

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Room 101 - Village Hall

1. Call to Order

Due to Chair Burke being absent, Commission Holzberg nominated Commissioner Johnston-Allen to be Chair Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Eskin. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eskin, Holzberg, and Nudelman,

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioner Johnston-Ahlen

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Pro-Tem Johnston-Allen called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Jack Eskin, Jenna Holzberg, Julie Johnston-Ahlen, Jason Nudelman

Absent: Ron Burke and Jason Jenkins

Staff: Staff Liaison Jill Juliano, Village Engineer Bill McKenna, Delia Tamas – Parking Services Supervisor, Takeshi Thompson – Parking Restrictions Coordinator, and Steve Pautsch - Village consultant from Civiltech Engineering.

2. Agenda Approval

It was requested to modify the agenda to move item 5B before item 5A under New Business. Commissioner Eskin made a motion to approve the agenda as modified. It was seconded by Commissioner Nudelman. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of the Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Eskin made a motion to approve the September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Nudelman. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Felicia Blanks of the 900 block of South Taylor spoke their public comment regarding ongoing issues with overnight parking and the lack of consistent parking enforcement. They expressed their frustration with cars allowed to park every single (non-permitted cars) without being ticketed from Parking Enforcement.

There was some discussion regarding more involvement from Parking Enforcement for the parking issue in this area.

5. New Business

5b) Petition for Overnight On-Street Permit Parking for the 600 Block of Randolph St
Parking Restrictions Coordinator, Takeshi Thompson, gave an overview of this item.

Following the presentation, the Commission asked questions. Below is a summary of the questions and staff responses.

Q: How many units are at Randolph Crossing. A: A total of 12.

Q: How many spaces are currently covered in that area. A: 8 - It would be 14 spaces servicing 12 units.

David Bernat asked if the church on that block had issues with this request. Takeshi Thompson responded the church took issue with a previous proposal in 2022 for overnight parking on the southside of Randolph from East Ave to Wesley, and had suggested to move it to the northside, which is what this proposal is for.

Commissioner Eskin made a motion to recommend the Petition for Overnight On-Street Permit Parking for the 600 Block of Randolph Street. It was seconded by Commissioner Nudelman. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eskin, Holzberg, Nudelman, and Chair Pro-Tem Johnston-Ahlen.

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 4 to 0

5a) Petition to Install a Traffic Calming Device on the 1100 Block of S Grove Ave

Steve Pautsch of Civiltech Engineering gave an overview presentation of this petition.

Rita Anderson, spoke her public comment requesting signage to prohibit residents from going thru the alley. Cars use the alley to use faster routes due to the traffic on Oak Park Ave. She recommends that we put in a one-way sign and for a barricade be put in at the south end of the alley until a more permanent solution can be developed.

Bob Walicki, voiced his concerns regarding the traffic on Garfield and Harvard during child drop off. His concerns are with rush hour, parking and people speeding. Children are supposed to get dropped off on Harvard and Oak Park Ave and residents are stopping on Harvard and Grove causing unsafe intersections.

David Bernat from the 1100 s. Grove block requests street barricades on Fillmore on Kenilworth due to unsafe roadways.

Staff Liaison, Jill Juliano, responded to the concerns regarding the traffic due to drop off. She reports the Village would need to communicate with to the school and come up with a new safety plan since there have been changes to the original safety plan. She suggested using temporary speed humps in the alley, although it comes with some challenges regarding equipment.

Village Engineer Bill Mckenna recommended the Village engage in discussions with principals from Abraham Lincoln Elementary School regarding the traffic safety concerns and changing directions as it is a bigger discussion which would require signage. An immediate solution would be to install the speed bump in the alley as a temporary solution.

Commissioner Johnston-Ahlen made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to install a second do not enter sign on the north west corner of Fillmore and Grove, to gather an assessment of data collection of alleyways to be included and brought back to the commission for review, and staff is to continue discussion with Lincoln School regarding their safety plan and the traffic flow during pick up and drop off. It was seconded by commissioner Nudelman. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Holzberg, Nudelman, Eskin, and Chair Pro-Tem Johnston-Ahlen

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 4 to 0

6..Old Business

6a) DRAFT 2024 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN (CONTINUATION FROM THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING)

Staff Liaison Jill Juliano has given an overview of the commission's draft 2024 work plan.

Following the overview, the commission asked questions. Below is a summary of the questions and staff responses.

Q: Would Ridgeland need a protective bike lane barrier and how many different types of bike lanes are there and how they are incorporated? How do we create this space and flexibility for residents? A: There are many different ways to incorporate the bike lanes and there needs to be conversations with IDOT as they currently own that roadway.

Q: During snow removal season does the Village have capacity to plow the bike lanes? A: We need to look at the infrastructure of the lanes and possibly use smaller machines to clean the area.

Q: Does the village maintain a comprehensive parking plan or policy? A: Staff will ask parking for background information regarding parking policies and fees to provide the commission a more comprehensive view of the parking situation.

There was further discussion on working with developers and the Zoning Commission to identify options to encourage residents to not solicit for on street parking.

Q: What is involved with the Oak Park Bike Plan and Neighborhood Greenway System study. A: A consultant would be brought on to lead the effort to update the bike plan. There would be some initial planning and public engagement prior to the commission being involved closer to the final draft stage.

Q: Is there a waitlist for parking permits? Is there a parking ban for residential building and are there concerns for parking in the neighborhood if there is no parking in the area? A: Staff can reach out to the permit's division and the commission for information.

Staff Liaison Jill Juliano gave a brief overview of petitions going into the queue from 2022-2023 that will be going in front of the commission for traffic calming petitions. The Commission has made recommendations on 11 petitions since May of 2022, there are 6 petitions taken off due to the organizers decision to move forward with speed humps, there are 14 remaining petitions to be worked through with many going forward in groups based on their locations.

Staff Liaison Jill Juliano reminded the commission that the Citizen Involvement Commission (CIC) is planning a volunteer appreciation event on the same night as the next Transportation Commission meeting – Jill will send out potential alternative meeting dates so this commission can attend the appreciation event.

Staff Liaison Jill Juliano also mentioned the UIC Great Cities Institute team is conducting a Racial Equity Needs Assessment for the Village would like to add some time to the next meeting in November. There was no further discussion on these items.

7) Adjourn

With no further business, Commissioner Jenna Holzberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Nudelman. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Submitted by,
Anita Bahena
Administrative Assistant

Juliano, Jill

From: Ryan Magnuson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 5:32 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: Statement to be read for the record - October 10th

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on tonight's Petition to Install a Traffic Calming Device on the 1100 Block of S Grove Ave . I am a 12 year resident of the 1100 Block of S. Grove Ave and I've seen countless incidents of traffic going the wrong way on 1100 S Grove.

As such, I would like to voice support for the recommended action by Staff to install a 2nd Do Not Enter sign at the NWC of Grove & Fillmore as a minimum course of action. I believe that the second Do Not Enter sign may provide a benefit to changing traffic patterns on our street especially on the weekends (which was unfortunately not studied).

I appreciate the village's attention to this matter.

Thanks

Ryan Magnuson

12 Year Oak Park Resident

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