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TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
Minutes – July 11, 2018
Council Chambers – Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

Chairwoman Dunne called the July 11, 2018 meeting of the Transportation and Parking Commission to order at 7:03 P.M. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairwoman Dunne, Commissioners Wrobel, Wilkinson, Schiller, Saricks, Carter, Jenkins

Absent:

Staff: Public Works Traffic Engineer Will Lorton, Public Works Administrative Secretary Andrea Banke

Visitor Roster: Fanny Vlahos, Marianna & Harrison Holm, Selena & David Morriel, Nicole Balsavich, Aleksandra Lenart, Phyllis Knetz, Bill Petersen, Brandon Thiele, John Lowe, Jason & Elizabeth Pugh, Jerome Loftus, Karen Snell

A quorum was established.

Chairwoman Dunne reviewed the procedures to be followed for the meeting, explaining that the Commission will forward a recommendation to the Village Council for approval.

APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2018 MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SCHILLER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED PRIOR TO PUBLIC MEETING. COMMISSIONER SARICKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 7:0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on non-agenda items.

Chairwoman Dunne proceeded to files on the agenda.

File #3-18 NTS #6 Stop Control Neighborhood Traffic Study Area 6

Traffic Engineer Will Lorton presented a comprehensive summary of Neighborhood Traffic Study Area 6 which addressed vehicular speeding issues, cut-through traffic, pedestrian safety, and evaluated overall traffic performance within one specific neighborhood.

The study recommends intersection control treatments, traffic calming and diversion measures, revisions to roadway land configurations, and signalized intersection capacity improvement

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measures. Proposed intersection control modifications include the conversion of all uncontrolled and yield-controlled intersection to stop control.

As part of the data collection effort, TERRA Engineering collected midblock traffic data at 45 locations, intersection turning movement counts at four signalized intersections, and conducted observations of the study area. Crash records were collected by the Village, indicating the crash history within the study area for the most recent 7 years of available data. Field observations and available aerial imagery and photography were used to review the existing pedestrian and bicyclist network.

Recommended measures to meet the goals of the study are divided into short, mid, and long term time frames.

CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chairwoman Dunne requested public comments from residents between Main St. & Elm St.:

1. Brandon Thiele 4237 Elm: Did the petition for Elm Street regarding traffic concerns in neighborhood. Concerned about safety of pedestrian traffic on Washington, cut through traffic between 6-9am, and speed enforcement.
2. John Lowe 4117 Highland: States there is too much traffic going to school drop off and pick up between the times of 7:45am-8:30am and 2:45pm-3:30pm. States that residents living near the school have issues getting in and out of their own driveways as well as with parking. Concerned with speeding issues caused by parents dropping off and picking up children. Would like enforcement of speed and rules of the road by school officials as well as law enforcement.

Commissioner Wrobel suggested a dialogue with school officials regarding these issues.

3. Brandon Thiele 4237 Elm: Brought up issues at 40th and Washington and 41st and Washington. Stated that more pedestrians walk from Washington to 41st to Highland to school because 40th does not go through. Would like to see enforcement of laws and speed with ticketing.
4. Fanny Vlahos 625 39th St.: Home is at the southeast corner of 39th and Glendenning. Concerned about safety of children walking to school on 39th Street. There are many families with young children in the neighborhood and the speeding on 39th street is unsafe. Would like both PD and school principal to enforce speed and safety laws. For Highland traffic suggested the use of speed bumps, restricted parking, and police presence. Stated enrollment at Highland school increased from 170 incoming students in 2011 to 320 in 2016. Some neighborhood students are being bussed to Belle Aire school due to overcrowding at Highland contributing to traffic issues.

Commissioner Wrobel suggested Village and County PD for enforcement due to jurisdiction in regards to Main St. and 39th.

Chairwoman Dunne requested public comments from residents between Elm St. & Glendenning:

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5. Jason Pugh 3912 Earlston: Brought up yield sign on Earlston and 40th. States there are often near misses at the intersection. Is in favor of all way stops.
6. Fanny Vlahos 625 39th St.: Questioned changing yield signs to stops signs.
7. Elizabeth Pugh 3912 Earlston Rd.: Concerned with traffic at 39th and Earlston using route as a cut through and rolling through stop signs.

Commissioner Saricks addressed speed issues on 41st street.

Chairwoman Dunne requested public comments from residents between Glendenning & Douglas:

8. Nicole Balsavich 3902 Douglas Rd.: Concerned with 39th street speed enforcement and school speed zone signs regarding how far of a distance speed enforcement for school zone needs to be and enforcement of it. Wants signage that is noticed.

Chairwoman Dunne requested public comments from residents between Douglas & Cumnor:

9. Jerome Loftus 3917 Biltmore: Questioned stop signs. Thinks attention should be spent elsewhere.
10. Karen Snell 309 Shady Ln.: Questioned stop signs on 40th place and received clarification.

11. Bill Petersen 200 Foxfire Ct.: Concerned with safety of children in school zone as well as on Cumnor by park entrances and playground. There is traffic control issue on Cumnor with traffic in regards to entering and exiting strip mall parking lot. Also has concerns with car dealership test drive customers speeding up and down Cumnor and 39th.

Chairwoman Dunne requested public comments from residents between Cumnor & Williams:

12. Aleksandra Lenart 4020 Williams St.: Very concerned about speeding on Williams. Would like several measures taken to control speed such as law enforcement, speed bumps, pavement markings. Would like a crosswalk to Whitlock park for children to safely cross the street to the park.
13. Fanny Vlahos 625 39th St.: Very concerned with speeding and wants a four way stop on 39th to slow traffic and so that families north of 39th can safely cross 39th to walk to school on south side of 39th. Thinks 39th street is very dangerous and will not allow children to play near it.

Commissioner Carter has concerns about substantial family pedestrian traffic and controlling traffic speed on 39th. Suggested sidewalk and smart speed signs.

14. Brandon Thiele 4237 Elm.: Concerns about biking safety and pedestrian signage for Whitlock park crossing. Wants park speed limit and law enforcement.

Commissioner Wilkinson questioned amount of traffic and whether hospital traffic and employees causes larger issues.

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15. Bill Petersen 200 Foxfire Ct.: Reiterated busy park traffic and what can be done to slow traffic for children's safety.

16. Aleksandra Lenart 4020 Williams St.: Reiterated speeding concerns on Williams and suggested pavement markings to make Williams look narrower and slow traffic.

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED FOR TR-024 AS FOLLOWS:

1. Submitted by Aleksandra Lenart, 4020 Williams: "Please address speeding issues on Williams St. beyond the police patrols. Consider pavement markings and speed bumps."

No more public comment: Chairwoman Dunne closed public hearing

CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION.

Mr. Lorton referred to page 29 of the Traffic Study Report and went over the short term recommendations.

Commissioners discussed the recommendations and came to the consensus that more needs to be done in addition to the approval of the proposals and that additional enforcement is needed.

WITH RESPECT TO FILE #3-18 NTS #6, MR. SARICKS MADE A MOTION THAT THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT THE STUDY PROPOSALS AND ADD ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT.

SECONDED BY MR. SCHILLER.

ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 7:0.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Lorton stated there is no old business to discuss. The next meeting date is to be determined.

Communications

1. No communications to report.

ADJOURN

**MR. SCHILLER MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY MR. WROBEL.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 7:0.**

Chairwoman Dunne adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andrea Banke

Recording Secretary

(Transcribed from Mr. Lorton's notes. No recording available.)