue block was a live participant in this remote participation meeting and indicated the following. She has been a resident of the block for twenty-eight years. This is a quality of life issue due to noise and public disturbances every night of the week. Mike's Place Sports Bar & Grill is a Berwyn based business that requires Oak Park Police resources to deal with the disturbances. The streets of Oak Park are a free parking lot for this Berwyn business. She prefers that the restriction starts at 8 PM.

The Commission engaged in a discussion with Staff and Ms. O'Neill about:

- Starting the parking restrictions at 8 PM versus 10 PM.
- The lack of available parking spaces for residents.
- What else can be done besides parking restrictions.
- The fact that Oak Park Police influence is limited due to the fact that the business is located in Berwyn.
- Implementing a consistent parking policy for streets adjacent to business streets.
- Staff using this as a pilot program to see if it will work under similar situations in other parts of the Village and the possible effects and consequences
- Available parking in Berwyn between Roosevelt Road and the alley to the south.

It was at this point that the Commission invited Paul Moore of the 1150 Wisconsin Avenue block to give his public testimony regarding the 1150 Wisconsin Avenue petition.

Mr. Moore indicated the following. His block has a similar problem to that on Cuyler. The proximity of Scoreboard Sports Bar & Grill in Berwyn is relevant. Residents won't park on Fillmore Avenue or on the 1100 block. Spoke about the idea of a pilot program.

He asked questions about the parking pass requirements. He also spoke about the debris and litter being thrown out of cars by patrons of the business.

The floor was closed to public testimony.

The Commission engaged in a discussion that involved the following:

- Wisconsin Avenue appears to be a quality of life issue as opposed to a parking capacity issue.
- A discussion about when and why the parking surveys were taken.
- The effectiveness of police enforcement during the current health pandemic.
- Trying the pilot program approach and seeing how it goes.

Commissioner Katner made a motion to recommend the implementation of a No Parking 10 PM to 6 AM, 7 Day Per Week parking restriction on the 1150 S. Cuyler Avenue block between Fillmore Street and the alley north of Roosevelt Road.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Katner, Thompson, Fink, Moses, Stigger, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

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Commissioner Katner seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, Katner, Fink, Moses, Stigger, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

9. PETITION TO INSTALL ON-STREET BUSINESS PERMIT PARKING ON THE 1200 N. EAST AVENUE BLOCK SOUTH OF NORTH AVENUE

PRC Calderon gave a presentation which included going through each exhibit.

The Commission engaged in a discussion on the following:

- Public testimony appears to be confused as to who will be using these parking spaces.
- About the type of permit being requested. It is employee permit parking.
- The existence of other employee permit parking zones in the Village.
- The availability of parking along North Avenue.
- The state of parking south of the alley.
- The perception that parking problems developed after there was building development in the area.
- A precedent of might be set of employers asking for employee permit parking if employee permit parking is granted at this location.
- The annual cost for the employee permit parking.
- Small businesses in the area are competing with each other for parking spaces on a busy business oriented street.
- Would the employee permit parking covers employees up to 10 PM.

PRC Calderon read a statement from Vladimir Arezina, of Cigar Oasis Oak Park, located across the street opposing the petition. His complete statement is attached.

The Commission continued its discussion as follows:

- Considered tabling this petition until compelling reasons are presented.

- That the petitioners business draws customers during both the early morning and late evening hours.
- The safety benefits of moving the handicapped parking space from off of North Avenue and onto East Avenue.

Commissioner Moses made a motion to recommend the denial of the petition to install three employee permit parking spaces on the west side of the 1200 N. East Avenue block immediately south of North Avenue.

Commissioner Stigger seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Moses, Stigger, Fink, Thompson, Burke

Nays: Katner

The motion passed 5 to 1.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Moses made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes - Moses, Thompson, Fink, Katner, Stigger, Burke

Nays - None

The motion passed unanimously 6 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Submitted by:

Michael Koperniak

Staff Liaison to the Transportation Commission

-- Twenty-eight pages of written testimony are attached --

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Overnight Parking Problems
Date: Sunday, October 4, 2020 8:50:07 PM

Hello,

We were given this email by Tammie Grossman in order to express our concerns about the overnight parking ban being lifted for so many months. We would like to weigh in on this topic before you decide whether to continue with the lift on the ban or to put it back into place.

First of all, we have never understood why the ban was lifted in the first place. We were recently told that it was because of the pandemic with so many people working from home and the fact that college students were home with possibly an extra car. This does not make sense to us as the ban is overnight and when people were going to work they still had to park their cars in the garage at night. Lifting the ban because their cars may now be home during the day doesn't seem to make sense. When it comes to college students being at home that has come to an end for many students as they have gone back to their colleges this fall. It never really made sense anyway because it's not as if Oak Park lifted the ban during the summer months in past years when college students were home.

