

Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting Held on Tuesday, August 26, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in Second Floor Training Room at Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Members Present: Neil Ferrari
Andrew Hansen
Barbara Lusky
Amy Panici
Alan Swanson, Chairman
Roger Teal

Members Absent: Steve Schlickman

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

Also Present: Bill Pell, Chairman of the Public Art Committee
Terry Porter, Park District Director
Dave Miller, Park District Real Estate
Committee

Call to Order at 7:34 p.m.

1. Review of July 16, 2002 Minutes

Motion to approve the June 16, 2002 minutes

Motion by: *Commissioner Panici*

Second: *Commissioner Hansen*

Discussion: *Page 3, third bullet correction of "were" to "where"*
Page 4, seventh bullet, revised per Commissioner Panici

Action: **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

2. Review of the May 1, 2002 Bike Task Force Minutes

- Linda Reilley reported the Task Force has a regularly scheduled meeting next month.
- They are currently working on a draft of the bike map.
- Wilmette is continuing to participate in bike planning at a regional level through the Northwest Municipal Conference.

3. **Wilmette Public Art Display**

- Chairman Swanson introduced Bill Pell, Chairman of the Public Art Committee.
- Mr. Pell provided information on the history of the public art project, including the committee's desire to place the art south of the intersection of Lake and Wilmette Avenue.
- Mr. Terry Porter, Director of the Park District, explained that the Park District's Real Estate Committee requested that the Transportation Commission review the proposed location for safety reasons.
- Chief George Carpenter and Brigitte Mayerhofer concurred that the location of the art project did not appear to be a safety concern.
- The Commission briefly discussed the number and type of accidents at the intersection of Lake and Wilmette. Chairman Swanson said the accident number did not seem excessive, compared to the number of cars that pass through the intersection every day.
- Chairman Swanson asked how hot the art would get in the sun, to which Mr. Pell replied that he was not sure.
- The Commission reached consensus that the location of the public art project did not appear to cause a safety hazard.

Motion to recommend to the Park District's Real Estate Committee that the public art project can be located in the specified location, south of the intersection of Wilmette Avenue and Lake Avenue.

Motion by: *Commissioner Lusky*

Second: *Commissioner Ferrari*

Action: **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

4. **Petition for Parking Restriction in the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Chestnut and 8th Street between Chestnut and Ashland**

- Ms. Mayerhofer described the results of the survey and mentioned that staff will be notifying the residents of the results as well.
- Commissioner Panici suggested the seasonal signs should be effective as of next year.

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

- Chairman Swanson discussed the outcome of a meeting that was held with President Canafax, Trustee Yip Wah Chung,

Brigitte Mayerhofer and Mike Earl concerning traffic issues in Wilmette.

- Trustee Chung said that Village residents are still concerned with traffic in Wilmette. This is supported by the results of the resident survey. To address this concern, Trustee Chung suggested that a task force consisting of members of the Transportation Commission, Village Board and staff get together to discuss global traffic issues.
- Chairman Swanson said this meeting may help the Commission to get direction on policy decisions of the Village Board as it related to traffic. He continued to say that the idea is to have a facilitator who would conduct a brainstorming session to review and prioritize traffic problems in town and potential solutions.
- Chairman Swanson passed along that President Canafax has recognized the Transportation Commission as having the most difficult challenge of all the Commissions.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- A potential item for future discussion is the intersection of Wilmette and Lake Avenues and 11th Street. Staff will work on gathering traffic counts. Julie Parisi suggested that this should be done after the commuter station is fully functioning.
- Chairman Swanson said he would like to change the day of the Commission meetings to Wednesdays. Staff will inform the Commissioners which Wednesdays are available.
- The next meeting was scheduled for October 16, 2002. ***Due to conflicts with another Commission, the Transportation Commission will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., beginning October 10, 2002.***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: *Commissioner Ferrari*

Second: *Commissioner Lusky*

Action: **Approved by unanimous voice vote**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brigitte Mayerhofer.