

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on Tuesday,
August 7, 2001 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
Amy Panici
Steve Schlickman
Alan Swanson, Chairman
Roger Teal

Members Absent: Barbara Lusky

Staff Present: George Carpenter, Chief of Police
Brigitte A. Mayerhofer, P.E., Director of
Engineering
Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant
Officer Julie Parisi, Traffic Coordinator

Staff Absent: Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer

Also Present: John LaPlante, T.Y. Lin
Stanley M. Cahn, 1834 Isabella
Barbara Cahn, 1834 Isabella
Jean Hay, 101 Sterling Lane
Jean Chalcraft, 1838 Isabella

1. Approval of the May 10, 2001 Minutes

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called the roll. With a quorum present, **Chairman Swanson** began the meeting by welcoming interested parties in attendance. Turning to the minutes, **Chairman Swanson** recognized **Commissioner Panici** who asked that the April 17th minutes reflect that teacher parking would be on the *south side* of Thornwood. **Commissioner Schlickman** moved for the approval of the May 10th minutes. **Commissioner Panici** seconded the motion. *The May minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.*

2. Presentation of Bicycle Task Force March minutes and pending Task Force issues

Chairman Swanson noted that the June minutes of the Bicycle Task Force were included in the agenda materials. **Chairman Swanson** asked **Linda Reilley** for a report. **Ms. Reilley** indicated that the Village's consultant, T.Y. Lin International, is determining signage needs along the Brown Route. **Ms. Reilley** will present the results at the Commission's September meeting.

Ms. Reilley indicated that the Task Force is organizing a Labor Day Bicycle Tour.

3. Petition from Residents for "No Parking 2 a.m.—5 a.m." on the 1800 block of Isabella (Reilley)

Chairman Swanson welcomed residents and recognized **Stanley Cahn** who represented neighbors requesting the parking restriction. **Mr. Cahn** reported a substantial increase in the number of cars and traffic on Isabella and expressed concern that insufficient parking on Ridge results in increased overnight parking on Isabella. **Mr. Cahn** provided photographs of a commercial truck—a Dodge Ram 2500—noting that cars and trucks are frequently parked overnight on the 1800 block of Isabella and remain there during the day for extended periods of time.

Chairman Swanson directed **Staff** to provide notification (required by Village ordinance) to residents of Sterling Lane north of Isabella and to residents of Isabella one block east of the petition area. Police Chief, George Carpenter, will have night shift officers run license plates of vehicles parked overnight on Isabella. The **Chairman** deferred a vote on the petition pending resident notification and directed **Staff** to provide results of the survey at the Commission's September 18th meeting.

4. Locust Road Traffic Calming--update (T.Y. Lin)

Chairman Swanson recognized **John LaPlante** who outlined a proposal for Locust Road, which would include a traffic circle at

Iroquois and 4-inch speed humps at 1044 and 920 Locust (located 50-feet away from intersections and driveways) with a painted edge line.

Mr. LaPlante suggested split-phase timing with east-bound and west-bound traffic having separate phases; and, reducing the Locust Road extensions. This may result in Lake Avenue delays; but would probably significantly reduce the number of accidents—half of which are left-turn related.

Commissioner Teal expressed concern that there aren't enough turn movements to warrant a split phase. The **Chairman** agreed. **Commissioner Panici** asked **Mr. LaPlante** if the green time at Lake could be extended.

The **Commission** concurred that a letter be sent to the County requesting evaluation of the signal and recommending the elimination of the green extension on the North / South legs of the intersection.

Mr. LaPlante recommended that the Village seek county approval to make Lake & Locust a split-phase signal. After a brief discussion of this option and Commissioner Ferrari's request for more information, the **Chairman** directed the consultant to provide traffic counts for the next meeting. The **Chairman** directed Staff to provide accident data for Hunter, Illinois and Hibbard Road at the September meeting.

Commissioner Panici moved to convene a public meeting to discuss the traffic calming study of Locust Road as prepared by T.Y. Lin International. **Commissioner Ferrari** seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote.

A public meeting to discuss traffic calming recommendations for Locust Road will be held in the Council Chamber on September 24th at 7:30 p.m. **T.Y. Lin International** will provide turning movement counts, make a presentation and respond to comments. **Chairman Swanson** directed Staff to notify residents and to spray paint the circle, humps and edge line extending one block north of Lake. **Linda Reilley** will notify residents by mail and compare 1998-2001 accident history at Lake / Hibbard, Lake / Illinois, Lake / Hunter with accidents at Lake / Locust.

5. Traffic Calming—additional locations (Reilley)

Chairman Swanson recognized **John LaPlante** who reported on the congestion mitigation study that T.Y. Lin is conducting at Park & Linden.

Discussion of preliminary study results followed.

Commissioner Panici suggested including Poplar in the study.

Information on this issue was not available prior to the meeting, so **Commissioner Schlickman** moved that additional discussion of this item be heard at the September 18th meeting, in order to provide Commissioners with time to study the data. The **Commissioner** recommended that residents be invited to attend .

Commissioner Ferrari seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Swanson directed Linda Reilley to notice area residents.

6. Speed Humps on Manor Drive—update (Reilley)

The **Chairman** opened the discussion about the effectiveness, number and design of speed humps on Manor Drive. Citing Locust Road data, **John LaPlante** commented that three additional speed humps on Manor Drive might be effective, with the exception of the block with the horizontal curve.

The additional speed humps should follow current design standards with a four-inch parabolic crest.

The **Chairman** recognized **Commissioner Ferrari** who moved to approve the installation of three additional speed humps with a four-inch parabolic crest, notification of residents, provision of a map of the proposed locations and solicitation of their comments.

Commissioner Schlickman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Feedback

Chairman Swanson thanked residents for attending and distributed resident questionnaires.

8. Old Business / Pending Matters / Next Meeting

The Commission scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, September 18, 2001.

Commissioner Ferrari moved for adjournment, **Commissioner Panici** seconded the motion. There being no further business, *the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy E. Hellwig