We would like you to seriously consider putting the overnight parking ban back into effect for several reasons. Our street rarely gets clean in front of our house because we have cars parked in the way and the street cleaner has to go around them. The debris has been built up around the sewer and we have to sweep it out of the way so that it doesn't overflow. We also want to make sure that we will be able to have leaf pick up and snow removal when the time comes.

We feel that we have been extremely patient as the dates to put the ban back into place have been pushed back from July to September and now the end of October.

If you wish to contact us we will be glad to talk to you about this matter. My cell phone number is [REDACTED].

Thank you for considering our concerns in this matter.

Sincerely,
Kathy & Dave Paoli

From: [Kristen Woods](#)
To: [Koperniak, Mike](#); [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [VOP Board](#)
Subject: public comment: overnight parking
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020 12:39:41 PM

Below is the public comment I'd like to submit for the transportation commission meeting on 10/13. I would also like to request the comment be read in advance of the meeting.

**Thank you,
Kristen Woods**

I want to thank the village for recognizing the inequity in regards to overnight parking for renters who live in areas of the village not zoned for overnight permits, and for agreeing to allow the transportation commission to assess the need for revisions to the present regulations.

I live on the 700 block of Carpenter and regret my decision to rent in this building, as I did not realize that when I purchased a vehicle I wouldn't be able to purchase a permit to park it in front of, or anywhere near my home. Instead I have to walk 0.4 miles to and from the lot on Harrison and pay nearly \$1000 a year to do so. That's over 100 hours spent walking to and from my car in a year. It's deeply frustrating to do this in the cold, heat, and when I'm sick, and especially painful to see an empty street in front of my apartment. I understand the aesthetic appeal of a carless street, but would hope that my quality of life would be valued as much or more.

The question has been raised as to whether there is a need for a revision to the current parking regulations. I would suggest that the existence of a spreadsheet of neighbors renting out parking spaces is an indicator of a need.

I still don't understand why the village doesn't have uniform overnight parking regulations. However, I do appreciate the suggestion of allowing a certain number of overnight permits for renters in the aforementioned areas. If the board is committed to true equity for all residents, I ask that you price these permits the same as the already existing overnight on street permits (no more than \$137/quarter)

Thank you for your consideration,
Kristen Woods

From: [Stefanie Papasoglu](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Koperniak, Mike](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Overnight Parking
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020 2:54:44 PM

Good afternoon,

I'd like to submit the following comment to be read at the Transportation Commission Meeting on October 13 regarding overnight parking.

I'm currently a resident in an apartment on the 700 block of Carpenter Ave, just north of Jackson Blvd. I have lived in this apartment for 2 years now, and my only discrepancy is the lack of parking nearby. Previously, I lived in a building within the Z7 overnight parking permit area. As I was moving, I contacted the Oak Park Parking Permits office for help getting parking close to my apartment. Even the employee I spoke to was shocked that there was nothing available nearby, and referred to this area as "**a parking dead zone**".

Attached you will find a map showing the [REDACTED] Carpenter Ave apartment building marked with a red dot, as shown on the GIS Consortium site linked by the Parking Permits website. Note that there are several parking zones in the surrounding area, but this specific area is not even a zone. The closest permitted parking areas are **Lot 1, Lot 11, Lot 98, and Zone Y9**, which you will see marked on the map.

In order for you to understand our frustrations, I'd like to describe these options for you. The closest lot - **Lot 1** - is a .4 mile walk, and is the most expensive at \$222 per quarter for a 24 hour permit. After several months on a waitlist I currently have a permit for Lot 1, and while I stretch my budget to pay for it, it is my best option. **Lot 98** is approximately a .5 mile walk, and the same price as Lot 1. I had a permit for Lot 98 for a few months while on the waitlist for Lot 1, and frequently felt unsafe walking in the dark all the way to Lot 98, effectively on the service drive next to the freeway at a dead end street. **Lot 11** is a more economical option where I have also had a permit and is .5 miles away, but is extremely inconvenient due to the limited parking hours since it is the parking lot of a bank. Parking is only allowed from 7pm to 7am when the bank is closed, and is therefore a night permit at \$152 quarterly. **Zone Y9** is also an option, but the closest spots on Euclid Ave are used by the apartment complexes located on Euclid, and the other available spots would be at least .5 miles away or further depending on availability.

