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MEETING MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

7:00 P.M.

SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM OF VILLAGE HALL

- Members Present: Chairman Pat Lilly
Commissioner Brendan McCarthy
Commissioner Libby Braband
Commissioner Jill Hayes
Commissioner Peter Barrow
- Members Absent: Commissioner Susan Barton
Commissioner Isaac Gaetz
- Staff Present: Russell Jensen, P.E., Village Engineer
Brian King, Police Chief
Daniel Smith, Engineering Assistant
- Guests Present: Laura Smith, 2149 Washington Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Lilly called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2016.

Chairman Lilly directed the Commission’s attention to the draft minutes of the Transportation Commission meeting of December 15, 2016. No comments were offered. Commissioner McCarthy moved approval of the minutes. The motion as seconded by Commissioner Hayes. **The motion was approved by a**

unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Barrow abstained from the vote because this was his first meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD REPORT PRESENTED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief King, presented the annual school crossing guard report. The Department maintains a high retention of crossing guards and is currently fully staffed, however the two substitute guard positions became vacant at the end of the school year and new substitutes will be hired for next year.

Department staff recommended adding no parking signage on Central Avenue (Central School) and Wilmette Avenue (Ramona School) based on observations of parking impacts during drop-off and pickup timeframes and Chief King indicated that his staff may need to validate parking counts and patterns again if there is reluctance to the changes.

Chairman Lilly noted there were some significant variances in annual child counts such as Illinois and Hunter.

Commissioner Braband noted that some schools see an influx of students which also requires the addition of more teachers. One year saw a large number of twins.

Chief King stated overall the final quarter of the year had more parking complaints raised, but they are not sure of the dynamic cause of this issue.

Chairman Lilly asked for public comment.

Laura Smith, 2149 Washington, indicated the crossing guards are doing a great job training the kids to cross the intersection of Illinois and Hunter at a diagonal when the guards are present, however when the guards are not present, kids don't follow the crosswalk striping from corner to corner. She would like to see diagonal crosswalks added to the intersection.

Chief King indicated the diagonal crossing was debated over 15 years ago when the Transportation Commission looked at the State standards and reviewed the restrictions at such intersections in Chicago. This intersection exhibits a low accident history.

Commissioner Hayes indicated that IDOT requires diagonal crossings to include a signalized system for pedestrians to follow which is a significant expense.

Commissioner Braband indicated this complicated intersection is due to the alignment and a diagonal crossing is anticipated to cause more confusion. The four-way stop is a challenge as to who has the right-of-way.

Commissioner Braband inquired if the Village staff could gather information and prepare a summary report of comparable aligned intersections which were un-signalized and subsequently added the diagonal crosswalk standard.

Chairman Lilly indicated the Commission would need to gather facts to better understand this crosswalk option.

Laura Smith indicated there are diagonal crosswalks at Loyola University on Sheridan Road near the Red Line transit.

Commissioner Hayes indicated without a stop light, this crosswalk option would be difficult to follow.

Laura Smith inquired why not add just a rapid flash beacon to this intersection crosswalk option.

Commissioner Hayes indicated the rectangular rapid flash beacon cannot be mixed with stop signs.

After closing the public discussion, the Commission requested staff provide more information on diagonal crossings at a future meeting.

Commissioner McCarthy moved to keep the crossing guard schedule the same for school year 2016 / 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barton. **The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jensen said the road diet striping plan for the Lake Avenue and 12th Street intersection was supported by the Municipal Services Committee and has been included in the Capital Improvement Program for consideration in 2018 by the Village Board.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jensen provided an update on the Capital Improvement Projects which may be affected by the lack of a State budget authorization.

Chief King indicated he has resigned as Police Chief as he has accepted the same position in Hinsdale in August.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Braband. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. **The motion carried.** No further discussion occurred on the motion.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by R. Jensen