

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on Tuesday  
**November 16, 1999** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Training Room** of the Village  
Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

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

Members Absent: Dominick Gatto  
Roger Teal

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

Staff Absent: Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer

Also Present: Residents of the 3500 block of  
Greenwood, 1000 & 1100 blocks of Manor,  
3500 block of Walnut and the 1700 block of  
Forest

1. **Approval of the October 19, 1999 Minutes**

**Chairman Swanson** called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and called the roll. **Commissioner Panici** moved to approve the minutes. **Commissioner Lusky** seconded the motion. *The October 19<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.*

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

**Commissioner Hansen** provided an overview of the Task Force minutes and briefed the Commission on the Task Force *suggestion* to post signage on the proposed bicycle routes.

On a related matter, the Wilmette Avenue Report, **Chairman Swanson** directed staff to establish a date for a public hearing regarding this project. **Chairman Swanson** reminded staff that, prior to the meeting, notice must be sent to residents regarding the Oak Circle and Prairie closure.

**Chairman Swanson** recognized **George Carpenter** who announced that the Police Department had submitted an application to a nationwide traffic safety program, and had received a "AAA-Award". Wilmette was recognized for its excellence in traffic safety. **Chief Carpenter** thanked the **Transportation Commission** and the **Engineering Department** for its many contributions to the successful application, and gave special recognition to **Officer Julie Parisi** who "makes things happen".

### 3. Loyola Academy Neighborhood Traffic

**Chairman Swanson** recognized **David Youngerman**, who introduced the subject of Loyola Academy neighborhood traffic by providing a brief history of how the Community Relations Committee became involved in the issues associated with Loyola Academy.

**Mr. Len Mitchell**, 3507 Greenwood, (representing the neighborhood) described an increase in traffic volume, speed, and aggressive behavior since the school was expanded in 1993. **Mr. Mitchell** presented a **petition** supporting the posting of "No Through Traffic" signs. [ **Mr. Mitchell** reported that 60% of the neighborhood supports the petition.] **Mr. Mitchell** showed photographs of the narrowcades employed by the Academy during a.m. and p.m. peak periods, which had a dramatic (positive) effect on the area's traffic burden. **Mr. Mitchell** shared photographs depicting vehicles stopped in front of various driveways, on the sidewalk, and in the middle of the street prior to 2:00 p.m. The neighbors canvassed suggest that in addition to permit parking already in effect, signs indicating "No Stopping or Standing" need to be posted on the east-west streets near Loyola Academy.

**Mrs. Johnson**, 3522 Greenwood, requested through-traffic counts, volume and speeding car counts.

**Father Harlan**, Loyola Academy, expressed his support of the neighborhood concerns as expressed by the residents of 1011, 1030, and 1120 Manor, and 3528 Walnut Avenue. **Father Harlan** pointed out that volume would seem to be a more accurate

indicator warranting further measures, than any anecdotal evidence presented. **Father Harlan** reminded those present that limited parking space at the Loyola Campus is a circumstance previously imposed on the school, not a school oversight. **Father Harlan** suggested that the area around the school neighborhood be inspected for view obstructions, which would benefit both turning vehicles and pedestrian traffic.

**Commissioner Ferrari** suggested a review of the “No Through Traffic” signs request, the “No Parking” signs on the north side of the street, and a parking ban during school hours. **Chairman Swanson** directed staff to report on these items at the next Commission meeting.

#### 4. **St. Joseph Neighborhood Traffic**

Turning to the next agenda item, **Chairman Swanson** recognized **Debbie Cray**, 1533 Highland, who informed the **Commission** that 200 children are currently enrolled at St. Joseph School. **Ms. Cray** explained that Lake Avenue is restricted to entering or exiting, right turns onto Forest are prohibited, and proposed changing the restrictions.

The neighbor at **1705 Forest** is *opposed* to changing the current restriction and the neighbor at **1716 Forest** *supports* the proposal for change. **Both residents**; however, *agreed* that traffic calming issues are very important, particularly since Forest lies between Green Bay Road and Ridge Road.

**Chairman Swanson** informed those assembled that the **Commission** has looked at the data and confirmed that the *speed* of traffic *is* an issue in the 1800 block of Forest.

**Commissioner Panici** moved to remove the right turn restriction (except for busses) onto Forest. **Commissioner Hansen** seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

The **Chairman** directed staff to remove the right turn restriction (except busses) onto Forest Avenue.

5. **Feedback**

**Chairman Swanson** acknowledged receipt of three questionnaires from residents who had appeared before the **Commission**.

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

**Chairman Swanson** recognized **Robert S. Lewis**, who updated the Commission on the traffic signal at the Edens / West Lake Plaza, and at Fairway / Bunker at Lake Avenue.

The December meeting was canceled. The *next meeting, a public hearing*, was scheduled for **Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.** to discuss the posting of "No Parking Any Time" (on one side only) of streets that are 20 – 24-feet wide.

There being no further business, **Commissioner Ferrari** moved for adjournment. **Commissioner Lusky** seconded the motion. *The motion passed by voice vote* and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy E. Hellwig.