These parking options are inconvenient at best, and place additional financial strain on apartment dwellers. Many of the residents in my building are healthcare workers, including nurses, paramedics, and medical school students who work long hard hours only to come home at odd hours after a shift and face an additional 10-15 minute walk from their car. Most often those with apartments, like me, cannot yet afford a home and the luxury of having a driveway or garage, and yet have no option but to pay an additional \$600-\$900 in parking annually for one car. For those households with more than one car, this is especially stressful.

During quarantine the ability to park in front of my home has been extremely convenient and the residents of my building have been thankful for it. **Even many residents on Carpenter Ave with homes, and therefore garages and driveways, have been parking on the street for months now.** I urge you to consider the needs of Oak Park residents like me, and reform the parking rules to better accommodate apartment residents in my area and allow for

overnight parking in front of our homes.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Papasoglu

From: [Martin Kokoszka](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Permit Parking for Cuyler Block
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020 11:18:30 AM

I am a resident on the 1150 South block of Cuyler. The last several months people have packed our block to go to the bar on Roosevelt called Mike's place. It would be fine if cars were just on our block. But the problem is the last several months there are plastic cups, broken beer bottles, other bottles broken on my lawn and the sidewalk. Also, people blasting their music late at night or being way too loud at night. It is not acceptable that people are not respecting our block by being too loud and leaving trash everywhere. Thanks.

October 8, 2020

Dear Village of Oak Park Transportation Commission:

We have been proud Oak Park residents since 2008. Our family has thrived as a result of the community and family-oriented spirit of Southeast Oak Park. Our only child is an OPRFHS graduate, who is successfully in her last year of undergraduate studies. Our block has been a peaceful street to call home. Our goal is to ensure that our block remains calm at all hours of day and night.

Over the past 12 years, there have been at least 4 businesses that have occupied what is now known as Mike's Place, 6319 W. Roosevelt Rd, Berwyn. During this time, we have experienced disrupted sleep due to yelling, car alarms, car stereos, and bar patrons drinking and dancing on the hood of the cars. Most mornings, we have had to pick up garbage strewn across the block including wine bottles, liquor bottles, wine glasses, food trash, tampons, and toilet paper.

Currently, on a typical night, most bar patrons begin parking their cars along 1150 S Cuyler Ave block as early as 7pm. Throughout the night, music from cars, people yelling, car alarms, and partying in the middle of the street happen until the early morning hours. The block is filled with trash in the morning. Let us be clear: bar patrons deserve to have a good time to relax and unwind from the day-to-day. And, the majority of the bar patrons are black. At the same time, block residents also deserve a full night's peaceful rest. We have made a conscious decision to not call the Oak Park police given the tensions between the black community and the police. We do not want to escalate racial tensions during this historical time of reckoning for Black Lives. Yet, we need to find a solution that benefits all involved. This issue is best resolved with parking restrictions so that bar patrons can enjoy their leisure time *and* the 1150 S Cuyler Ave block residents can reclaim our right to living in a quiet residential area. Furthermore, if the Village of Oak Park is committed to racial equity within our community, approval to restrict parking on the block of 1150 S Cuyler Ave would demonstrate a proactive attempt at addressing a community issue that will trigger racial animosity if not resolved.

We have video and photos available upon request.

Sincerely,

The Calomese Torres Family

[REDACTED]

From: [Katie Broussard](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: statement to be read at the public hearing for 1150 S Cuyler
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020 10:57:56 AM

I am a resident of the 1150 block of South Cuyler, and I think that it is necessary to have parking restrictions on our block. Patrons of a nearby nightclub park on our block throughout the week, and when they exit the nightclub to return to their cars, we are awakened by yelling and loud music playing from cars. We also find trash left behind in our front yard. We have an otherwise quiet, residential block with many young children, and this is not an appropriate place for people to park and socialize after going to a nightclub. I ask that you vote yes on our petition for parking restrictions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Katie Broussard



October 8, 2020

Transportation Committee
Village of Oak Park

To whom it may concern –

The residents of the 1150 block of South Cuyler Avenue have petitioned to restrict parking to permanent residents from 8:00 PM – 2:30 AM.

My wife and I have lived on this block for 28 years. We have experienced problems related to the various businesses that have resided at 6319 Roosevelt Road in Berwyn for over 15 years.

To provide a quick timeline: a nightclub called Bugi's opened there in 2004. We almost immediately started experiencing problems with the clientele blaring their car stereos upon entering and leaving, often until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning. The next morning we would discover empty liquor bottles and used cups strewn across ours and many of our neighbors' lawns. There were also quite a few loud arguments or brawls that occurred, waking us up, and requiring intervention by Oak Park police.

