

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
Minutes – September 12, 2018
Council Chambers – Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

Chairwoman Dunne called the September 12, 2018 meeting of the Transportation and Parking Commission to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairwoman Dunne, Commissioners Wrobel, Wilkinson, Schiller

Absent: Commissioners Saricks, Carter, Jenkins

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

Visitor Roster: Barbara Messler, Rebecca Colunga, Kelly Deschamp, Joe Kopesky, Robin Lapacek, Kevin McCormick, Gary Mori

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 JULY 11, 2018 MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SCHILLER MOVED TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WILKINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 4:0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on non-agenda items.

Chairwoman Dunne proceeded to files on the agenda.

File #1-18 Mini Study #3 – Traffic Control Revisions

Traffic Engineer Will Lorton presented request based on guidance from TAP with four intersections selected: 61st Street and Leonard, 62nd Street and Leonard, Puffer Road and Midhurst, and Oxnard Drive and Midhurst. First pair of intersections are at Leonard and 61st Street and 62nd Street. Leonard Ave. is roughly 20 feet wide, local street, carries traffic in north south directions, no parking restrictions. Existing width of 61st Street is 16 feet, local street, carries traffic in east west directions. 62nd Street is 16 feet wide and carries traffic in the east west directions. Staff reviewed crash history and there is no significant crash history at either location. Leonard at 61st had a fixed single object crash. Leonard at 62nd had two angle crashes and two fixed object crashes. The two angled crashes are typically remedied by stop control. Neither intersection met volume warrants. Staff proposes two way stop control for the east and

westbound traffic on both 61st Street and 62nd Street. Speeds on Leonard are higher than typical and staff reporting to PD the appropriate hours for enforcement.

Second pair of intersections are Midhurst at Puffer Road and Midhurst at Oxnard Drive. Midhurst Road is roughly 24 feet wide, local street, no parking restrictions. Oxnard Drive and Puffer Road are both 28 feet wide, no restrictions listed, and did not meet warrants for all way stops. Midhurst at Puffer Road had two parked car crashes. Midhurst Road and Oxnard Drive had one angle crash which would be remedied by stop control. With volume not meeting warrants at either one, staff proposes stop control to impact the dead-end streets with the north-west south-east directions being stop controlled. Staff received 3 emails for the implementation and one that did not care either way.

Chairwoman Dunne confirmed with Mr. Lorton the time period for the crash history was ten years and requested future maps show aerials of neighborhood areas of traffic studies for reference. Mr. Lorton agreed to provide area location maps as a supplement. Chairwoman Dunne went over TAP guidelines and procedures for uncontrolled stops within the Village.

CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Barbara Messler 6245 Leonard: Near intersection of 63rd Street and Leonard. Stop signs put in at Puffer and Chase has created freeway on north – south streets. Morning and evening commuters avoiding lights at 63rd and Belmont cut through. Wants stop signs put on north – south roads to stop traffic from speeding down Leonard, Chase, Puffer, and Janes. New construction of townhomes in Woodridge construction traffic going up and down these roads causing issues. Wants impediment put in to slow traffic in area.
2. Rebecca Colunga 2160 Oxnard Dr.: One house away from Oxnard and Midhurst. Has four children. Oxnard and Midhurst has a bus stop. Apartment buildings are around the corner on Puffer. Vehicles avoiding traffic signals speed through their neighborhood of 98 homes. Thinks stop signs are important for safety of kids in neighborhood and at bus stops.
3. Kelly Deschamp 2179 Midhurst: On the corner of Midhurst and Oxnard. Bus stop for grade school is on her corner and across the street is bus stop for the junior high. A lot of traffic cutting through does not yield as residents do. Many close calls with speeding drivers and kids and residents yelling at drivers to slow down. Stops needed for kids and bus stop.
4. Joe Kopesky 2019 Oxnard Dr.: Asked what TAP stands for and received answer. Questioned 85% accident rate seriousness. Mr. Lorton explained study looks at 85th percentile showing more drivers for average speed. Clarified that stop signs would be stopping traffic on Oxnard. On homeowners association for Prentiss Creek homes and is in favor of stop signs. Had requested speed bumps, but there was not enough traffic to warrant that kind of control. Traffic and speed are a problem in the area. Stopping traffic at both the intersections should be a help and he is in favor.
5. Robin Lapacek 6150 Leonard: At intersection of Leonard and 62nd. Has lived there 20 years and there has never been a stop sign there. Does not think accidents have been properly recorded at that intersection. States there has been an accident at the intersection once a year if

not more. Last one occurred last year in neighbor's yard on private property with children playing in the front yard. Had to move elementary school bus stop into her driveway for children's safety due to increase in traffic. Town homes being built will add to increased traffic. Has almost been hit pulling into driveway and getting mail across the street. Wants cars to be stopped north and southbound. People cutting through neighborhood don't care about resident safety. Sidewalk is only on one side of street with kids crossing and it's dangerous. Wants either a four way stop or the stops signs put north and southbound.

Chairwoman Dunne had Mr. Lorton explain how stop signs are warranted.

6. Barbara Messler 6245 Leonard: Asked determining factor for stop signs being in least traveled road rather than heaviest traveled road. Stop signs in neighborhood are all on east – west roads that have very little traffic, with none on north – south roads where traffic is heaviest.

