

**Approved Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting Held on Tuesday, July 16, 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: Neil Ferrari  
Andrew Hansen  
Amy Panici  
Steve Schlickman  
Alan Swanson, Chairman

Members Absent: Barbara Lusky  
Roger Teal

Staff Present: Brigitte Mayerhofer, P.E., Director, Engineering  
Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant  
George Carpenter, Police Chief

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  
Howard Balikov & Lisa Rosenberg,  
731 Chestnut  
Nancy Qasim, 801 Ashland  
Paul Kowalik, 807 Ashland  
David Shaw, 804 Chestnut

***Call to Order at 7:34 p.m.***

**1. Review of June 16, 2002 Minutes**

**Motion to approve the June 16, 2002 minutes**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Panici*

**Second:** *Commissioner Hansen*

**Discussion:** *Clarification noted on Page 3, bullet 5*

**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.

### **Resident Comments**

- Nancy Qasim, 801 Ashland, presented a letter which was provided to the Commission concerning several questions and comments concerning the proposed parking change
- David Shaw of 804 Chestnut said there were a lot of illegal fire works going off on July 3.
- Citing a safety concern with the narrowness of the street, Lisa Rosenberg, 731 Chestnut, asked if the Fire Department looked at traffic patterns along Chestnut. Chairman Swanson stated the Commission is in favor of signing one side of the street as “no parking any time”, and provided some history relative to the Village Board’s decision on this issue.
- Nancy Qasim, 801 Ashland, asked several questions regarding the process for signing a street as “no parking any time.”
- Paul Kowalik, 807 Ashland, asked what the residents south of Chestnut could do if a parking change were implemented. Chairman Swanson stated they could submit a similar petition.
- Dialogue by various residents concerning the hardship that owners of the parked cars place on the residents of Chestnut.

### **Commissioner Discussions**

- Commissioner Panici said she is in favor of no parking on one side of the street, if implemented all year round.
- Commissioner Ferrari agreed with Commissioner Panici, but said no parking on one side of the street still doesn’t solve the secondary effects caused by people parking, i.e. noise and litter. He also stated that whatever is decided on

Chestnut will have a spillover effect to the rest of the neighborhood.

- Commissioner Schlickman also stated he would support a year-round restriction.
- Chairman Swanson stated he supported an earlier restriction and thought 9:00 PM was reasonable.
- An anonymous resident stated there is not a petition for consideration for no parking any time on one side of the street.
- Howard Malik of 731 Chestnut asked why the Commission doesn't restrict parking on one side if there is believed to be a safety concern. Commissioner Panici reiterated the history of the Board's decision and stated that the signage is implemented on streets where it is requested, rather than mandatory for narrow streets.
- Chairman Swanson stated the issue is really broken up into two decisions: 1) The issue of No parking anytime on one side of the street and 2) Moving the seasonal parking restriction to some time earlier than 10:45 pm.

**Motion for staff to survey the residents of the 800 and 900 blocks of Chestnut Avenue regarding staggered "No Parking any time" on one side of the street, all year round, and to notify the residents on the adjacent streets within a one block radius of the proposal.**

**Motion By:** Commissioner Panici  
**Second:** Commissioner Hansen  
**Action:** **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

**Motion to change the seasonal time restriction on the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Chestnut Avenue from 10:45 PM to 9:00 PM. (Motion amended to include "on a block by block basis".)**

**Motion By:** Chairman Swanson  
**Second:** Commissioner Schlickman

**Discussion:**

- Ms. Olvany stated that changing the parking restriction to an earlier time would be a small step with a dramatic impact.
- Bob Spriggs, 730 Chestnut, said that moving the time restriction to 9:00 PM would not place undo harm on the beach users.
- Discussion ensued concerning the park closing time to which Chief Carpenter said he would set up a meeting with the Park District.
- Ms. Qasim asked about the no parking on either side of the street in the 1100 block of Michigan Avenue. Chief Carpenter said he didn't recall that situation but would contact her.
- Commissioner Schlickman stated he was sympathetic with the residents and agreed that moving the parking restriction to something earlier may limit negative activity. He went on to say that the precedent is poor and the earlier time would be difficult to enforce.
- Commissioner Ferrari said he can understand the residents' concerns, but is not convinced they are parking-related. He felt it was reasonable for the parking restriction to match the closing of the park.
- Commissioners Panici and Hansen believe the Park District should consider an earlier closing time at Langdon Park to coincide with the parking time restriction.

**Action: Motion defeated by a 3 "no" to 2 "yes" vote**

### **3. Manor Drive Survey Results**

- A brief summary of the Manor Drive traffic calming results was provided by Linda Reilley, followed by a request from the Commission that they be included in the Manager's Notes to the Village Board. In general, the residents were happy with the speed humps.

### **4. Feedback / Miscellaneous**

- Brigitte Mayerhofer briefed the Board regarding a request from the Park District's Real Estate Committee that the

Transportation Commission review the location of the proposed public art project.

- Additional information will be provided by staff for the next meeting.

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

The next meeting is to be held on Monday, August 26, 2002 at 7:30 PM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Motion by:** *Commissioner Hansen*

**Second:** *Commissioner Panici*

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brigitte Mayerhofer.