

APPROVED Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 9, 2016  
Room 101 – Village Hall

Call to Order

Present: Jack Chalabian, Kyle Eichenberger, Will Gillespie, and Mark Patzloff

Excused: Craig Chesney, Joel Schoenmeyer, Michael Stewart

Staff: Jill Velan, Tina Brown, Mike Koperniak, Allison von Ebers (minutes recorder)

Chair Jack Chalabian called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Non-Agenda Public Comment

James Thompson of 1018 Wisconsin attended the meeting to determine if he would consider becoming a member.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Patzloff moved to approve tonight's agenda. Commissioner Eichenberger seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE Y2, Y3, AND Y4 OVERNIGHT PERMIT PARKING ZONES STUDY

Director Jill Velan gave a recap of last fall's meeting, the Commissioner's surveys, comments from neighbors, and staff reviews and recommendations. Ms. Velan spoke of the next steps: circulating the staff's recommendations to the public for input and conducting an on-line survey monkey, then returning with a final recommendation.

Tonight's meeting is to walk through the staff's recommendations for the Y2, Y3, and Y4 overnight permit parking zones. With the loss of the privately run YMCA 24 hour parking lot, the eventual redevelopment of overnight permit Lot 108 and 24 hour permit Lot 115, the zones are now selling out. Director Velan also stated that we cannot make up for all the lost 24 hour spaces but within the next couple years, there will be private parking offered at the new South Boulevard and Harlem development where permit lots 108 and 115 are located. These will help make up some of the losses.

Chairperson Chalabian inquired if residents who live south of Randolph have migrated to the Holley Court Garage and if there has been an uptick of 24 hour permits sold there. Director Velan responded that there has been an increase in 24 hour permits at Holley Court but since the YMCA was a private lot, it's not clear if the residents who used to park there have moved to Holley Court.

Chairperson Chalabian asked if there has been an increase of available permits for sale. Director Velan stated that the zones are selling out quicker and that the limit number of permits has not been increased. Y2, Y3, and Y4 could have gone half a quarter before selling out in the past. She also stated that the new Oasis Development may have new residents who have multiple vehicles inquiring about permit parking and that the current permit parkers at Lot 108 and Lot 115 will need to obtain new parking.

Commissioner Patzloff inquired about the agreement for parking with the new development at Harlem and South Boulevard. Director Velan answered that the agreement states the new development is

required to have a certain number of public spaces. The new development will also have to accommodate for resident, hourly, and retail parking spaces. Commissioner Eichenberger asked if staff will make parking availability known at the new garage to which Director Velan answered that they can be added to the Village's private spaces list.

Director Velan then began the PowerPoint presentation going through the commissioners' comments and staff recommendations of the Y2, Y3, and Y4 zones.

Director Velan described attached Map A– 100 block of S. Kenilworth– It was recommended that the overnight permit hours in Y2, Y3, and Y4 be standardized to 11pm-6am. Currently the hours vary by street and staff has to tell parkers to refer to the signs to know when the zone permit parking hours are. 11pm-6am works in Y1 but may need to be different in Y2, Y3, and Y4.

Chairperson Chalabian asked why there are 2 hour restrictions instead of No Parking 8am-10am. He points out enforcement has to chalk every 2 hours and it is expensive to enforce. Chairperson Chalabian then asks if it is to discourage commuter parking. He also noted the differences in daytime parking restrictions street to street. Commissioner Patzloff agreed that No Parking 8am-10am would be preferred and easier to enforce. Director Velan responded that there are multiple reasons for the difference in daytime restrictions, including resident petitions, and that it is not that easy to streamline No parking 8am-10am on all blocks. Employees of the local businesses who have shifts starting after 10am will utilize the blocks for free parking as has been the case with Pete's Fresh Market parking on Harvey, South Blvd, and Lake.

Chairperson Chalabian stated that No Parking 8am-10am costs a lot of money to maintain and enforce and is confusing to enforcement officers and residents. By adding the additional overnight zone permit spaces it will add an extra layer of confusion. He believes it's a moot point if the daytime restrictions remain the same. Director Velan indicated that staff will look at the time limits vs. time restrictions. She stated that it could be considered getting rid of the time limits and switch out No Parking 8am-10am for No Parking 10am-12pm or No Parking 12pm-2pm. This could still discourage commuter parking and give the permit holders more time in the morning. Restrictions Coordinator Tina Brown states that the residents of the 100 block of S. Kenilworth petitioned for the 2 hour M-F restriction in 2005 and explained the reasoning why the change was made.

Chairperson Chalabian commented that Parking Enforcement Staff has been reduced by 50% and at the same time, there has been an increase of daytime parking restrictions. Commissioner Patzloff noted that since there is half the enforcement staff, it would be better to standardize the daytime restrictions. Commissioner Gillespie stated that it should vary block to block with the no parking hours. Director Velan responded that if we want no time limits then we'll have to see how it flows with the business district as well as reviewing resident daytime permit parking.

For Map A: Commissioners OK with additional overnight zone permit spaces.

Director Velan described attached Map B– 100 block of Clinton and Map C- 1000 block of Pleasant St. – Chairperson Chalabian asked about adding additional permit parking on South Boulevard and adding night permit parking to Lot 10. Engineer Koperniak noted that the street is too narrow for additional permit parking on South Blvd. Director Velan stated that Lot 10 is outside of the study but is on the list to review later.

Director Velan described attached over Map D – 1000 block Pleasant Pl. – Director Velan stated that this additional permit parking street could include 24 hour street parking.

Chairperson Chalabian noted that Lot 81 across from the YMCA is confusing to both permit holders and people trying to park to go to the YMCA. He stated the parking to go to the YMCA is scarce and asked about adding additional meters on Randolph. Director Velan responded that the meters in that whole area should be looked at.

Director Velan described attached Map E – 400 block of Clinton

Went over Map F – 800 of Randolph– 800-832 Randolph (south side) has 24+ spaces that are currently staff parking for Brooks Middle School which are never used and are otherwise unrestricted during the daytime. Chairperson Chalabian noted that No Parking 8am-10am M-F should be considered for the north side.

Director Velan described attached Map G – 1000 Randolph

Director Velan recapped the lease agreements with Brooks Middle School/District 97 and spoke about the Chase Bank contract being terminated by the bank. They have no interest in a new agreement.

Director Velan stated that staff cannot recommend adding permit parking on Madison in the Y2, Y3, and Y4 zones since it is a snow route and may be redeveloped. Chairperson Chalabian noted that permit spaces could be added on Madison for temporary relief and Commissioner Patzloff also stated it could be a stop gap. Director Velan explained that it is a business district and that night permit holders will want to stay longer which could reduce spaces for customers. Commissioner Gillespie noted that it would be weird to have permit holders in a commercial area.

Director Velan went over the possibility of approaching Rush and West Suburban hospitals to see if an agreement can be reached to add permit parking at their facilities.

Director Velan spoke of the road diet on Madison Street and noted that there would be no loss of parking. Block by block parking on Madison differs in daytime restrictions/meters.

Director Velan recapped the next steps including taking public comment and possible meetings to look at parking as a whole.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allison von Ebers