This situation led to a neighborhood meeting conducted by the Oak Park police and Parking Commission in April of 2005. The owner of the nightclub also attended, and promised to take steps to curtail the problems (like not overserving customers). The situation improved slightly after this meeting.

Eventually, Bugi's closed down and was replaced by another nightclub called Inclusive around 2007. The problems erupted all over again, and actually got worse. The problems escalated to a fever pitch in 2008, when violence broke out multiple times, culminating in the hospitalization of a Berwyn policeman. For details on this situation, there is an archived Wednesday Journal article available at <https://www.oakpark.com/News/Articles/1-8-2008/Inclusive-nightclub%27s-license-suspended-in-Berwyn/>.

The Inclusive owner eventually lost their lease, and the venue was taken over in 2011 by Antronio's, a gay nightclub. While the brawls and violence diminished, the problems with loud late-night behavior and littering still persisted.

Antronio's closed in 2016 and was replaced by the Krew Rock Lounge, a hard-rock nightclub. Again, problems persisted with late-night loudness, public urination, and littered streets.

Krew Rock Lounge was replaced by Angel's Place briefly until which time Mike's Place opened around late 2018. Almost immediately upon Mike's Place opening, their patrons started parking on the 1150 block of Cuyler, and similar problems persisted. Loud patrons leaving the bar, sometimes waking us up in the middle of the night; car stereos blaring at all hours; trash on our front lawns the next morning.

I presented this timeline in order to, hopefully, give you an understanding of the frustration my wife and our family, and the rest of our neighbors, have been going through for many, many years. This petition is not a knee-jerk reaction to a passing nuisance. It's nothing personal against the proprietor of Mike's Place. This is a matter of Oak Park citizens whose quality of life and peace of mind have been diminished for quite some time by businesses run in Berwyn.

There are many businesses on Roosevelt Road, both on the Berwyn and Oak Park side, whose patrons park on the 1150 block of Cuyler: doctor's offices, day care centers, etc. We want businesses to thrive for both suburbs and have no problems with patrons of these businesses parking on our block during the day to conduct their business. But after sixteen years, we feel we are not unjustified in asking for these parking restrictions to provide ourselves and our neighbors evenings free of disruption.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill O'Neill

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Erin Berenz](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Resident permit request (statement)
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020 7:24:39 AM

To whom it may concern,

My family lives at [REDACTED]. We are in support of resident permitted parking on our block, given the noise and littering (ex: broken glass) that occurs at night from patrons of the bars on Roosevelt. Allowing residents to get permits to park on the street would be the best solution to this issue and maintain the safety and peace on our block.

Thank you for considering,

Berenz Family

From: [Maki and Jerome Sato Massiot](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Petition for parking on 1150 Block of South Cuyler
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 9:27:24 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to hear our petition. We are the family residing in [REDACTED], and we fervently support the petition to restrict parking overnight on our residential street. There are several bars and clubs nearby that hold events throughout the week, and we often hear the boisterous banter of their patrons when the events conclude in the middle of the night into early mornings. Even with our windows closed, we can hear the loud back-and-forth and often uncouth language of those patrons who clearly have very little respect for the residents on the street. They often turn up the music in their own cars to high volumes, windows down, and remain speaking and drinking on the sidewalks as if using the streets as their after-party location. We find empty beer bottles and litter scattered in front of our houses the following day. As new parents, we certainly do not need more interruptions to our precious sleep nor do we want to be picking up other people's trash in order for our front yards to be safe for our kids and pets. We hope the overnight parking restriction will help make our streets quieter, more peaceful, and safer for our whole neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Maki and Jerome

From: [amikos](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Re: Petition to restrict parking on 1150 block of South Cuyler Avenue
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7:49:23 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am a homeowner on the 1150 block of South Cuyler Ave. I am writing to express my complete support in favor of both petitions, to restrict parking on this section of street.

I have lived on the block for six years. During this entire time we have had to deal with the insanity that happens every Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights on the 1150 block of S Cuyler Ave, due to a business on Roosevelt St. Virtually every weekend of every month, year round. That might sound like an exaggeration, but I assure it is not. By insanity, I'm referring to huge crowds of people and cars on the street, music absolutely blasting, people screaming at each other and car horns going off. Both sides of S. Cuyler Ave. are full of parked cars with people just partying in the street. In the morning my front yard has bottles, broken glass and garbage all over. People urinating outside throughout the night is not uncommon.

