

**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**

March 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Village Hall  
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

Chairman Pro tem Schiller called to order the March 9, 2016 meeting of the Transportation and Parking Commission at 7:00 p.m. and led the meeting with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. An explanation of the meeting's protocol followed.

Roll call followed and a quorum was established.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairman Pro tem Schiller, Commissioners Aguzino, Carter, Saricks, Wilkinson, Wrobel

Absent: Commissioner Golomb, Chairman Stuebner

Staff Present: Transportation Division Manager Matt Mayer

Public: Mr. Sunil Rathi, 6413 Prideham St., Downers Grove; Ms. Kathie Vaccarella, 6341 Hathaway Lane; Downers Grove; Mr. Ivann DeAcheusre, 6343 Prideham St., Downers Grove; Ms. Mary Alice Flavin, 6342 Prideham St., Downers Grove; Mr. Ronald Smith, 1225 Warren Ave., Downers Grove; Mr. Michael Bolton, 6631 Springside Ave., Downers Grove; Ms. Christine Rose with PACE; Mr. John C. Sendzimer, Breasted Avenue, Downers Grove; Mr. Alex Avila, 1800 Whidden Ave., Downers Grove; Mr. William Pflieger, 1224 Warren Ave., Downers Grove

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2015**

Mr. Saricks noted on pages 2 and 4 that the reference to him as chairman pro tem was incorrect and it should be Chairman Pro tem Schiller. On page 3, second to the last paragraph, Mr. Saricks struggled with the word "vacillate" and explained that the discussion that took place was more in line with discussing different types of parking options that could be adopted at the location under review. **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2015 MEETING, AS MODIFIED, WERE APPROVED ON MOTION BY MR. SARICKS, SECONDED BY MR. WILKINSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on non-Agenda items)** – None.

**File #01-16 Springside Condos – Parking Restrictions:** Per Traffic Manager Matthew Mayer, this item was in response to a resident's petition to review day time parking restrictions in the Springside Condominium area. Currently there was a one-side parking restriction from 7 AM to 4 PM No Parking restriction and on the opposite side a No Parking Anytime restriction, Monday through Friday. Apparently the citizen, whom works from home, has services come in and it becomes difficult for the service individual to park. Mr. Mayer explained what steps he took for his analysis, including a review of the parking restrictions for the nearby Downer Grove South High School,

Staff proposed a modification to the current parking restriction (7 AM to 4 PM) and to revise it to 7 AM to 9 AM. Mr. Mayer reviewed the alternatives he looked at and spoke of three benefits the modified restriction would provide: 1) a deterrent from the Downers Grove South students; 2) a defined enforcement period; and 3) a maximized use by the residents.

Per a question, the current parking restrictions were in place approximately 10 years and were a response to overflow students from the nearby high school. Mr. Wilkinson expressed concern as to whether the issue was being resolved or was it matter of pushing the problem down the road, wherein, Mr. Mayer proceeded to explain when the high school expanded its surface parking lot and the fact that he did not know the parking ratio at this time. He further explained that there was another parking lot managed by the village which was on-street parallel, permit parking, or, Lot Z. Mr. Wilkinson believed the parking demand needed to be explored by staff.

The chairman pro tem invited the public to speak.

A resident confirmed the area that was under discussion but stated there was no discussion of Wells or Nash Streets and asked if it was an oversight or just not being discussed at this time. (Mr. Mayer indicated that Nash was outside the scope of the study and Wells was omitted from any kind of modification and would remain "as is.")

Mr. John Sendzimer, 1705 Breasted Avenue, stated that once the spaces for Lot Z became permitted spaces, half of the spaces became cleared out and not used. He offered to take pictures of the lot when the students were arriving. As for individuals coming to provide services to the residents in the area, the current parking restrictions were difficult for those individuals and he believed they should not be ticketed. Mr. Sendzimer elaborated on the area's parking challenges when football season or special events began.

Mr. Sunil Rathi, 6413 Prideham Street, asked if night parking could be extended to seven nights a month even though the topic was not being discussed at this time. (Mr. Mayer offered to follow up with the police department and return the issue to this commission.)

Ms. Linda Velazquez, 1800 Whidden Avenue, supported the night parking restrictions also. However, she also voiced the challenges on Springside, noting that parking took place on both sides when athletic events were occurring and it was difficult to get to her home when that occurred. She believed permanent signage should be installed.

Entrance and exit locations for the community were discussed briefly. Mr. Carter believed that because the Springside Condos were a separate entity, the parking should be for those residents only and not allow any parking for special events, wherein Mr. Mayer indicated that he did receive many comments from the residents that a resident-only sticker should be considered since it would eliminate any need for a restriction and would be enforceable. However, he stated the challenge was the administration/enforcement process. He offered to discuss this matter internally. Mr. Mayer proceeded to explain how he reviewed the occupancy of Lot Z.

Chairman Pro tem Schiller entertained a motion.

