

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on Tuesday,
August 17, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the **Training Room** of the Village Hall,
1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Members Present: Neil Ferrari
Andrew Hansen
Amy Panici
Alan Swanson, Chairman

Members Absent: Dominick Gatto
Barbara Lusky
Roger Teal

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

Staff Absent: Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer

Also Present: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Palmer
Mr. Dale Lockman
Ms. Claire Compernelle

1. **Approval of the July 8, 1999 meeting minutes**

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. after a quorum was present, and called the roll. **Commissioner Ferrari** moved to approve the July 8th minutes. **Commissioner Hansen** seconded the motion. *The July 8th minutes were approved.*

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

Linda Reilley reported that the flyers advertising the Bicycle Tour of Wilmette have been distributed, and noted that the Bicycle Task Force will meet on September 1st for final approval of the Bicycle Tour route.

3. **Discuss closing 16th and Ashland / Green Bay Road Intersection**

Chairman Swanson opened the discussion by recognizing Ms. Purcell Palmer who presented her suggestion to beautify the north entrance to the Village at the intersection of 16th & Ashland at Green Bay Road. The **Chairman** also recognized Mr. Dale Lockman and Ms. Claire Compernelle, residents of 16th Street, who expressed their concerns about traffic volume and speed on 16th Street. **Chairman Swanson** explained that 16th Street is shared with the Village of Kenilworth, and suggested that discussion of street closure could not be made without Kenilworth's input.

Commissioner Ferrari moved to recommend that the Village Managers of both communities discuss the issue. **Commissioner Panici** seconded *the motion*. *The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.*

4. **Traffic Calming**

The **Chairman** opened the topic for discussion. After a general discussion, it was decided that the specific type, size and location of Transportation Commission efforts and costs would be determined at the October meeting, and implementation would follow in the Spring.

Commissioner Ferrari recommended individual public (neighborhood) meetings to discuss the issues and traffic calming devices. A discussion of neighborhood boundaries followed. **Chairman Swanson** suggested that Locust might be a good candidate for a (traffic) circle because it would tend to divert some of the cut-through traffic and to slow it down.

Commissioner Ferrari suggested that once the Commission has narrowed down preliminary test sites, Staff could provide on-site suitability for discussion at the public meetings. **Chairman Swanson** cautioned against pushing the problem to a parallel route.

Commissioner Panici moved that Locust (from Illinois to Lake) and Thornwood (from Dartmouth to Hunter) be considered the primary pilot programs with Manor, Washington and Lavergne as back up programs if either Locust or Thornwood could not be

tested. *The motion* was seconded by **Commissioner Ferrari** and *passed unanimously by voice vote*.

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

Chairman Swanson directed **Staff** to establish contact with the Village of Northfield regarding a traffic study to determine trip generation to and from the New Trier West campus, which is required prior to the reopening of the school. **Linda Reilley** volunteered to contact Northfield. **Commissioner Panici** offered to solicit the assistance of the President of the New Trier Board in the event contact could not be made with Northfield.

Regarding closure of Sterling Lane, **Linda Reilley** suggested that in light of Sterling Lane history, input of the current Fire Chief might be beneficial.

The *next meeting* was set for Tuesday, September 21, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a request from Sterling Lane to consider closing Sterling Lane at Ridge or Isabella, revisit parking on the narrow streets after **Staff** review, and follow-up with parking issues at 340 and 342 Linden. Gillson Park data, gathered by Terry Porter, will be discussed at the October meeting.

There being no further business, **Commissioner Panici** moved for adjournment. **Commissioner Ferrari** seconded the motion. *The motion passed by voice vote* and the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy E. Hellwig.