

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Tuesday, November 29, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Council Chambers - Village Hall

1) Call to Order

Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Jack Eskin, Jenna Holzberg, Jason Jenkins, Jason Nudelman, Rob Burke

Absent: Julie Johnston- Ahlen.

Staff: Staff Liaison Jill Juliano, Village Engineer Bill McKenna, Steve Pautsch - Village consultant from Civiltech Engineering,

2. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Eskin made a motion to modify the agenda to 1:Agenda, 2: Draft Work Plan 3: Racial Equity Plan. It was seconded by the Commissioner Johnston-Ahlen and Commissioner Burke. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of the Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the October 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Commissioners Jason Jenkins. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Non- Agenda Public Comment

Commissioner Burke requested if there were any Non-Agenda Public Comments that were Jill Juliano there are no non-agenda public comment.

5. New Business

5A. Petition to Install a Traffic Calming Device at the Intersection of Fair Oaks and Berkshire.

Steve Pautsch of Civiltech Engineering gave an update on this petition from April 2021 and an overview of two traffic calming options: adding additional stop signs and tree trimming due to lack of accidents in that area.

Q. Commissioner Eskin is questioning the different varieties of trees in the area and if a spruce tree is able to sustain the 7ft tree clearance. A. Bill McKenna verifies this type of tree will be able to sustain the changes.

Q: Commissioner Jenkins: what are the conditions that would lead to the flashing stop signs. A: Steve responded that would be recommended if the stop signs were not visible.

Q. Commissioner Holzberg questions how do we evaluate any cut through traffic. A: Mr. Pautsch responds there were no complaints regarding cut through traffic - elevated speeds and complaints are the way we would observe that.

Commissioner Burke recommends finding new traffic calming solutions other than stop signs. Commissioner Nudelman suggests putting a traffic diverter in the middle of the street so cut through traffic is not an issue. Commissioner Jenkins reports if there are too many stop signs, there is a higher rate for residents to skip through them.

The following persons spoke their comments aloud:

Cathy Starr of the 1000 block of Fair Oaks Ave requested a 4 way stop sign or other traffic calming procedures at Fair Oaks and Berkshire. The pedestrian visibility is off due to the 45-degree angle in the street.

Lucas Kimmig N.E corner of 1000 block of Fair Oaks commented the ratio to vehicular and pedestrian traffic is very high. Vehicular visibility is difficult due to the offset intersection.

Jodi Roque started the petition and would like to have a four way stop like Humphrey and Greenfield. They stated there was less traffic due to the resurfacing project.

Laura Bacon 1000 block of Fair Oaks, stated the concern is really pedestrian traffic, not vehicular, this is what should be monitored.

Jim Gajernew of 900 block of Fair Oaks commented there is high pedestrian traffic due to the park and school. He would like to add a stop sign as well to calm down traffic.

Commissioner Burke questioned that Humphrey and Greenfield intersections are similar to Fair Oaks and Berkshire and contemplates how we handle that intersection. Bill McKenna Village Engineer commented Humphrey and Greenfield is a 4 way stop. Commissioner Holzberg suggested a paint and post for the N.E.corner and S.W corner along with adding additional signage for more visibility for cars.

Resident Jodi Roque questioned how would we gather our data to evaluate the effectiveness of whatever is decided. Bill McKenna responded that it would be difficult to measure – how we would measure our data is by gathering speed data and users' experiences for now.

Jodi is concerned that putting in the bump out is not going to be a better solution because of the way the street is curved, and it is going to put the children in danger. They suggest that the board go out and see the street for themselves.

Village Engineer Bill McKenna will assist with the paint and post bump outs and add additional signage for vehicles to be aware of pedestrians crossing. He also recommended adding pedestrian crossing signs at the East and West crossings along with tree trimming.

Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to recommend paint and post on the north, east and southwest corners along with changes for the continental style crosswalks and additional signage and if daylighting is beneficial and tree trimming. Nudelman seconds this motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Jenkins, Eskin, Holzberg, Nudelman, Burke

The motion approved 5-0

6. Old business

A) Draft 2024 Transportation Commission Work Plan (continuation from the September 12,2023 and October 10,2023 Transportation Commission meetings)

Jill Juliano requested making recommendations for a work plan for the village board. Bill McKenna gave a summary regarding the bike plan from October 10,2023 meeting regarding contacting IDOT for control of Ridgeland and Washington. McKenna also discussed the Vision Zero Plan.

Commissioner Holzberg mad a motion to approve the Review of N.W. side of the Village in Quarter 4 and make recommendations and address resident concerns regarding cut through traffic and improve safety. It was seconded by Commissioner Nudelman.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0

5B. Racial Equity Assessment Activity for Transportation Commission

UIC Great Cities Institute team submitted a video for review. Key topics that were discussed following the video are summarized below:

- The Village centers the most vulnerable residents of our community within our decision making around creating safe streets for all.
- Data, Diverse Representation, Training, Information and Resources, and Support and Communication are all ways the committee would need to further Equity work.

7.) Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by,
Anita Bahena
Administrative Assistant.