

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on Tuesday,
May 18, 1999 at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Training Room** of the Village Hall, 1200
Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Members Present: Dominick Gatto
 Andrew Hansen
 Barbara Lusky
 Amy Panici
 Alan Swanson, Chairman
 Roger Teal

Members Absent: Neil Ferrari

Staff Present: Robert S. Lewis, Village Engineer
 Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant
 Bob LaMantia, Deputy Chief of Police
 Officer Julie Parisi, Traffic Coordinator

Staff Absent: George Carpenter, Chief of Police
 Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer

1. **Approval of the March meeting minutes**

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and called the roll. **Commissioner Gatto** moved to approve the April minutes with one correction. **Commissioner Lusky** seconded the motion. The *motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

2. **Presentation of Bicycle Task Force January minutes and pending Task Force issues**

Commissioner Gatto reported that the Bicycle Task Force has expanded its membership to include representatives of the Wilmette Park District and School District 39. **Commissioner Gatto** indicated that bicycle safety testing continues at local schools, and announced that a Bicycle Tour of Wilmette will take place on Labor Day from 10 a.m. – noon.

3. **Request to remove the 15-minute parking at 340 Linden**

Chairman Swanson recognized **Dr. Peter Neuhaus**, a dentist at 344 Linden, who presented his objections to the new parking restriction. **Dr. Neuhaus** cited the loss of parking for the elderly, the under utilization of the space, and the fact that it serves only one of the businesses. A letter from Coldwell Banker (dated May 17) supporting Dr. Neuhaus' position was also presented.

Karen Thompson, owner of "The Dog Wash", presented her reasons for a 15-minute parking zone to service her business and reiterated her original request submitted in February 1999.

A discussion of options followed. The item was tabled until after the construction at Fourth & Linden is complete. It is anticipated that Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer, will review the parking situation and advise the Commission. The **Chairman** directed staff to investigate the two grassy islands at the gas station where parking is prohibited. This prohibition is probably due to driveway sight distances.

4. **Report from T.Y. Lin Bascor on School Traffic Study for McKenzie, Central and St. Francis**

Chairman Swanson recognized **John LaPlante** who presented a (draft) overview of the report. **Mr. LaPlante** recommended a crossing guard location at 9th & Greenleaf. **Mr. LaPlante** also recommended that the crossing guard location at 16th & Wilmette be relocated to 15th & Wilmette. A staff discussion followed. The **Chairman** directed staff to notify the three schools involved so representatives could attend the June meeting and participate in continued discussion on the subject.

5. **Review of the School Crossing Areas**

The **Chairman** recognized **Officer Julie Parisi**, Traffic Coordinator, who provided background information on problem locations. **Commissioner Gatto** moved to fund 15 crossing guard locations for the 1999-2000 school year with consideration of a crossing guard at either 9th & Greenleaf or at 9th & Linden, as well as at 15th & Wilmette instead of 16th and Wilmette. **Commissioner Lusky** seconded the motion. The **Chairman** did not call for a vote. There was further discussion on the motion.

6. **Old Business / Pending Matters / Next Meeting**

The *next meeting* was set for Tuesday, June 15, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. Village Engineer, **Robert S. Lewis**, will present the ITE traffic calming techniques at that time.

There being no further business, **Commissioner Gatto** moved for Adjournment and **Commissioner Hansen** seconded the motion. The *Motion passed by Voice Vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy E. Hellwig.