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MEETING MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM OF VILLAGE HALL

Members Present: Chairperson Cathy Albrecht
Commissioner Paul Chouinard
Commissioner Steve Santacruz
Commissioner Craig LeMoyne
Commissioner Brendan McCarthy
Commissioner Reinhardt Schneider

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brigitte Mayerhofer, P.E., Director of Engineering Services
Dan Manis, Civil Engineer II
Brian King, Chief of Police

Guests Present: Dean Kallianes, 808 Lavergne Avenue
Gail Soberski, 638 Lavergne Avenue
Dan Heywood, 739 Lavergne Avenue
Carol Cash, 725 Lavergne Avenue
Eileen Newman, 805 Lavergne Avenue
Cathy O'Reilly, 809 Lavergne Avenue
Ann O'Reilly, 809 Lavergne Avenue
Andy Millman, 842 Lacrosse Avenue
Lihua Yu, 827 Lavergne Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2012.

Chairperson Albrecht directed the Commission's attention to the draft minutes of the Transportation Commission meeting of November 14, 2013. Commissioner Lilly moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wagstaff. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. **The motion passed.**

III. PETITION BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE 700 AND 800 BLOCKS OF LAVERGNE AVENUE FOR RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING

Dan Manis opened the discussion by explaining the process required in the Village Code for resident permit parking. He noted the 800 block meets the petition and parking survey requirements but the 700 block only meets the petition requirement. At the time of the parking study, there were not enough parked cars in the 700 block to warrant resident permit parking. Staff noted that if the 800 block is made resident permit parking, the cars could move to the 700 block.

Dean Kallaines, 808 Lavergne, stated everyone he spoke to signed the petition. There were a few households that he couldn't get a hold of. He indicated most of the parkers on his street are Loyola students. They do not obey the parking restrictions associated with snow removal and leaf pick up. He mentioned numerous other concerns with the students.

Carol Cash, 725 Lavergne, said it started out with 3 or 4 cars parking all day. It is difficult to monitor the street. She cited similar concerns related to nuisances associated with the students.

Eileen Newman, 805 Lavergne, stated many cars have multiple occupants. They create a noise disturbance and litter.

Cathy O'Reilly, 809 Lavergne, called Loyola and said they were less than helpful. She was unable to have a service contractor park in front of her house.

A discussion ensued with Chief King regarding discussions with Loyola regarding student parking. Chief King indicated there are quarterly meetings with Loyola staff to discuss issues such as the ones being brought up. He reassured the residents that Loyola has been responsive to his requests in the past.

Anne O'Reilly, 809 Lavergne, said this is a safety issue. She is a tax payer and should not have to deal with Loyola students dumping on Wilmette residents. The problem is getting worse year by year. She noted students crossing Lake is another safety issue. They never cross at the intersection.

Andy Millman, 842 Lacrosse, said they have been dealing with the problem for years. He noted he has called the police every year and they have tried reaching out to Loyola to no avail. He said students drop off cars and then get picked up by friends. He said it is really a safety issue.

Gail Sobersky, 638 Lavergne, is concerned that students will move to her block. She noted accidents have been scary, with speeding high school kids.

An anonymous resident noted Lavergne is very congested.

Dan Heywood, 739 Lavergne, has called Loyola to note that one of their students almost caused an accident. He reiterated the neighborhood is very congested. He said it would be foolish not to restrict the 700 block.

Ms. Mayerhofer stated the meeting tonight is to discuss parking. She said staff will conduct a traffic speed and volume study as soon as the weather permits and will respond back to the neighbors.

An anonymous resident stated some parkers stay from 7:30 AM to 10:00 at night, including for November football games. It is the same cars parking on Lavergne because it is too convenient.

Chief King noted an arrangement the school has with New Trier West for large events. He stated the ordinance will address parking, but not the other referenced nuisances like littering and noise.

Chairperson Albrecht summarized the resident permit parking section of the Village Code.

Commissioner Lilly asked how much flexibility the Commission has understanding that the parking problem will likely move south to the 700 block.

Ms. Mayerhofer noted that in the past, the Commission has proactively approved resident permit parking for a block contingent upon it meeting the parking survey thresholds. She noted this should only be done if the Village has obtained a valid petition requesting resident permit parking. This could be done for the 700 block of Lavergne.

Chief King suggested maintaining some parking in front of the Bank just south of Lake Avenue. A discussion ensued regarding the merits of moving the permit parking restriction to the block south of Lawler.

Commissioner Lilly made a motion to make the 800 block of Lavergne resident permit parking from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Monday through Friday, excluding the block from Lake to Lawler. Also, to make the 700 block of

Lavergne resident permit parking from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Monday through Friday, contingent upon meeting the parking survey requirements as defined by the Village Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chouinard. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Mayerhofer provided a summary of the traffic calming measures previously approved by the Commission to be constructed this summer on 15th Street between Lake Avenue and Forest Avenue in conjunction with the Street Resurfacing Program. She also noted a recent article in the *Wilmette Beacon* regarding a grant being pursued for the Skokie Valley Trail.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:16 p.m. Commissioner Chouinard moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wagstaff. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. **The motion carried.** No further discussion occurred on the motion.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by Brigitte Mayerhofer and Dan Manis.