You have to understand that the noise is constant. Usually starting around 9pm, all of this continues until at least 2am, frequently until 3am. Directly in front of my house where people have parked. As you can imagine, my entire family is woken up during the night. Other nights of the week can be bad, but the weekends are the most extreme.

Over the past five years I've called the Oak Park Police a number of times about this. The OPD has been to my house several times to discuss it. Most recently, I spoke with a Sargent who was parked at the end of the street in what he described as a pre-emptive move, knowing that the block would light up all night. At my wits end, I asked how do we stop this? His response was simple, "keep calling 911, keep calling 911". Having been through this for so many years, I can assure everyone at this meeting that calling 911 is not the answer. The police are great at dealing with drunk people coming out of the bar, but by then it's too late. The street is already packed with the parked cars of the bar customers and all the police can do is try to contain the crazy. An impossible job to expect them to do.

Right now, Oak Park needs to treat the problem and not the symptoms. The problem is that the 1150 block of S Cuyler Ave is constantly flooded with people going to the bar/location on Roosevelt. These parking restrictions will protect the property (and sanity) of the residents of S Cuyler Ave.. These restrictions are the most cost effective method to resolve this on-going problem. Especially on weekends, the resources of the police department could then be used in other areas that need them.

Please do not ignore this petition. During my six years on this block I have seen the bar/location on Roosevelt St. close and reopen four different times. Different names, but always the same problems. The bar there now, Mike's Place, is only the most recent. This problem will not just go away and the residents on the 1150 block of S. Cuyler Ave need the Village of Oak Park to stand with us.

Thank you very much,

Adam Mikos

From: [Stacey Hendricks](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: 1150 Block of South Cuyler Parking Restrictions
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7:37:59 PM

Hello, I would like to provide comments in regards to the proposed parking restrictions. Our block (especially those of us at the south side of the block) have experienced several sleepless nights due to people leaving a nearby bar on Roosevelt and continuing the party from their cars which are parked in front of our homes. On any given night, including weeknights when our kids have to get up for school and we have to work, we would hear several people playing their music extremely loudly, shouting, yelling, drinking bottles of liquor which litter our yards and are broken on the roads, until all hours of the morning. We've heard it starting before going into the bar and when they come out of the bar. People from the bar have also urinated in our yard, broken our front tree in half and littered our yard with broken bottles. As of late, this is happening more and more frequently. We have called the police on several occasions, who come for a while but cannot camp out on our street all night, every night. This has happened on and off for the 5 years we've lived on South Cuyler, whenever a bar occupies the space on Roosevelt. It seems that the current owners of the bar have even more customers as there are more and more cars on our street several nights a week with us having to deal with the party in front of our homes all night. We would really appreciate your restricting the parking starting at 8:00pm.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Stacey Hendricks

From: [Christopher Temperly](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Statement from Temperly for 1150 S. Cuyler Block
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 9:32:04 AM

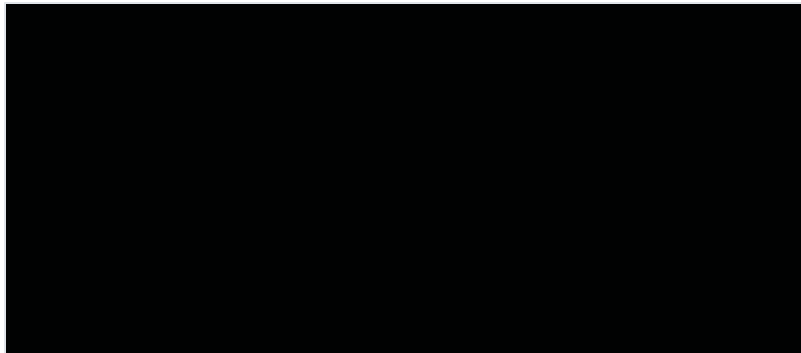
Thank you for taking a moment to read this statement. My family lives on the 1150 block of S. Cuyler Ave. and in the past year traffic and parking have increased significantly. The latter is due to a bar called Mikes Place on Roosevelt Avenue in Berwyn. This year alone I have found broken glass, alcohol & beer bottles, cigarette butts & package and food packaging litter in & around my yard. These items were not there when we came inside for the night and only seem to be present when patrons of Mikes Place bar park on our street. These items are unsafe as we personally have two children under 3 and live on a family friendly block with other that play in the front yards. Yes, we live on the southmost block in Oak Park that butts up to a less desirable town, but that doesn't mean we deserve less than any other tax payer in the village. Please consider voting yes for parking restrictions for our block so we can have the same experience.

