

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on Tuesday
January 18, 2000 at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Training Room** of the Village Hall,
1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

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

Members Absent: Roger Teal

Staff Present: Robert S. Lewis, Village Engineer
Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant
Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer

Staff Absent: George Carpenter, Chief of Police
Officer Julie Parisi, Traffic Coordinator

Also Present: Steve Dumovich, Fire Chief
Donna Jakubowski, Director Public Works
Bob LaMantia, Deputy Police Chief

1. **Approval of the November 16, 1999 Minutes**

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and called the roll. **Commissioner Lusky** moved to approve the minutes. **Commissioner Panici** seconded the motion. *The November 16th minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.*

Chairman Swanson, on behalf of the Commission, presented **Commissioner Dominick Gatto** with a certificate of appreciation for meritorious service. **Commissioner Gatto** will stand down from the Transportation Commission as his term has expired.

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

Commissioner Hansen provided an overview of the Task Force November 3rd minutes, noting that the Task Force will present specific route suggestions to the Commission at the February meeting.

3. **Review the “No Parking” on One Side Only on streets 24-feet wide or less**

Chairman Swanson recognized **Robert S. Lewis**, Village Engineer, who informed the Commission that over 1600 meeting notices had been sent to residents. **Mr. Lewis** introduced the subject of narrow streets, presented a map which delineated narrow streets in the Village, and explained the difficulty in delivering services as experienced by the public works, fire department, school bus drivers.

Mr. Lewis introduced **Donna Jakubowski**, the director of Public Works and **Steve Dumovich**, Fire Chief, who showed a video of the difficulties experienced on narrow streets by the operators of various pieces of service equipment. **Bob LaMantia**, deputy Police Chief expressed his support of the proposal to limit parking to one side of streets 24-feet wide or less, citing an increased safety benefit.

Twenty-five Village residents representing Birchwood Avenue, Fairway Drive, Fifth Street, Greenwood Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue, Lawler Avenue, Parkview Court, Pawnee Road, Sprucewood Lane, Thornwood Avenue, Washington Avenue, and Yale Avenue appeared before the Commission. The residents expressed their concerns, asked questions and made suggestions to the **Commission**. **Chairman Swanson** recognized **residents** who expressed concern that by eliminating parking on one side of the street, there would be an increase in traffic speed and volume as well as cut-through traffic—particularly in the area surrounding Loyola Academy, as well as the elimination of parking in cul-de-sacs. Others agreed that increased safety would benefit school children using school bus transport.

Chairman Swanson recognized **residents** who posed questions concerning the maintenance of the side of the street where parking

is allowed, the delivery of goods and services, and whether the residents of the Indian Hill subdivision will be permitted to park on the sidewalks. **Residents** also asked if a cost-benefit analysis had been done.

Chairman Swanson recognized **residents** who offered suggestions. **Residents** suggested that the decision to ban parking on one side of a particular street be made on a case-by-case basis rather than globally. Others suggested that leaves not be piled in the street, or that the streets be widened.

Chairman Swanson opened the discussion among the Commissioners. **Commissioner Ferrari** expressed his reservation concerning the ban in the absence of information about delays mentioned, and requested that Donna Jakubowski and Steve Dumovich provide the Commission with additional information.

The other **Commissioners** indicated that their primary concern is for the safety of all residents, noting that the geometry (of the street) is constant.

Commissioner Gatto moved to amend the ordinance, allowing streets 24-feet or less to be posted “No Parking Anytime” on one side only. **Commissioner Lusky** seconded the motion. **Chairman Swanson** called for a voice vote. The motion passed with **Commissioner Ferrari** voting against.

4. **Feedback**

Chairman Swanson provided questionnaires to the residents who appeared before the **Commission**.

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

The *next meeting* was scheduled for **Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Second Floor Training room to discuss the posting of “No Parking Any Time” (on one side only) of streets that are *greater than* 24-feet but *less than* 27-feet wide.

There being no further business, **Commissioner Gatto** moved for adjournment. **Commissioner Hansen** 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.