Mr. Lorton explained MUTCD where warrants for stop controls and signals are listed, which is determined by the federal highway administration (FHWA).

CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION

Chairwoman Dunne requested historical data and to keep an eye on the area for the residents in the future. Mr. Lorton will review historical data and request PD keep an eye on size and weight of trucks using streets if possible.

Commissioner requested if a four-way stop may be considered to be put up at 62st and Leonard. Chairwoman Dunne pointed out stop signs are used to control right of way and not speeding. Commissioner understands but wants it considered due to sight issue. Chairwoman Dunne and Commissioner agreed that subject will be considered as to a solution for the issue at this intersection.

WITH RESPECT TO FILE #1-18 MINI STUDY #3, MR. WILKINSON MADE A MOTION THAT THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION ACCEPT STAFF REQUEST FOR EACH OF THE FOUR INTERSECTIONS AT LEONARD AND 61ST, LEONARD AND 62ND, MIDHURST AND PUFFER, MIDHURST AND OXNARD BE ACCEPTED, AND IN ONE YEAR OR TIME WHEN THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS FINISHED TO REVISIT AND TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OTHER FACTORS BESIDES TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND SPEED.

SECONDED BY MR. SCHILLER.

ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 4:0.

(Traffic Engineer Will Lorton stated staff has one question prior to starting this: Pickup time for bus stop at 62nd St. and Leonard. Resident stated junior high pickup is 7:37am and elementary school pickup is at 7:48am.)

File #4-18 Woodcreek Drive – Parking Revisions

Mr. Lorton addressed parking regulations on Woodcreek Drive stating it was initiated by a petition from business owners and adjacent property owners. At this location existing width of

Woodcreek Drive is roughly 45 feet, turn lanes, PACE bus stop, parking restrictions on north side of the road. Issue with GIS as south side of road currently listed as no parking although it's not signed and there is no ordinance. Staff viewed area multiple times. There is an issue with parking on south side of street forcing drivers to cross into eastbound left turn lane. Based on this, staff recommendation is to implement no parking from the intersection all the way to the first driveway. The cross section to the west remains the same width and is only a two lane intersection so there is plenty of room for parking to the west. However, in this section, traffic must cross into opposing traffic near the driveway when cars are parked to the east. Staff recommends the south side of Woodcreek Drive be marked no parking from the intersection of Lacey to a point 315 feet west of Lacey Road.

Chairwoman Dunne questioned who was parking in the area. Mr. Lorton replied it's a combination of cars for the business to the south and others that have not been identified. Chairwoman Dunne concurred there are other places in the lot and to the west with plenty of parking.

CHAIRWOMAN DUNNE OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Kevin McCormick, Midwestern University, 3450 Lacey Rd.: For safety of faculty, staff and students recommends no parking on south side. Supports no parking along Woodcreek.

No more public comment: Chairwoman Dunne closed public hearing and then opened it again

2. Gary Mori, Hamilton Partners, 1901 Butterfield Rd.: Has been working in that area for 40 years and there is no parking on Woodcreek Drive. It was recently that students started parking there. Wants to know logic behind allowing parking on the south side for the west. Proposes all parking on south side be removed for safety.

Chairwoman Dunne stated it would displace people in an area where they do think there is sufficient space for people to park.

Mr. Lorton clarified parking on both the north and south sides.

No more public comment: Chairwoman Dunne closed public hearing

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

WITH RESPECT TO FILE #4-18, MR. SCHILLER MADE A MOTION THAT THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION ACCEPT STAFF PROPOSALS AS STATED.

SECONDED BY MR. WROBEL.

ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 4:0.

DISCUSISON OF OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Wilkinson commented after traffic study #6 he saw a lot of discussion on neighborhood websites, and many resident were pleased stop signs were being put up plus the presence of police. Positive comments from residents. Noticed residents were not aware this was going to be happening and asked Mr. Lorton if mailing had been sent out to the area.

Mr. Lorton responded that a mailing of approx. 1100 pieces went out in advance of the July 2018 meeting to affected residents.

Communications

1. No communications to report.

ADJOURN

**MR. SCHILLER MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY MR. WILKINSON.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 4:0.**

Chairwoman Dunne adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andrea Banke
Recording Secretary

Public Works Staff Report
File # 1-19
Mini Study 4

BACKGROUND

This item is being presented by staff in response to previous Transportation and Parking Commission meetings in reference to establishing intersection control. Locations are identified. See **Exhibit**.

STUDY

Staff has reviewed available data in GIS and confirmed with aerial photos in Google Earth the second three locations for counts to be taken. These were selected as the next location as their proximity to each other. The four intersections represent two pairs.

1. Devereux Road at Hall Place and Hall Street
2. Camden Road at Hatch Street
3. Valley View Drive at Lyman Avenue
4. Valley View Drive at Webster Street

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests input from the Transportation and Parking Commission.

- **STAFF WILL PROCEED WITH COUNTS AND CRASH HISTORY REVIEWS TO ESTABLISH REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDED INTERSECTION CONTROL IDENTIFIED.**