

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Transportation Commission
Monday, October 24, 2016
Council Chambers – Village Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Jack Chalabian, Kyle Eichenberger, Michael Stewart, Mark Patzloff, James Thompson

Excused: Joel Schoenmeyer, Craig Chesney

Staff: Mike Koperniak, Jill Velan, John Youkhana, Mary Avinger

The floor was opened to non-agenda public testimony.

Ben DeBruin of 1228 N East stated he is very frustrated because his block turned in a petition for a cul-de-sac over a year ago and it has not made it to an agenda yet. Mr. DeBruin went on to explain the delays, his exasperations and frustrations with this process and the traffic calming toolbox. He wants to know when the petition be heard before the Commission.

Approval of Tonight's Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Eichenberger motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the Draft September 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stewart motioned to approve the draft September 26, 2016, Transportation Commission meeting minutes as modified and was seconded by Commissioner Patzloff. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

FINAL REVIEW OF THE Y2, Y3, AND Y4 ZONES STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS AS DEVELOPED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND INCORPORATED BY STAFF

Chair Chalabian explained to the audience that the Village Board of Trustees wants to hear and review this item and that the Board makes all final decisions. The Transportation Commission wants to make sound recommendations.

Jill Velan gave a presentation picking up where the last meeting left off. Ms. Velan went on to speak about the Commission's request for staff to get more information from the

survey results, poll blocks, as well as attend the Pleasant District Business Association meeting. Staff received many emails and spoke with several residents and the common concern is the new development that will be coming to South Blvd. and Harlem. Many people would rather wait until after the new development comes to make changes but expand overnight permit parking now. Many people understood there needs to be some relief in parking and were happy about the proposed expanded areas. Jill also stated that feedback also indicated signage was a problem which staff is currently working on.

Jill spoke about the 10-block analysis and staff thinks there is potential for abuse if daytime restrictions are changed or removed.

Commissioner Patzloff asked if there are areas with two hour parking between 9am-5pm and Jill responded there are some near business districts. Commissioner Patzloff also spoke briefly about the mix of legal and illegal parkers.

Chair Chalabian asked about the 7:30am studies and what percentage of spaces was occupied by non-permit holders. John Youkhana explained the 7:30am study stating that 80% are permit holders and at 10:00am there are very low numbers of permit holders, approximately 20%.

Commissioner Eichenberger asked for clarification and Jill responded that overnight permit parking ends at 8:00am in the area.

Chair Chalabian stated moving cars around every two hours is not good and spoke about the cost of parking enforcement and its fiscal impact. He said there are too many non-permit holders trying to game the system. Chair Chalabian went on to ask Jill Velan what the hierarchy of parking in the Village is based on what the Village Board wants.

Jill responded that one hierarchy does not always work due to unique circumstances on select blocks and the Village has to be flexible.

Commissioner Eichenberger asked about the history of parking policy and if the Village has ever created a clear philosophy of parking. Jill spoke about 1998 parking policies and how the Parking and Traffic Commission recommended it and the Board approved it. The Village Board's goal is to do holistic parking to develop holistic parking policies and spoke about how the Village Board might look at it.

Chair Chalabian stated the Village Board has conveyed it's parking ideas to the Transportation Commission. Night restrictions are pretty much settled but not so much for daytime restrictions. Chair Chalabian asked again what the Village Board's parking hierarchy is.

Jill explained that the Village Board wants to look at business districts and multi-family areas but that they are just starting their process. Ms. Velan also spoke about the impact of the new development at Harlem and South Blvd. and parking in the area.

Chair Chalabian asked since daytime is of concern to the Pleasant District, what about daytime permits. Jill explained the daytime parking permit situation in the zones and that there are approximately 60 to 70 24-hour parking permits in lots 108 and 115.

Chair Chalabian stated they want a long term sustainable plan.

The floor was opened to public testimony.

Steve Hopkins of 247 Home gave handouts to Commissioners and audience. Mr. Hopkins gave a brief presentation on his own overnight study about illegally parked cars in the Y2 zone of permit and non-permit holders. He mentioned in particular that 42% of cars parked on the 200 block of Home are illegally parked.

Loretta Olive of 216 S Maple read her public testimony from her previously sent email. Ms. Olive stated she lives in a condo and has two cars and that one car on the street has to move every two hours. She thinks there should be a system like the City of Chicago with a zone number sticker on resident's cars so they could park all day. Ms. Olive stated she thought the original idea was to help residents with commuters but it doesn't. She said the system should distinguish residents from non-residents in a neighborhood.

Public Testimony was closed out.

Commissioner Stewart said he likes the extra material that was provided and knows from experience that finding overnight parking is challenging. He stated he agrees to the expansion of overnight parking and doesn't want to push topic off but at same time is open to delay daytime restrictions until development is in.

Commissioner Eichenberger stated the Commission needs the Board's direct goals and doesn't think it matters if the new development is there or not because if good rules are already in place, people will follow them.

