

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Monday March 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Room 215 - Village Hall

1) Call to Order

Staff Liaison Jill Juliano called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Jack Eskin, Jenna Holzberg, Jason Jenkins, Julie Johnston Ahlen, Jason Nudelman, Chair Rob Burke

Staff: Staff Liaison Jill Juliano, Village Engineer Bill McKenna, Steve Pautsch- Village Consultant from Civiltech, Parking & Mobility Services Manager Sean Keane, Parking Restrictions Coordinator Takshi Thompson.

2. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Eskin made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Johnston-Ahlen. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

3) Approval of the Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

3.1) February 12, 2024 Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to approve the draft February 12, 2024 Transportation Commission meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Johnston-Ahlen. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote with no changes to the minutes. Chair Burke abstained from the vote due to absence. Vote counts as followed, 5-0-1

4. Non-Agenda Public Comments – up to 15 minutes.

Chair Burke asked if there were any non-agenda public comments. Staff liaison Jill Juliano stated there is no non-agenda public comment.

5) New Business

5a) Petition to Implement Traffic Calming Measure on the 900 Block of Home Avenue

Steve Paustch Village consultant from Civiltech Engineer gave a presentation on the petition which included the following information:

- Scoring threshold 900 block of Home Ave
- Count was taken in 2023 in summer while pedestrian count was high

- High traffic volumes from Garfield St.
- 85% of all counted cars are weighed at 29 mph
- They have used crash reports from the last 5 years. 2 midblock crashes, 2 crashes at intersection at Lexington and Home, Home and Garfield.
- Speeds increase from northbound traffic

Staff recommendations are to deploy radar speed feedback signs and installation of a chicane with two 26-foot-long bump-outs with the east bump-out lining up with the fire hydrant along Home Ave.

Public Comment:

Roy Plotnick 900 block of Home, the bridge is critical pathway for residents and students. Resident is concerned about speed limits, and would recommend installing a 4-way stop on Home at Lexington

Justin Patino 900 block of Home, lives at Lexington and Home. Worried about the near misses of accidents in that area and requesting 4 way stop.

Joe Ruesewald, 1100 N. Grove block, seconds a 4 way stop sign, with it being a Bike Blvd, residents would not feel safe on a 2 way stop sign.

The Transportation Commission concurred with staff's recommendations of:

- Install a chicane with two 26-foot-long bump-outs, with the east bump-out lining up with the fire hydrant along Home Avenue and the west bump-out staggered north of the east bump-out to maintain 22 feet of clear space.
- Deploy temporary speed radar feedback signs on an interim basis.

And made the following additional recommendations:

- Construction of a raised intersection treatment at the intersection of Home Ave and Garfield St.
- Installation of school crossing warning sign with flashing beacon in advance of the crossing.
- Installation of flashing STOP signs at all legs of the Home Ave and Garfield St intersection.
- Installation of paint and post bump-outs at all quadrants of the Home Ave and Lexington St intersection.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Eskin, Jenkins, Nudelman, Burke

Nays: Johnston-Ahlen

The motion passes with a vote of 5 to 1.

5b) Recommendation to Expand Street Frontage Locations for Overnight On-Street Permit

Parking in Y1 & Y2 Zones

Parking Staff is proposing Y1 be expanded to add 36 parking spaces and give permit holders the option to park closer to their home.

- East side of the 100 block of N. Oak Park Avenue (Ontario Street to 156 N. Oak Park Avenue)
- South side of the 700 block of Ontario Street (east of the south alley to Euclid Avenue)
- North side of the 700 block of Erie Street (east of the north alley to Euclid Avenue)
- East side of the 300 block of N. Oak Park Avenue (between 308-316 N. Oak Park Avenue)

Six parking spaces were lost due to moving the Pace bus stop from the near side to the far side on Oak Park Avenue at Erie Street.

Staff is recommending extending Y2 permit parking to the following areas:

- South side of the 1000 block of Pleasant Street (between 1033-1045 Pleasant Street)
- North side of the 1000 block of Pleasant Street (between 1014-1034 Pleasant Street)

Public Comment:

Martha Swisher 1000 block of Pleasant appreciates the new spaces that parking would be giving to residents. She would like staff to consider extending permit parking to the edge of Pleasant and Home.

Ashley Jones reports there is no signage for parking at 800 N Harvey and no parking in front of her home and what can be done for that.

Staff recommends addressing the Harvey location at a later time.

Parking is also looking to expand 24-hour parking on South Boulevard.

Commissioner Eskin made a motion to accept staff's recommendations for Y1 and Y2 zones and to explore expanding the footprint of the proposed Y2 zone that was discussed tonight. Commissioner Nudelman seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Eskin, Nudelman, Holzberg, Jenkins, Johnston-Allen, Chair Burke

Nays: None

The motion was passes unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

c) Discuss the Transportation Commission's Priority Traffic Management Initiatives with the Civic Information Systems Commission Chair.

Civic Information Systems Chair David Baker reported their software utilizes new technologies to mainstream village processes. Recently took UIC and worked with Public Works and Director Robert Sproule to examine the Transportation department to benefit the use the services the best. The technology would enhance mobility, gather high speed data to utilize, establishing safety for residents.

The commission agrees from a transportation aspect we would like to see what safety really means and the level of service to assist reducing congestion at all cost. Establishing safety for the most vulnerable for the user of the right of way is a high-level priority.

6) Old Business

a) None

7) Other Enclosures

Jill Juliano mentions the Village Board approved the commission's work plan at its February 20, 2024 meeting. Also included is a before and after study of the implementation of midblock pinch points on the 1200 blocks of North Taylor Avenue and North Lombard Avenue.

8) Adjourn

With no further business, Commissioner Holzberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

It was seconded by Commissioner Johnston-Ahlen. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM

Submitted by,

Anita Bahena

Administrative Assistant.