

APPROVED Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 30, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.  
Room 201 – Village Hall

Call to Order

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Interim Chair pro-tem James Thompson called to the meeting to order at 7:00pm.  
(No Public testimony)

Roll call

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Present: Interim Chair pro-tem James Thompson, Garth Katner, Aaron Stigger, Meghan Moses,  
Roya Basirirad

*Excused:* Robert Taylor, Kyle Eichenberger

*Staff:* Jill Juliano, Will Gillespie, Jennifer Jones, Jewel Dillard

Non-agenda Public testimony

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There wasn't any non-agenda public testimony.

Approval of Tonight's Meeting Agenda

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Motion to approve by: Commissioner Stigger

Seconded by: Commissioner Katner

The motion to approve tonight's meeting agenda was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Approval of the draft April 22, 2019, Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

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*Motion to Approve by:* Aaron Stigger

*Seconded by:* Rosa Basirirad

The draft April 22, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

5. Petition for Implementation of a Traffic Calming Device on the 1150 block of Home Ave

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*Presented by:* Jill Juliano

Jill stated the petition was submitted for 1150 Home ave, due to crashes, dangerous driving speeding and congestion going down 1150 Home ave.

*Public Testimony*

Eugene White- Indicated that cars get on Roosevelt because of the heavy oncoming traffic, so they make a left going north and speed down Home Ave. Mr. White expressed his concerns for the safety of children and other residents, also stated that it's the customers leaving Jewels.

Randy Feather- Has young children and are concerned for their safety. Mr. Feather suggested that the 1150 block of Home Ave should have a speed bump or dead end to reduce speeding.

Nancy Fliehler- Ms. Fiehler says she sees potential for disaster; cars do not stop for walking pedestrians. Also stated that crossing signals on Home and Roosevelt do not work.

Angela Motonia- Witnessed crashes walking her children from daycare.

Harrison Bolton- Mr. Bolton says he has received a lot of trash and debris in his alley and yard because of the school.

*End of testimony*

The Commission discussed:

- The commission discussed driving 30-35 mph down residential street isn't safe.
- Needs improved enforcement.
- 1150 block of Home is eligible for a speed bump or a choker. Residents will have to pay for speed bump or choker; costs will be 5-10 years on annual taxes.
- The commission will table the motion to collect more traffic data on 1150 block of Home Ave and Montessori school, with additional enforcement and mobile speed unit.
- The village will provide information about the speed bump so that residents can get together and get an idea of what they prefer to be on the 1150 block of Home, residents will also discuss costs.

Commissioner Stigger made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moses.

Ayes: Stigger, Moses, Basirirad, Katner, Thompson

Nays: none

The motion passed by a 5 to 0 vote.

6. Petition to Remove Daytime Parking Restrictions on the 1150 S. Elmwood Ave Block

*Presented by:* Jennifer Jones

Jennifer Jones presented petition to remove daytime parking restrictions on 1150 s Elmwood. Jennifer also read emails from residents who live in the area, who stated their thoughts on removing the restrictions.

*Public Testimony*

Christa Foster- Would like to find out are there other options for residents that live in the area. Ms. Foster also read a statement from her neighbor expressing she doesn't feel the need to remove all parking restrictions on the block because of Turano's that's nearby. In the past there were a lot of people parking on the block going to Turano's. The resident's are looking for a solution that's for residents only.

Sabrina Blackney- Ms. Blackney says she feel like if the Village was to take away the parking restrictions on the block is could be dangerous. She also went on to say that \$74.00 day permit is expensive and there she be a discount for residents.

August Bernahl- States that as a resident they should be able to park in front of their house without having to pay for a parking permit.

*End of Testimony*

Will Gillespie- *Parking Division Manager*

Indicated that the petition that the residents of the 1150 S. Elmwood submitted, was to get rid of the parking altogether other than, putting in a petition to get the 2 hour parking for residents only.

Jennifer Jones- *Parking Restrictions Coordinator*

Staff will research the most common time limit restriction in that area to determine exactly what type of parking permits the residents need, such as 2 hour parking limit or a permit for residents on the 1150 S Elmwood. The Commission decided to postpone the petition until better solution could be found.

Commissioner Moses made a motion to deny this petition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Basirirad.

Ayes: Moses, Basirirad, Katner, Stigger, Thompson

Nays: none

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Interim Chair pro-tem Thompson pointed out that if it turned out that the residents did in fact want what was originally petitioned for then they would have to start the petition process all over again.

Bases on this, Commissioner Moses made a motion to instead table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Katner.

Ayes: Moses, Katner, Basirirad, Stigger, Thompson

Nays: none

The motion passed 5 to 0.

7. Progress on the Parking Pilot Program & 8. Unified Parking Technology Implementation

Will Gillespie- *Parking Division Manager*

Gave a presentation covering the following

- Parking Pilot status update- Installed new signs, and pay stations. Extended the time limit for 6pm to 8pm, additional night time parking on Madison, Marion and Pleasant.
- New Customer online portal- Residents are now able to renew Vehicle License and Parking permit online. Residents can also contest and pay a ticket online.

*Public Testimony*

Claire Mason- Lives in pilot area and said there has been no education on the new Parking Pilot Program. She also says the kiosk pay stations doesn't take quarters, and not everybody has a credit card or mobile phone. Meters should also be checked more often.

Interim Chair pro-tem Thompson suggested that the Village's FYI newsletter needs to include updates on Parking Pilot and need customer's feedback on Pilot areas and recommends that the Village of Oak Park needs to send notification to all residents in Parking Pilot area explaining all of the changes and deliberately soliciting the resident's opinions for review by the Village Board.

Commissioner Basirirad made a motion that the Village of Oak Park needs to send notification to all residents in Parking Pilot area explaining all of the changes and deliberately soliciting the

resident's opinions for review by the Village Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Katner.

Ayes: Basirirad, Katner, Moses, Stigger, Thompson

Nays: none

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Interim Chair pro-tem Thompson read a letter from a Ms. Walton who wants to know what parking programs are available for persons with low income. Will Gillespie responded that this issue has come up before and that it might require Village Board action. A discussion about this ensued.

There was a discussion about the Commissioner's attending the Village's Day in the Village to man the Transportation Commission booth.

*Motion to adjourn by: Aaron Stigger*

*Seconded by: Meghan Moses*

Meeting ended at 9:23pm

Meeting adjourned

Respectively submitted

*Jewel Dillard*

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Customer Service Representative

Parking Services