



VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

1200 Wilmette Avenue
WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091-0040

MEETING MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010

7:00 P.M.

SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM OF VILLAGE HALL

Members Present: Chairman Clay Weaver
Commissioner Jim Grosh
Commissioner Paul Chouinard
Commissioner Mark Wagstaff

Members Absent: Commissioner Keith MacKenzie
Commissioner Eileen Miller-Girson
Commissioner Cathy Albrecht

Staff Present: Brigitte Mayerhofer, P.E., Director of Engineering Services
Jorge Cruz, P.E., Assistant Director of Engineering Services
Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant
Brian King, Deputy Police Chief

Guests Present: Jeff Danielsen, 1437 Forest
Kim Fitzgerald, 1417 Forest
Larry Axelrod, 1404 Forest
William Benjamin, 623 Linden
Abraham & Sharon Bassrawi, 514 Knox
Nicholas Panomitros, 531 Greenleaf

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF

MAY 13, 2009

Chairman Weaver directed the Commission's attention to the draft minutes of the Transportation Commission meeting of July 8, 2009. Commissioner Chouinard moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grosh. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. **The motion passed.**

II. PETITION REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF THE "NO PARKING 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM" RESTRICTION ON THE 500 BLOCK OF KNOX AVENUE

Ms. Reilley introduced this item by providing a history of why the no parking ban was put in place in 1999. She noted that vans used to park on the street close to the stop sign and for long periods of time but the owners no longer live on the block. Commissioner Weaver noted that 77-percent of the residents of the block are in favor of the change. Commissioner Chouinard noted that the petition had some duplicate addresses. Ms. Reilley noted that each household was allowed a single vote.

Mr. Abraham Bassrawi, 514 Knox Avenue, provided additional background information on the petition. He stated that the residents of Greenleaf Avenue complained about the Knox Avenue residents parking on their block overnight. Mr. Bassrawi noted that two homes that didn't sign the petition, one has since been located and supports the change and the other resident is absent.

Chief King noted the Police Department has no objection to the request.

Commissioner Chouinard asked if there was any remote chance that this issue would be back again. Ms. Mayerhofer stated we have no reason to believe the issue will be back in front of the Commission.

Commissioner Wagstaff made a motion to approve the petition requesting that the overnight parking ban from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on the 500 block of Knox Avenue be lifted. Commissioner Chouinard seconded the motion. **The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.**

III. PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING FROM 8:00 AM TO 10:00 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ON THE 500 BLOCK OF 6TH STREET.

Ms. Reilley introduced the item and noted a color error on the parking map. She indicated the east side of the 500 block of 6th Street should be red, noting no parking anytime. The west side parking designation is "No parking 8-10 Monday through Friday except on Holidays." The request is to make this time zone as resident permit parking.

Mr. Nick Panomitros, 531 Greenleaf, stated it is an inconvenience to run and move parked cars between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Chief King supports the petition noting it would

make the street consistent with the rest of neighborhood.

Commissioner Chouinard made a motion to approve the petition requesting that the west side of the 500 block of 6th Street be changed to “No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, except by permit.” The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grosh. **The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.**

IV. PETITION TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF PERMIT PARKING ON THE 1400 BLOCK OF FOREST AVENUE.

Mr. Larry Axelrod, 1404 Forest Avenue, introduced this item by stating the employees of the BP station used to park on the 1400 block of Forest Avenue. After he complained to the Village, staff talked to the BP manager and asked that they park elsewhere. The employees now use Green Bay Road instead of Forest Avenue. Mr. Axelrod asked if parking on Green Bay Road was acceptable or if the cars will be ticketed.

Kim Fitzgerald, 1417 Forest Avenue, said that someone from the BP station rear-ended her car, but the problem has since been solved. She asked what protection residents have to ensure they don't decide to once again park on Forest Avenue.

Chairman Weaver said it is always an option to bring this issue back to the Commission. He noted the reason for the no parking from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. restriction is to discourage commuters from parking on the block.

Mr. Axelrod asked if the four hour parking restriction is being enforced on Green Bay Road. He noted 13 vehicles from BP station were parking on Green Bay Road the other day. Chief King did not know if tickets were being written, but the Police Department has not received any complaints related to the vehicles parked on Green Bay Road.

A discussion ensued concerning which side of Green Bay Road provided a better option for the employees. Mr. Axelrod indicated the west side has room for four parked cars, but the east has room for a dozen. Chief King also noted the east side has a longer time zone.

Mr. Jeff Danielson, 1437 Forest Avenue, believes there is a problem on the east end of his street, but does not want to see the change for the entire block. The parking problem is not an issue at his end of the 1400 block and believes extending the hours of permit parking would be cumbersome for his family. Commissioner Chouinard suggested that if the restriction was added to only a portion of the block, then people might be tempted to park farther west outside of the restricted zone.

A discussion ensued on what to do with the petition. Ms. Mayerhofer noted that several residents have notified the Village that they would like to remove their names from the petition, so it is no longer valid. Ms. Mayerhofer indicated there does not have to be any action on the

petition at this time, but if the problem returns, the residents can contact the Engineering Department and staff will work with them to resolve the problem.

Mr. Danielson suggested an 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ban might be a compromise from the 6:00 p.m. being considered.

V. OLD BUSINESS / PENDING MATTERS/ NEXT MEETING.

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:34 p.m., Commissioner Chouinard moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wagstaff. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. **The motion carried.** No further discussion occurred on the motion.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by Brigitte Mayerhofer, P.E., Director of Engineering Services