

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** (Public) Meeting Held on Monday, **September 24, 2001** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Council Chamber** of the Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Members Present: Neil Ferrari
Andrew Hansen
Barbara Lusky
Roger Teal
Amy Panici

Alan Swanson, Chairman

Members Absent: Steve Schlickman

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

Staff Absent: Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer

Also Present: John LaPlante, T.Y. Lin
Jim Sturrock, T.Y. Lin

Thirteen residents:

Mr. Dan Cohan, 2716 Blackhawk
Mr. Kipp Friedli, 1027 Locust
Ms. Leslie Hicken, 2707 Iroquois
Ms. Erica Regonberg, 1110 Locust
Ms. Lori Rutstein, 915 Locust Road
Mr. Mike Schield, 2744 Blackhawk
Mr. Richard W. Smith, 1122 Locust
Mr. John Stogin, 1105 Locust Road
Ms. Dorothy Turek Sullivan, 1040 Locust
Ms. Sue Sullivan, 1049 Locust
Mr. Jim Tatoes, 1010 Locust
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Teska, 1116 Locust

1. Locust Road Traffic Calming Options--discussion

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and called the roll. With a quorum present, **Chairman Swanson** began the meeting by welcoming interested parties in attendance. The Chairman recognized the Village's consultant, **John LaPlante** of T.Y. Lin, who made a presentation (copy attached). Options and suggestions highlighted in the presentation included **installation of a traffic circle on Locust Road at Iroquois, speed humps at both the north and south ends of Locust Road, and traffic signal timing modifications at Locust Road at Lake Avenue including reduction in the Locust Road "green time"** to discourage traffic volume.

After a brief discussion about traffic circle signage, which would allow drivers to turn left (in front of the circle) or go around the circle at Locust and Iroquois, **Chairman Swanson** invited residents to comment.

Chairman Swanson recognized **Richard Smith**, 1122 Locust Road, who requested the installation of a stop sign at Locust and Iroquois.

Agreeing with **Mr. Smith** about a stop sign and expressing his concern about child safety, resident **Mike Teska**, 1116 Locust, asked at what speed someone could lose control of a vehicle once inside a traffic circle. **Mr. Teska** also asked how high the curb would be.

John LaPlante, T.Y. Lin, explained that the roundabout curb would be 4", and the landscaping would be kept low in order to preserve sight lines.

With respect to the request for a four-way stop, **Chairman Swanson** explained that the warrants have not been met.

Chairman Swanson recognized **Mike Schield**, 2744 Blackhawk. Citing high speeds of southbound traffic, **Mr. Schield** expressed a preference for a speed hump north of Blackhawk, and requested painted intersection crosswalks.

Citing high traffic volume, **Sue Sullivan**, 1049 Locust, expressed gratitude for any traffic calming measure and suggested higher curbs and reduced speeds (from 25 mph to 15 mph).

Resident **Kip Friedli**, 1027 Locust, requested additional speed humps at the northwest and southeast ends of the street.

Leslie Hicken, 2707 Iroquois, raised safety concerns and asked what sort of lighting there would be at the traffic circle. **Ms. Hicken** noted that children cross the street at Illinois and Locust, and requested that the circle be designed with school busses in mind.

The **Chairman** informed those present that area residents would vote on a specific proposal regarding a speed hump at Mohawk and Illinois. **Chairman Swanson** reminded residents that a 60% majority (in favor) would be required and explained that the request would then be directed to the Village Board for approval of a capital expenditure. Competitive bids would be received, a contract awarded and construction possibly in the Spring.

Sue Sullivan, 1049 Locust, asked if “No Through Traffic” (during peak times) signs could be posted.

Commissioner Panici moved to accept the traffic calming remedies (at Locust and Iroquois) proposed by T.Y. Lin, add a speed hump south of Iroquois (to Lake Avenue), and one or two speed humps north of Iroquois (to Illinois Road), implement the white edge striping on Locust and pursue traffic signal improvements at Lake Avenue and Locust Road.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chairman Swanson called for additional discussion.

Chairman Swanson recognized **Brigitte Mayerhofer** who suggested that area residents maintain the traffic circle landscaping. An **unidentified man** indicated that the **Indian Hill Garden Club** currently maintains the landscaping at the pillars and entrances to the Indian Hill Estates. An **unidentified woman** noted that area residents already contribute to the **Indian Hill Garden Club** and suggested that the Club is well qualified in the area of plant selection and care. The **Chairman** reminded those present that these details could be worked out at a later date.

2. Feedback

Chairman Swanson thanked residents for attending and distributed resident questionnaires.

3. Old Business / Pending Matters / Next Meeting

The Commission scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, October 16, 2001.

Commissioner Panici moved for adjournment, **Commissioner Hansen** seconded the motion. There being no further business, *the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy E. Hellwig