

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on Tuesday,  
**September 19, 2000** 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  
Barbara Lusky  
Amy Panici  
Andrew Hansen  
Alan Swanson, Chairman  
Roger Teal

Members Absent: Steve Schlickman

Staff Present: Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant  
Kevin C. Wachtel, Administrative Analyst  
Deputy Chief of Police (Services), Ken Rydz

Also Present: approximately 18 residents representing Fifth  
Street, Linden, Greenleaf, & Oakwood Avenue  
Terry Short, T.Y. Lin - Bascor

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

**Chairman Swanson** called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called the roll. **Commissioner Lusky** noted a clarification and moved to approve the minutes as corrected. **Commissioner Ferrari** seconded the motion. *The July minutes were unanimously approved (as corrected) by voice vote.*

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

**Chairman Swanson** recognized **Commissioner Hansen** who reported on the Labor Day Bicycle Tour sponsored by the Task Force. **Chairman Swanson** complimented the Task Force on its Bicycle Tour. **Commissioner Hansen** requested that the Commission grant a meeting with the Bicycle Task Force to discuss public safety, bicycle paths and signage for bicycle paths. **Chairman Swanson** invited the Task Force to appear before the Commission at its October meeting.

3. **Petition from Birchwood Lane to Restrict Parking Near Community Playfield**

**Chairman Swanson** recognized **Mr. John T. Miller**, 2443 Birchwood Lane, who represented the neighborhood. **Mr. Miller** raised two issues; the safety, peace, and tranquility of the residents who live adjacent to the baseball and soccer fields, and the fact that the street is too narrow with cars parked on both sides which would compromise the provision of emergency services to the neighborhood. **Mr. Miller** indicated a willingness to limit parking per the petition. **Linda Reilley** noted the the Transportation Commission had approved permit parking (24 hours a day) on Pomona, and this petition is to limit parking on one side of the street. **Commissioner Ferrari** reminded those present that people will still drive down Birchwood. **Chairman Swanson** recognized **Commissioner Hansen** who moved for prohibition of parking on the (fire) hydrant side of the street and for the posting of a sign at the end of the street indicating where parking is permitted. *The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lusky and unanimously approved by voice vote.*

4. **Review of the “P” Permit Parking Zone—update (Don George)**

**Chairman Swanson** turned the discussion to the parking issues on Fifth Street as he introduced background information and data submitted by Parking Control Officer Don George. The **Chairman** reminded those present that the Commission had already added parking spaces on Linden Avenue and eliminated a loading zone. The **Chairman** recognized **Mr. James Cox**, 431 Central, who represented the 600 block of Fifth Street. **Mr. Cox** expressed his perception that this block has been singled out, and urged the Commission to return things to the way they were—“No Parking 2 a.m.- 5 a.m.” and “No Parking 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. except by permit”. The **resident** from 604 Fifth Street indicated that her disability requires on-street parking. **Chairman Swanson** recognized **Kimberly Labor**, 506 Fifth Street, who urged the Commission not to remove the restriction. Resident **Connie Roth** of 516 Fifth Street expressed her reservations about removing the restriction. A resident of the Linden Apartments also urged the Commission to leave the current restriction in place. **Chairman Swanson**, addressing the 600 block of Fifth Street, asked where they park overnight now, and where they used to park. **Most** of the

**residents** said they primarily use their garages—both prior to and since the restrictions were put in place. **A resident** of 500 Greenleaf indicated that they parked on the street. **Mr. Muller**, 611 Fifth Street, indicated that he is opposed to the “P” permit parking. After a brief discussion, the **Chairman** indicated that the **Commission** would discuss its authority at the October meeting. **Commissioner Panici** moved that the original restrictions be restored—specifically “No Parking 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. except by permit “ and “No Parking 2 a.m. – 5 a.m.”. **Commissioner Hansen** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. **Gillson Park Parking—update (Terry Porter)**

**Chairman Swanson** recognized **Terry Porter**, Director, Wilmette Park District, who summarized the number of parking spaces available on a daily basis. **Mr. Porter** reported that 43 spaces were available on the Upper Road, 59 spaces available on the Overlook, and 311 spaces available on the Beach Lot. **Mr. Porter** indicated that most of the complaints received involved the Overlook, and noted that a cool summer may have skewed the measurements of beach parking capacity. **Mr. Porter** will continue to collect data and will report to the Commission in September 2001.

6. **Romona School Traffic Study**

**Chairman Swanson** recognized **Terry Short**, T.Y. Lin – Bascor presented the Traffic Study Report, which resulted from District 39 and parent complaints. **Mr. Short** noted that the interaction between vehicle and pedestrian traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up were examined, and elaborated on the recommendations made in the report. **Commissioner Ferrari** posed the question of whether signs posted on one side of Romona north of Central would be obeyed. **Ms. Sandra Stringer**, Principal at Romona School, and **Mr. Marty McConahay**, Administrator of Finance and Operations for District 39, assured the Commission that District 39 will implement the balance of T.Y. Lin – Bascor’s recommendations for Romona School. **Chairman Swanson** called for a motion to endorse the report. **Commissioner Teal** so moved, seconded by **Commissioner Panici** and unanimously approved by voice vote.

7. **Feedback**

**Chairman Swanson** distributed resident questionnaires.

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

The *next meeting* was scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, 2000** in the Second Floor Training room to discuss a petition for permit parking from the residents of 2300 to 2418 Greenwood Avenue (east of Harper School), and items of interest to the Bicycle Task Force.

**Commissioner Ferrari** moved for adjournment, **Commissioner Panici** seconded the motion. There being no further business, *the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy E. Hellwig