



VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

1200 Wilmette Avenue
WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091-0040

MEETING MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011

7:00 P.M.

SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM OF VILLAGE HALL

Members Present: Chairman Clay Weaver
Commissioner Mark Wagstaff
Commissioner Eileen Miller-Girson
Commissioner Cathy Albrecht
Commissioner Paul Chouinard
Commissioner Pat Lilly

Members Absent: Commissioner Keith MacKenzie

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

Guests Present: Shelley Kim, 142 Thelin
Claire Gao, 217 Thelin
John and Joan Henrick, 205 Thelin
Chuck and Dorothy Erickson, 201 Thelin
B J Thalman, 2912 Old Glenview Road
Don, Bodner, 245 Thelin

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES; TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 11, 2011

Chairman Weaver directed the Commission's attention to the draft minutes of the Transportation Commission meeting of May 11, 2011. Commissioner Miller-Girson moved to

approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wagstaff. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. **The motion passed.**

I. REVIEW OF A PETITION FROM THELIN COURT RESIDENTS REQUESTING REMOVAL OF THE OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN

Ms. Reilley introduced the discussion indicating the petition to remove the overnight parking ban from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on Thelin Court was signed by 64-percent of the households on the block. 21 of 33 households signed the petition. This meets the requirements in the Village Code. Ms. Mayerhofer and Police Chief King offered no objections to the petition.

Chair Weaver asked the residents to comment on the petition.

Don Botner, 245 Thelin Court, noted he provided an updated petition to the Commission that is signed by additional residents. He is glad to see his neighbors are speaking on behalf of the issue.

B J Thalman, 2912 Old Glenview Road, stated the road is too narrow and cars have been hit on Thelin Court when there is on-street parking.

John Henrick, 205 Thelin, stated overnight parking was banned originally for public safety purposes. He does not understand why his neighbors need to park on the street at night because every home has ample driveway space. He said what the street needs is a speed limit sign.

Shelley Kim, 142 Thelin, said she is the second house on the east side. If overnight parking is allowed, the cars will be on the street in the morning when she leaves her house and she will hit the car when she backs out of her driveway. She also requested more lighting in the cul de sac.

Claire Gao, 217 Thelin, is a nine year resident. She has seen drunk drivers park their cars on the street at night and leave them running for hours. She noted crime in the neighborhood and is concerned about safety.

Charles Erickson, 201 Thelin Court, is a 52 year resident of the block. He did not sign the petition because he supports the parking ban. He believes it is a good crime deterrent and better for law enforcement. He noted that if someone needs overnight parking, they can contact the Police Department.

Chairman Weaver asked about the parking exceptions to which Chief King noted some residents are very passionate about the use of exceptions. He again reiterated his belief that there is not a public safety concern with allowing overnight parking.

At the conclusion of the resident comment period, Chair Weaver asked for comments from the

Commission.

Commissioner Lilly stated he appreciates the resident comments, but can't infer why the other neighbors signed the petition.

Commissioner Albrecht agreed, noting the 64-percent of the block who signed the petition want the parking ban to be lifted.

Commissioner Miller-Girson, concurred with majority rules but is sympathetic to the residents who spoke against the change. She noted the residents can always submit a petition requesting the overnight ban be reinstated.

Commissioner Wagstaff agreed with the other Commissioners, but thanked the residents who came out to speak against the petition.

Commissioner Chouinard stated he is sympathetic to the residents who want the ban to remain in effect.

Chairman Weaver indicated he has historically sided with the majority on parking requests, but in this case, is impressed with the arguments against lifting the parking ban.

Commissioner Albrecht made a motion to approve the request to remove the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. parking ban on Thelin Court. Commissioner Miller-Girson seconded the motion. Voting yes: Commissioners Lilly, Albrecht, Miller-Girson and Wagstaff. Voting no: Commissioner Chouinard and Chair Weaver. The motion was approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Weaver recognized Commissioner Pat Lilly as the new member to the Commission. Mr. Lilly introduced himself and shared his professional background.

III. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Chouinard motioned to adjourn the meeting. 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