

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on Tuesday,
October 17, 2000 at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Training Room** of the Village Hall,
1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Members Present: Amy Panici
Andrew Hansen
Steve Schlickman
Alan Swanson, Chairman

Members Absent: Neil Ferrari
Barbara Lusky
Roger Teal

Staff Present: Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant
Kevin C. Wachtel, Administrative Analyst
Robert LaMantia, Deputy Chief of Police
Julie Parisi, Traffic Coordinator

Also Present: approximately 10 residents and six members
of the Bicycle Task Force

1. **Approval of the September 19th , 2000 Minutes**

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called the roll. **Commissioner Panici** moved to approve the minutes. **Commissioner Hansen** seconded the motion. *The September minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.*

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

Chairman Swanson recognized **Nancy Schofer, Chairperson of the Bicycle Task Force** who presented a number of requests from the Bicycle Task Force. **Ms. Schofer** requested that the bicycle routes be identified and posted, that a user map indicating existing and proposed routes be finalized that connections to important destinations be completed, and advocated the creation of a parking area at Forest for access to the Green Bay Trail.

Ms. Schofer requested the appointment of a Commission member to act as a liaison to the Bicycle Task Force. The appointment would fill a vacancy left by **Commissioner Hansen's** resignation.

Chairman Swanson recognized **Elaine Lenz**, 900 Oakwood, who expressed her concern that Wilmette Avenue is a dangerous street. To illustrate, **Mrs. Lenz** told those present that her son was killed on his motorcycle on Wilmette Avenue this year.

Chairman Swanson recognized **Lou Bluestein**, Bicycle Task Force Member, who informed the Commission and those present that he has ridden the bicycle lanes on Wilmette Avenue and finds them very effective.

Linda Reilley told the Commission that **T.Y. Lin Bascor**, a Village consultant, is expected to complete its review of the route system by the end of November. **T.Y. Lin** will study bicycle routes to determine which part of the route can be posted. Completion of the (route) user map is anticipated in March or April.

Commissioner Schlickman proposed that the Commission present specifics to the Board of Trustees so items such as striping can be implemented

3. **Petition from the Residents of 2300 to 2418 Greenwood Avenue (east of Harper School) for Permit Parking Only**

Chairman Swanson introduced the petition as presented and invited comment from those in attendance. **Chairman Swanson** recognized **Richard Ramlow**, 2326 Greenwood, who expressed concern about the provision of emergency services, particularly the Fire Department, as Harper School parents are parking on this segment of the street. Noting that parent education is difficult and doesn't always work, **Mr. Ramlow** expressed a desire to find a solution for both the community and the school.

Beth Drucker, 2500 Greenwood, representing the Harper School Civics & Safety Committee, explained to those present that the school is six weeks into a "No Parking" trial on Dartmouth, in front of Harper School, and suggested that it might be premature to implement a permanent solution to address a temporary situation. **Ms. Drucker** pointed out that the elimination of parking would

simply push the burden to other streets, and suggested that residents may be more concerned with the illegally parked vehicles.

Sue Kopecki, 2510 Greenwood, noted that some areas do not have sidewalks or striping to show where cars should park.

Chairman Swanson recognized **Toni Shinnors**, Principal at Harper School, who indicated that the trial period would be evaluated at the winter break. **Commissioner Schlickman** asked about the status of the on-site parking lot; and, who would evaluate and make the determination as to the effectiveness of the Type I barricades in front of Harper School. **Ms. Shinnors** indicated that District 39 does not have the background or expertise to conduct the evaluation. **Linda Reilley** volunteered the services of the Engineering Department. **Commissioner Panici** suggested that the Commission re-visit the issue of striping on Greenwood in the spring. Deputy Police Chief, **Bob LaMantia**, encouraged the use of Thornwood Park parking.

Results of the “No Parking” on Dartmouth trial will be evaluated by representatives of T.Y. Lin Bascor, Public Works, Police, Civics & Safety, Principal Shinnors, and the Engineering Department in December or January. The results of the evaluation will be presented to the Transportation Commission at its February meeting.

Chairman Swanson suggested that the petition be tabled pending further review of the situation. **Mr. Ramlow** requested that the residents be notified when the issue is addressed in the future.

The petition was tabled until the January or February meeting.

7. **Feedback**

Chairman Swanson distributed resident questionnaires.

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

The *next meeting* was scheduled for **Tuesday, November 21, 2000** in the Second Floor Training room to discuss traffic calming on Locust Road, if a quorum is present.

Commissioner Panici moved for adjournment, **Commissioner Hansen** seconded the motion. There being no further business, *the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy E. Hellwig