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**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes – August 14, 2019**  
**Council Chambers – Village Hall**  
**801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove**

Chairwoman Dunne called the August 14, 2019 meeting of the Transportation and Parking Commission to order at 7:02 P.M. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairwoman Dunne, Commissioners Wilkinson, Schiller, Saricks, Carter

**Absent:** Commissioners Wrobel, Jenkins

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

**Visitor Roster:** Michael Bianco, Pam Bianco, Bruiyo Filliobicz, Tim McDonald, Shannon Roesch,

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 MARCH 13, 2019 MINUTES AND JUNE 12, 2019 MINUTES**

**Page 4 the word concerns is misspelled, and on page 5 the word swail should be spelled swale.**

**COMMISSIONER WILKINSON MOVED TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES WITH THE ABOVE LISTED CHANGES. COMMISSIONER SCHILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 5:0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment on non-agenda items.

Chairwoman Dunne proceeded to files on the agenda.

**File #6-19 Barrett Street & Saratoga Avenue – Parking Revisions**

Traffic Engineer Will Lorton reported File 6-19 was initiated by school staff and parent concerns. Originated due to buses in front of Kingsley being passed during pickup times. The Village has provided additional signage there for the school that it is unlawful to pass school buses with flashing lights and stop signs out. Counter measures have been taken in the past, but motorists are still refusing to stop for the buses so additional police enforcement was required. When PD was out for enforcement, they noted that there are parking restrictions on both sides of the street on Barrett and Saratoga restricting parking 7am to 4pm. Both streets act as a pickup

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area for Kingsley parents picking up students. Staff discussed reducing the restriction with PD and school staff so that it may be used as a pickup area in the afternoon. Both streets are roughly 28 feet wide, local streets, and the existing parking restriction is 7am to 4pm. One recommendation on the staff study was restricted parking 7am to 1pm. There is another restriction in the area of 8am to 11am. Both are alternatives that could be considered. Staff is recommending to reduce restriction on Barrett and Saratoga for this purpose.

Chairwoman Dunne questioned why these two streets and not Powell. Mr. Lorton stated these two streets were chosen based on discussion with school staff as area of concern.

## **CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment.

### **CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION**

Mr. Lorton pointed out the correct slide showing the proposed revisions of 8am to 11am which would match other areas around Downers Grove South and is the staff preferred option. It is restrictive enough to prevent Downer Grove South high school students from parking there, but opens it up in the afternoon for parents picking up children from Kingsley.

**WITH RESPECT TO FILE #6-19, MR. SCHILLER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION AS STATED.**

**SECONDED BY MR. CARTER.**

**ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 5:0.**

### **File #7-19 Washington Street & 41<sup>st</sup> Street – Traffic Control Revisions**

Mr. Lorton stated this is a follow up to neighborhood traffic study number six. Was initially discussed in traffic study as being added as a 4-way stop and was removed as an option to be pursued at a later time. Residents have contacted staff regarding sight distance concerns at the intersection for westbound traffic. Those are off of Village right-of-way and on private property. Washington Street is a north-south roadway approximately 25 feet wide, and a local street with no parking restrictions. 41<sup>st</sup> Street is an east-west roadway, approximately 24 feet wide, and a local street with no parking restrictions. The northeast corner of the intersection is the most concerning with sight distance impacted in that corner. It does not meet volume counts or crash counts, however, in the neighborhood traffic study it meets the two optional B and C warrants which are related to crashed and sight distance for left turning movement. Staff recommends to make the revision to make the intersection an all-way stop.

Commissioner questions if there have been correctable crashes at the site. Mr. Lorton confirmed that correctable crashes are angle crashes or turning crashes, but it is not known if those were due to the sight distance issues or not.

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Chairwoman Dunne confirmed that this issue is coming back to staff at the request of the neighborhood residents. Mr. Lorton confirmed that the geometry of the intersection is the cause of the sight distance issue.

## **CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Tim McDonald of 4213 Washington St.: Lives at SE corner of the intersection. There was a bad accident at the intersection this summer. Traffic study does not take into account the number of near misses. Geometry and semi-blind hill coming up Washington. Many people who work at the hospital park on the east side and use Washington as a cut through to get to Ogden. Vehicles regularly use Washington and travel up the hill, and cross traffic has difficulty seeing the traffic coming up the hill. It is logical to put in an all-way stop at this time because it is in the best interest of safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.

2. Shannon Roesch of 4229 Washington St.: Midpoint on block on east side of the road. Has lived there for 20 years and seen a lot of near misses and several accidents. There is no sidewalk on the east side of the road. There are a lot of children on the block and they use the road to go up and down the street to Speedway. Bus stop at the northeast corner is hard to see due to sun being in eyes when westbound and has seen people run the stop sign inadvertently because they don't see it. In the best interest of everyone's safety to have an all-way stop. Vehicles go over the speed limit using Washington as a cut through to Ogden. It is a dangerous intersection.

3. Pam Bianco of 4216 Washington: Speeding on Washington is frightening and people do not have regard for the intersection speeding through it in both directions. Blind hill southbound on Washington obscures vision. Kids need to cross at 41<sup>st</sup> and Washington to go to the park on Elm, to go to Highland school, to Herrick, and to North high and it doesn't have a stop sign. It's dangerous because people do not respect the roadway. NE part of intersection is dangerous with all of the foliage on public property. You are in intersection before you can safely see if you can cross or not and Washington has speeding cars that don't stop. On school days at Highland people are rolling through stop signs and not coming to a full stop. It's dangerous. Votes for another stop sign at the intersection.

### **CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner questioned Mr. Lorton regarding if warning signs could be put up in addition to new stop signs. Mr. Lorton confirmed signs can be investigated to be put up as hill is approached.

Chairwoman Dunne questioned the process of a new stop sign being put in. Mr. Lorton stated that "new stop ahead" signs with flags on them are placed in advance of the new stop signs in addition to the new stop signs.

Commissioner stated that there is an additional matter of speed limit enforcement. Officer Fisher offered to fill out a form for additional patrol in area.

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Commissioner mentioned recent request for additional stop sign at Elm. Mr. Lorton stated it can be added to the striping program.

Chairwoman questioned if cut through traffic could eventually meet the volume warrants for the all-way stop. Mr. Lorton stated most likely not. Believes construction on Ogden Avenue has increased volumes at this time with cut through traffic. They are compliant for sight distance issue.

Commissioner mentioned tailgating on Washington when going the speed limit of 25mph. Mr. Lorton offered to rotate driver feedback signs through the area to address speeding.

**WITH RESPECT TO FILE #7-19, MR. SARICKS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE FOR “BLIND HILL” AND “STOP AHEAD” SIGNS AS WELL.**

**SECONDED BY MR. CARTER.**

**ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 5:0.**

**DISCUSISON OF OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business to discuss.

**Communications**

1. The September 2019 TAP Meeting will be regarding the downtown parking study. Many people are expected to attend.

**ADJOURN**

**MR. SCHILLER MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY MR. SARICKS.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 5:0.**

Chairwoman Dunne adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andrea Banke  
Recording Secretary