

**Draft Minutes** of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on **Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.** in Second Floor Training Room at Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

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Members Present: Andrew Hansen  
Barbara Lusky  
Amy Panici  
Steve Schlickman  
Alan Swanson, Chairman  
Roger Teal

Members Absent: Neil Ferrari

Staff Present: Brigitte Mayerhofer, P.E., Director, Engineering  
Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant  
Brian King, Deputy Police Chief  
Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer

Also Present: Bob and Maureen Spriggs, 730 Chestnut Ave.  
John and Kendra Olvany, 803 Chestnut Ave.  
Dean Lindsay, 808 Chestnut Avenue  
Gretchen Baker, 827 Chestnut Avenue  
Robert and Barbara Kehoe, 830 Chestnut  
Lynne McGrath, 925 Chestnut Avenue  
Alan and Ann Meyers, 725 Prairie Avenue

***Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.***

**1. Review of May 21, 2002 Minutes**

**Motion to approve the May 21, 2002 minutes**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Schlickman*

**Second:** *Commissioner Hansen*

**Action:** **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

**2. Petition for parking restrictions on the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Chestnut Avenue**

- Introduction of item by Alan Swanson.
- Introduction of Kendra Olvany, 803 Chestnut, the resident representing both petitions.

- Ms. Olvany reiterated the difficulties with the current parking arrangement, citing nuisances she and her neighbors endure.
- Ms. Olvany summarized the petitions, which include:
  - 1) Moving the restriction from 10:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.,
  - 2) Staggered parking on one side of the street; and,
  - 3) Extending the beach season time period.
- Ms. Gretchen Baker of 827 Chestnut stated the current situation is unsafe, because one cannot see beyond the parked cars.
- Don George, Parking Enforcement Officer stated that there were several parking violations that occur during the day, because of construction vehicles. Mr. George also described the parking survey he conducted.
- Brigitte Mayerhofer summarized the memorandum she co-authored with Corporation Counsel, Tim Frenzer, and presented the parking restriction map. Ms. Mayerhofer cautioned that in general, extending beach season parking restrictions for the sole purpose of denying public access would reflect poor public policy.
- Ms. Olvany stated that the June 8<sup>th</sup> survey was not accurate because of the graduations that occurred on that day. Ms. Olvany also stated that “No Parking Anytime” is too extreme and the residents should not suffer the entire year for a problem that exists seasonally.

### **Commissioner Discussions**

- Commissioner Schlickman asked Staff’s opinion on moving the parking restriction from 10:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ms. Mayerhofer agreed that it was a reasonable compromise. Deputy Chief, Brian King felt it went against public doctrine which holds streets in favor of *all* residents.
- Commissioner Teal stated that there is not a parking problem, but rather the beach users cause a nuisance for the residents of Chestnut.

- Commissioner Panici said that from a public safety perspective, it makes sense to post one side of the street “No Parking Anytime.” Commissioner Panici indicated the street is difficult to drive down during certain times of the day and agreed that if the beach is open until 10:30 p.m., then on-street parking should be available as well.
- Commissioner Lusky agreed that this is a nuisance problem, rather than a parking problem.
- Chairman Swanson understands the nuisance issue, and said an 8:00 p.m. parking restriction seems to be a reasonable compromise. He stated that the problem seems to occur *after* 10:00 p.m., rather than during the day.
- Chairman Swanson stated he would support “No Parking Anytime” signage and recommended Village Board review of the seasonal parking restrictions.
- A brief discussion of what a “staggered parking” restriction would mean followed.
- Bob Spriggs, resident of 730 Chestnut Avenue, suggested that the interpretation of the beach season parking is wrong.
- Chairman Swanson suggested that Staff get Corporation Counsel’s opinion on changing the parking restriction from 10:45 p.m. to something earlier.

**Motion to table until the next meeting.**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Schlickman*

**Second:** *Commissioner Panici*

**Action:** **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**3. Petition for parking restrictions on 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Chestnut to Ashland.**

- Ms. Olvany said she only wants the Commission to consider the second item on the petition, which is to move the parking restriction time from 10:45 p.m. to something earlier.
- As the request was similar to that of the Chestnut petition, Chairman Swanson suggested tabling the discussion until the Commission’s next meeting.

**Motion to table until the next meeting.**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Schlickman*

**Second:** *Commissioner Panici*

**Action:** **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote**

- Chairman Swanson thanked all of the residents for attending and said they would receive a notice prior to the next meeting.

**4. Petition for permit parking on the 700 block of Prairie Avenue**

- Brief introduction of this petition by Chairman Swanson and presentation by Staff.

**Motion to amend the current parking restriction for the 700 block of Prairie Avenue to read “except by permit.”**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Hansen*

**Second:** *Commissioner Lusky*

**Action:** **Motion approved by unanimous voice vote**

**5. Mid block cross-walks**

- Ms. Mayerhofer continued discussions on mid-block cross-walks and stated that Staff did not have a specific recommendation, but sought general input from the Commission.
- Chairman Swanson stated that the Village of Glenview has used mid-block cross walks in their downtown on Glenview Road, and encouraged Staff to look at them.

**6. Traffic Calming Requests**

- The Commission briefly discussed the list for traffic calming and funding for 2002 and 2003. Ms. Mayerhofer stated that approximately 50% or \$15,000 of the budget would be spent in 2002 and the entire \$30,000 will be budgeted again in 2003.

**7. Feedback**

- Chairman Swanson thanked everyone for their input and invited residents to complete a Commission survey.

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

- The next meeting is July 16, 2002.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Lusky*

**Second:** *Commissioner Panici*

**Action:** **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brigitte Mayerhofer