Commissioner Stewart and Eichenberger both spoke briefly about lack of parking enforcement that was mentioned during public testimony and lack of staff resources.

Commissioner Thompson stated he is new and not yet up to speed on this parking issue.

Commissioner Patzloff stated nighttime permit parking is pretty much set but daytime is not. He said public comment doesn't want change but stated he would have a hard time voting for option two and that he can see waiting for development completion.

Chair Chalabian stated for overnight permit parking, the Commission and staff are moving in the right direction with an additional 75 spaces. He said he is ready to advance overnight parking and spoke about daytime parking. Chair Chalabian said he liked the document handed out by Mr. Hopkins and thinks maybe they should look at Chicago example as brought up by Ms. Olive. He thinks agenda should be advanced dealing with parking as it relates to residents, commuters, and business districts and continued speaking about competing interests for daytime parking. Chair Chalabian said development shouldn't be used as an excuse to delay daytime restrictions. He stated the Village needs to address parking hierarchy, who is parking downtown – customers, employees, commuters and also needs to address competing interests. Chair Chalabian also spoke briefly about enforcement and lack of resources.

Commissioner Patzloff stated majority of survey respondents didn't think change would be good.

A discussion took place among the Commissioners about how much enforcement is actually taking place and the effectiveness of option two.

Commissioner Eichenberger wants the Village Board to have a conversation about parking with the Commission.

The Commission continued a discussion about when and should they review daytime restrictions – do it now or wait until Harlem and South Blvd. development is completed. The discussion also included what type of details is needed to develop an alternative to option two.

Commissioner Thompson spoke about little supply and lots of demand and how maybe technology can play a part.

Commissioner Eichenberger wants to know the hierarchy.

Commissioner Stewart also wants to know the hierarchy. He stated he likes option two, likes the two-hour restriction, and must also add time restrictions but doesn't need more data.

Chair Chalabian stated the Commission 1. Needs to understand the Village Board's parking hierarchy. 2. The Commission is leaning towards option two with tweaks. 3. People need a market based solution and suggested a "Parking Benefit District" where money generated stays in district.

A brief discussion took place about expanding valet parking and its goals.

Chair Chalabian stated the Commission is comfortable with night recommendations but are not satisfied with a daytime recommendation. He thinks the Commission shouldn't wait until development is completed because they like standardization, but to what extent?

Commissioner Eichenberger motioned to accept staff's recommendation for expanding overnight permit parking in zones Y2, Y3, and Y4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. The voice vote was as follows:

Ayes: Chalabian, Patzloff, Eichenberger, Stewart

Nays: None

Abstain: Thompson

The motion passed four to one abstension.

Another discussion was had between the Commission and Jill Velan about the clarification of option two and taking away time restrictions, user friendly parking, and the possibility of expanding valet parking. The discussion continued about when to do daytime restrictions recommendations – now, in near future, or in two years after the development at Harlem and South Blvd is complete.

Commissioner Patzloff motioned to 1. Postpone the daytime parking restrictions recommendation for now, 2. Request a meeting with the Village Board about making hierarchy in Y2, Y3, and Y4 Zones as residents first, businesses second, and commuters third except for in areas directly adjacent to businesses by means of a study session, 3. Explore a “market-based solution” pilot project, and 4. Look at time restrictions and competing interests within the Y2, Y3, and Y4 zones. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. The voice vote was as follows:

Ayes: Eichenberger, Thompson, Stewart, Patzloff, Chalabian

Nays: None

The motion passed five to zero.

DEVELOP THE DRAFT 2017 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Mike Koperniak had a discussion with the Commission on developing the draft 2017 Transportation Commission work plan. Mike began the discussion by reviewing the 2016 work plan and discussing what should be carried over and added to the 2017 work plan.

Chair Chalabian stated the traffic calming toolbox needed to be completed by the first quarter of the year.

A discussion took place with the Commission going through each of the recommended goals and when they should be completed. There were also discussions on updates and ADA accessibility at Pace bus stops and reviewing the bike plan to look at ways to make the Village more bike friendly, its advocacy, and how to implement the plan. Reviewing the safe to school routes and suggestions from Commissioner Thompson on traffic signal and speed control devices was also discussed.

Jill Velan advised the Commission that goals need to be prioritized because they have a very lengthy list and only so many meetings to complete them in.

REVIEW UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mike Koperniak advised the Commissioners there are one or two traffic items that are ready to come before the Commission and other items that are in various stages.

Mike stated the next opportunities for meetings would be November 14th or 28th. The Commissioners stated their preference and availabilities and Chair Chalabian said it would depend on when the Village Board study session is held. It was decided the meeting in December would be on the 12th and the traffic calming toolbox would be on the agenda.

Commissioner Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger.

The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 PM.

Respectively submitted

Mary Avinger

Mary Avinger,
Administrative Secretary