Residents of [REDACTED]

From: [Calderon, Cinthya](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: FW: 1150 block of Wisconsin Ave
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020 8:12:02 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)

From: Paul Moore [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 12:21 AM
To: Calderon, Cinthya [REDACTED]; Rachel Turkowski <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: 1150 block of Wisconsin Ave

Cinthya,
Please find attached link to information for the hearing. I included the original petition and signed version, block map diagram documenting households and giving the board an overview of the location, proximity to Berwyn Township . I have also added some photos of a regular night with cars parked on both sides of the street. The max we had was 52 cars on the block parked both sides solid. This is not totally uncommon.
I also added photos of the trash left over.
[1150 Wisconsin Block Parking Petition.pdf and 1 more file](#)



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MEET THE BLOCK AND FAMILIES



house 1
2 Adults 2 kids 1 expecting

house 2
4 Adults

house 3
2 Adults 3 kids

house 4
2 Adults 3 kids

house 5
2 Seniors

house 6
1 Senior

house 7
2 Adults 2 kids

house 8
2 Adults 2 kids

house 9
4 Adults

house 10
1 Adult

house 11
2 Adults 2 kids

TOTAL
28 Adults 16 kids 2 Expecting

SIGNITURES WERE OBTAINED FROM ALL BUT ONE HOUSE. CHURCH IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE BLOCK AND HAS SIGNED THE PETITION

SDA Church

52 CARS PARKED ON THIS BLOCK SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

house 12
2 Adults 2 kids

house 13
2 Adults 1 expecting

1150 BLOCK OF WISCONSIN AVENUE

SCOREBOARD PARKING LOT AT IANOS

OAK PARK VILLAGE BORDER

ROOSEVELT ROAD

BERWYN TOWNSHIP BORDER

SCOREBOARD BAR



Sample garbage on a weekly bases, beer cans, liquor bottles, trash, junk food containers, plastic bottles, plastic cups. With the virus we dont really want to touch this stuff



TYPICAL CARS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
NIGHT 23 CARS AT TIME OF PHOTO



TYPICAL NIGHTTIME ACTIVITY INCLUDING :
DRINKING IN CARS, PLUS 3 DRINK MINIMUM IN BAR!!!!
CONSTANT CAR ALARMS, RADIO PLAYING
DRAG RACING
DRIVING BACKWARDS DOWN STREET
CONSTANT SHOUTING AND SCREAMING
CONSISTENT POLICE ACIVITIY ON BERWYN AND OAK PARK SIDES
SHOOTING THIS SPRING BEFORE COVID
DRUG USE IN CARS
PUBLIC URINATION IN THE YARDS
CONSTANT GARBAGE BEING LEFT ON YARDS, BOTTLES, CANS LIQUOR BOTTLES
PLASTIC BAR CUPS, TRASH BEING EMPTIED OUT OF CARS.

NO LET UP SINCE COVID.
BAR OPENED IN 2018 NOVEMBER 2ND
PETITION STARTED MARCH 2019 NOW OCTOBER 2020

Statement to Transportation Commission/Oak Park Citizen Commission
October 8, 2020

We are submitting this statement in advance of the Oak Park Transportation Commission's meeting on Tuesday, October 13th concerning the Petition to Install On-Street Business Daytime Parking from 7 am to 10pm Monday-Saturday on the West Side of Street From the Alley (South of North Avenue) to North Avenue ("Business Parking Petition"). We oppose the Business Parking Petition and request that it be considered holistically with other parking concerns on the street. A failure to do so will create more problems for both the community's businesses and residents.

We understand that several of our neighbors have separately submitted statements opposing the Business Parking Petition and requesting that it be considered along with residents' increasing concerns about the safety of turning from North Ave to/from East Ave, as well as a forthcoming petition to restrict parking on the 1200 Block of East Ave to permit holders on nights and weekends.

Though we have not seen the petition, our understanding is that the Business Parking Petition would cover three parking spaces on the West side of the street for a particular business' employees. We remain concerned that the designation of these three parking spaces will push even more parking south into the residential portion of the block by businesses on the south side of North Ave. We believe that there is a better solution. We enjoy our neighborhood and would like to work collaboratively with community members. Many of us have lived in other cities and townships where business and residential districts are in proximity and have seen that various options are available.

Our main concerns relate to the safety of traffic patterns and the enforcement of Oak Park ordinances including littering, as well as frequent gatherings in vehicles and on the street (instead of in the designated parking lot or on North Ave) by patrons of the daytime/nighttime business establishment near North and East Ave. We offer some alternatives to the current situation..

