

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on Tuesday
February 15, 2000 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
Barbara Lusky
Alan Swanson, Chairman

Members Absent: Dominick Gatto
Amy Panici
Roger Teal

Staff Present: Robert S. Lewis, Village Engineer
George Carpenter, Chief of Police
Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant

Staff Absent: Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer
Officer Julie Parisi, Traffic Coordinator

Also Present: Stephen Schlickman, resident
Nancy Schofer, Bicycle Task Force
Bud Riley, Bicycle Task Force

1. **Approval of the January 18, 2000 Minutes**

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and called the roll. **Commissioner Hansen** moved to approve the minutes. **Commissioner Ferrari** seconded the motion. *The January 18th minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.*

Chairman Swanson, on behalf of the Commission, recognized Officer Julie Parisi (in absentia) who was named Wilmette Police Officer of the Year.

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

Chairman Swanson introduced Nancy Schofer, Chairperson of the Task Force, who provided the Commission with a formal request that three segments of the Wilmette Bicycle Route be posted as such. Ms. Schofer explained that Green Bay Trail, Greenleaf Avenue and Wilmette Avenue & Glenview Road could stand-alone.

Commissioner Ferrari asked **Robert S. Lewis** whether MUTCD or AASHTO provide requirements for pavement markings or for posting stop signs associated with bicycle routes. **Mr. Lewis** indicated that John LaPlante, has committed to having T.Y. Lin Bascor accompany Staff when it reviews these routes to make certain that they meet the standards, especially since liability is always a concern.

Mr. Lewis suggested the possible use of smaller “stop” and “yield” signs along the Green Bay Trail. **Commissioner Ferrari** expressed concern that the warrants may not be met. **Chairman Swanson** directed **Staff to research the standards, and; if striping is involved, Chief** Carpenter will check the Illinois Vehicle Code for stop signs where bicycle paths intersect with streets. **Staff** will report its findings to the Commission prior to the summer cycling season.

Nancy Schofer and **Robert S. Lewis** updated the Commission on the status of the Sheridan Road, Metra Station and Bicycle Path / Crossing projects.

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

Chairman Swanson provided Mr. Schlickman with a synopsis of last month’s discussion of whether to allow parking on one side (only) of streets that are 24-feet wide or narrower.

Commissioner Ferrari explained why he voted against the restriction.

Chairman Swanson and **Commissioners Ferrari, Lusky** and **Hansen** expressed their concerns about the impact this will have on neighborhoods. **Robert S. Lewis** to contact Joe Schofer

regarding the availability of information about emergency response on narrow streets; or available guidelines.

Chairman Swanson directed Staff to continue its research.

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 **Thursday, March 16, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Second Floor Training room to discuss Fifth & Linden "P" parking zone updates.

There being no further business, **Commissioner Ferrari** moved for adjournment. **Commissioner Panici** seconded the motion. *The motion passed by voice vote* and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy E. Hellwig.