**MOTION BY MR. SARICKS TO ADOPT STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO REVISE THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN THE SPRINGSIDE CONDOS AREA FROM "NO PARKING 7AM-4PM" TO "NO PARKING 7AM – 9AM," AS PROPOSED, WITH THE IDEA THAT THERE MAY BE FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO THE ISSUE OF REVISING EVENING PARKING FOR THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO BE CALLED INTO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**SECONDED BY MR. WILKINSON.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.**

Mr. Mayer closed the discussion by reassuring the residents that this parking issue would continue to be monitored once the signage was installed.

A resident asked why Wells Street was excluded, which Mr. Mayer said was due to its proximity to Springside.

**File # 02-15 Warren Avenue – Parking Restrictions:** Mr. Mayer reviewed the background of this case, noting it was initiated due to a request by Mayflower Tours to implement on-street four-hour limits, from 8 AM to 6 PM, Monday – Friday, on the south side of Warren Avenue because of the challenging sight lines entering and existing the Mayflower Tours driveway along Warren Avenue between Linscott and Saratoga. It was noted that this case was similar to the Perma Seal case along Rogers Street that also had sight lines issues.

Concern was raised by Mr. Wrobel if Mayflower Tours had enough on-site parking for its customers/visitors, if the four-hour limit was implemented. Mr. Mayer believed there was adequate parking in the rear and on the east side of the business.

Chairman Pro tem Schiller opened up the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Ron Smith, vice president of finance, Mayflower Tours, asked staff for clarification of the 250 feet reference wherein Mr. Mayer explained he estimated 20 feet per vehicle, which amounted to about six or seven legal parking spaces. Mr. Smith voiced concern about his employees' parking since there was overflow and parking in the street. His main concern was safely exiting the driveway and wanted to ensure good sight lines but not over-restrict street parking.

Mr. Carter asked if there was another exit that provided better sight lines wherein Mr. Smith stated he believed his company could benefit by reversing the traffic flow in his parking lot.

Mr. Wilkinson recommended that Mr. Smith add signage that states "entrance" and "exit" if he was going to change the traffic flow. He further asked staff if the village could assist with the signage, wherein Mr. Mayer offered to bring that issue back but indicated that signs could possibly be fabricated with the company reimbursing the village for the signage. Additional dialog followed regarding: 1) signage; 2) if speeding issues existed; and 3) whether parkway trees were blocking any sight lines.

Mr. Mayer cautioned Mr. Smith about reversing the entrance/exit as it relates to trees blocking sight lines and the fact that entering the traffic flow would be somewhat slower due to the grade.

Mr. Bill Pflieger, 1224 Warren, voiced concern about eliminating parking spaces only to increase the amount of parking on the west side of Linscott where there was four-hour parking currently and where it was currently congested. He voiced concern about trucks parking in front of his house and dropping off their trailers.

Commissioners proceeded to ask Mr. Smith about his business's work hours and the actual condition of the employees' parking lot. Dialog then followed on how the Perma Seal case was handled as it relates to parking.

**MOTION BY MR. WROBEL TO INSTALL "NO PARKING 8AM – 6PM" ALONG WARREN AVENUE BETWEEN LINSCOTT AVENUE AND SARATOGA AVENUE, BUT UPON RE-EXAMINATION, TO LIMIT THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PARKING SPACES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN GOOD SIGHT LINES.**

**SECONDED BY MR. AGUZINO.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.**

Mr. Mayer, responding to a commissioner's question, stated that Code Enforcement is notified when new parking restrictions are initiated.

**File # 03-15 PACE – Service Route Update:** Mr. Mayer reported that in February PACE met with the village to discuss reallocation of resources to identify a new fixed route that runs from the Naperville Main Street train station to Yorktown Mall and comes through Downers Grove.

Mr. Michael Bolton, PACE's Deputy Executive Director for Strategic Services provided an overview of the proposed changes to the PACE bus service along the BNSF railroad line, stating a public hearing is scheduled for March 29, 2016 in the City of Naperville; March 30<sup>th</sup> in Lisle; and March 31<sup>st</sup> in Downers Grove regarding this matter. Mr. Bolton elaborated on the customers/riders data set used to recommend the route changes. The changes will affect eight commuter routes and one all-day route. Details of those bus routes were provided.

Questions followed whether the changes Mr. Bolton was discussing intercepted with parts of the former "circulator route" or was Main Street and Lamont Road still a route that did not have a full-time bus running, wherein Mr. Bolton proceeded to explain how the 8:34 a.m. Main Street bus operated, pointing out it had "five different markets." He stated in the next five years PACE hoped to offer new north/south service arriving at the train station, eventually traveling into Addison, Illinois, where there was a need. (Mr. Bolton offered to provide to the commissioners the electronic version of his presentation.)

Mr. Mayer closed the presentation by stating that staff was excited with the upcoming changes, noting they will be beneficial to the village.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Mayer reviewed the prior meeting's agenda and the parking changes that were made at that meeting which went into affect. Mr. Wilkinson asked if staff could consider for the Fairview train station the striping of a pedestrian walkway.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – See packet for any communications.

### **ADJOURN**

**MR. WILKINSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.  
MR. AGUZINO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.**