Traffic Safety in turning on/off of North Ave: The parking area between the alley and North Avenue acts as a buffer for cars entering East Avenue from North Avenue. On several occasions, after turning from North to East Avenue, we have found another vehicle coming in the opposite direction on East Avenue. With cars now parked regularly on the East side of East Avenue, the only choice for some of us to avoid mutual blocking has been to stop in the parking area in the West side of East Avenue until the other vehicle went by toward North Avenue.

If only certain cars are allowed to park on the West side of East Avenue, many of us will have no alternative but stopping in the East-bound lanes of North Avenue, which we believe is unnecessarily dangerous, given the speed of cars traveling on North Avenue. Turning left from North Avenue to East Avenue is difficult enough without additional cars parked in the West side of East Avenue.

1200 Block of North East Ave - Business Parking Petition

Some of us witnessed this problem over the summer when construction crews for the new building on the east side of the street parked on both sides of East just north of the alleys. Cars would be backed-up more than halfway down East waiting to get through, or stuck halfway-turned from North (and thus sitting in the way of oncoming traffic). Allowing parking on both sides is essentially turning that part of East into a one-lane street from 7am to 10pm for six days of the week.

We believe that Village should carefully examine and address the safety ramifications of turning the northern entrance/exit of one of the busiest north/south streets in Oak Park (where it intersects with one of the busiest streets in Chicago) into an unofficial one-lane street. One alternative is to consider making a portion or all of the 1200 block a one-way street, with only northern traffic allowed. Otherwise, traffic builds up and safety issues increase. This is more concerning as there are children and elders with restricted mobility on the street.

Permit Parking South of the Alley on East Ave: We support the development of businesses on North Ave and believe that there are ways to address both businesses and residents' needs in the community. While there is ample parking on North Ave and a designated parking lot for patrons of the Cigar Oasis, we have seen that the bar's patrons choose instead to park on East Ave while many spaces are left empty in the designated lot. We have witnessed regular littering on the curbside and in the grass. Any night of the week, we also are able to hear loud music from the parked cars. In contrast, on the northside of North Ave, there are several businesses with day and nighttime hours and a parking lot for patrons. The street that borders the lot is Natoma Ave and is zoned as residential permit parking only in Chicago. We plan to submit a petition to have the street designated as permit parking only for evening and weekend hours and ask that it be considered holistically with the Business Parking Petition.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

Following Residents of the 1200 Block N East Ave in Oak Park

Ugo A. Buy

Sal and Tiwana Corna -

Colleen and Paul DeJarnett -

Kim and Matt Kemper -

Tom Lindsey -

Keri and Orson Morrison -

Carol Lin and Dillon Murphy

Jeremy and Tiffany Roberts

Alpita Shah

Janice Fletcher-Thomas and Thomas family -

From: [Tom Lindsey](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Juliano, Jill](#); [Trustee Andrews](#)
Subject: Cigar Bar petition
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 9:41:47 PM

As resident and property owner at [REDACTED], I am opposed to the petition to change allowable parking hours on East Ave north of the alley.

Since opening earlier this year, Cigar Bar patrons have turned our residential street into a parking lot. On any given day, there are 2 or 3 cars parked in front of my house, starting around 3-4pm, until closing late at night. (Same for many other adjacent houses.) Often their patrons are noisy when they leave late at night. Since Cigar Bar has an outdoor fire pit and several outdoor TVs showing sports, there is often loud yelling, cheering and laughing late at night. Some of their patrons drive Harleys, and rev their engines late at night before leaving. They have a dedicated parking lot accessed off of North Ave., but it's easier (and closer) for Cigar Bar patrons to park on East Ave instead. To be honest, they have not been a good neighbor, and I am very much opposed to extending them the ability to allow more of their patrons to park on our RESIDENTIAL street. Why can't they use their own parking lot?

Tom Lindsey

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPad

From: [Rebecca Beasley](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Juliano, Jill](#); [Trustee Andrews](#)
Subject: East Avenue Business Parking Petition
Date: Monday, October 5, 2020 9:23:09 PM

Good Evening,

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- 4) Business patrons unfortunately contribute to increased litter, loitering and use of resident driveways to turnaround. As a resident with a driveway, we have personally had it blocked.
- 5) What data is being leveraged to support this petition?
- 6) If portions of the block are designated for business parking then the residential portion of the street (south of the alley to Le Moyne) should be designated as residential only. Will the Village support this approach?

While we do not support this petition as it stands, we do support discussions (with proper residential representation) aimed at identifying holistic solutions informed by quantitative and qualitative data.

Regards,
Jonathan and Rebecca Beasley



From: [Rebecca Beasley](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Juliano, Jill](#); [Trustee Andrews](#)
Subject: Re: East Avenue Business Parking Petition
Date: Monday, October 5, 2020 9:46:45 PM

Correction on #2-Cigar Oasis Patrons prefer to park on East Avenue, not North Avenue. Please confirm this correction will be captured.

Thank you,

On Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 9:22 PM Rebecca Beasley [REDACTED] > wrote:
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[REDACTED]

Calderon, Cinthya

From: Ben DeBruin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Transportation
Cc: Alpita Shah
Subject: Non-Agenda Public Comment for 10/13 Transportation Commission Meeting

Good evening,

I wanted to submit a non-agenda public comment for tonight's transportation commission meeting on behalf of the residents on my block. As a resident on the 1200 block of East Avenue, we have had to deal with customers of the cigar bar, Cigar Oasis, at the end of our block parking on our block instead of the establishment's parking lot every night and all day on most weekends. The increased amount of parking on our block has brought along with it littering, loitering, increased noise and more. To address this consistent issue, the block has already received 12 of the necessary 14 signatures to request resident permit parking on our block. We hope that the transportation commission will hear our request expeditiously once we collect the remaining few signatures needed. Obviously the concerns addressed tonight for residents near Roosevelt Road are also concerns we have living near North Avenue as well.

Thank you,

Ben DeBruin
[REDACTED]

Calderon, Cinthya

From: Vladimir Arezina [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: East Avenue - Petition to Install On-Street Business Parking

Dear Sir Or Madam:

My name is Vladimir Arezina, and I am one of the principals and owners of Cigar Oasis Oak Park, located on the corner of N. East Ave. and North Ave. We recently learned that there has been a petition filed to install two-hour business parking from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM on the west side of East Avenue from North Ave. to the alley. From what we understand, this petition to have been filed by a therapist who operates her practice from her home located on the opposite side of East Avenue from our business. We understand that the Village is considering this petition tonight. While we apologize for the late reply, we just learned of this development, and we feel obligated to respond.

We are strongly against this petition, and we strongly encourage the Village of Oak Park to deny it.

First of all, the area in which the parking is being sought already is a two-hour business parking zone, albeit from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. (See attached photo).



Why a therapist's practice would need hours beyond 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM is unclear - but certainly if the Village is going to even entertain such a petition, it should require the petitioner to actually demonstrate that they intend to use the parking spaces for the hours being requested. We are highly skeptical that the petitioner is seeing clients/patients at 7:00 AM, or at 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM. From our understanding, the petitioner's practice has been there for quite some time, without any need for such extreme business hours - so it is curious why this petition is being sought now.

To us, it seems clear that the motivation for the request is to use it as a mechanism to harass customers of Cigar Oasis Oak Park, who park in the designated parking spots after 5:00 PM, and disrupt our business. As a cigar lounge, it should not be surprising to anyone that many of our customers frequent our establishment after work (after 5:00 PM), and often into the evening. Many stay for more than two hours - and would be inconvenienced by the need to move their

cars after two hours (or risk getting a parking ticket). Perhaps that is exactly the result the petitioner seeks - inconveniencing and disrupting our business and its customers.

We understand that not all of our neighbors "like" the business of Cigar Oasis, but we are a lawful, well-run business, that has helped revitalize the North Ave. business district of Oak Park. We have been, and will remain courteous and respectful of our neighbors. And we follow the law (and will continue to do so).

But we do not take lightly the notion that someone would seek to amend the parking zones in an effort to harm our business or harass our customers, when they themselves, apparently, have no legitimate need for the parking they are requesting. If the petitioner cannot show a legitimate business interest in having extended parking hours that she seeks, her request should be rejected. We would hope the Village would discourage the weaponization of parking zones to be used by neighboring businesses that do not approve of others commercial affairs. That is an inappropriate use, and inconsistent with the Village's goals of revitalizing Oak Park's commercial district on North Ave. Indeed, we understand that this same petitioner was behind the request to move the handicapped parking spot formerly in front of our business on North Ave. to the east side of North Ave. on the side of our business (where it now is located). While the petitioner succeeded in having this accomplished, this action, too, served no legitimate purpose - and simply took away one parking spot from our business (as well as the petitioner's business, ironically).

In the end, we trust that the Village is motivated by supporting actual needs of its local businesses, and not interested in fostering animosity for purposes that are not even sought in good faith. We ask that the petition be denied.

Thank you,

Vladimir Arezina
Cigar Oasis Oak Park