

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION

January 10, 2017

2ND FLOOR COMMITTEE OF WHOLE ROOM IN VILLAGE HALL 20 S. ARDMORE AVE, VILLA PARK ILLINOIS

Chairman J. Pienkos called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Pienkos, Jack Cuthbertson, Darren Kling, Karen Timmerman, Kevin Meeker,
Carl Timmerman

ABSENT: Pamela Hoehl

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT: Vassili Voskresenski, **EX-OFFICIO ABSENT:** Jeremie Lukowicz, Sgt. Todd Kubish

VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON PRESENT: Robert Wagner **VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON ABSENT:** None

COMMISSION SECRETARY PRESENT: Elizabeth Cardenas

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Marie Geishecker attended the meeting to express her concern for the intersection of east Elm St and Cornell Ave. She stated that there a number of accidents at this intersection, so she wanted to request if there is any way to change it from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop. The vehicles that are traveling North on Cornell Ave are rolling through the stop sign and there is a lot of pedestrian traffic, the cross traffic does not stop. She feels that this intersection is very dangerous and it should be made into a 4-way stop. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Cuthbertson stated that he observed two children being picked up by the school bus at this intersection in the mornings. Mrs Geishecker stated that there are more than few kids who are picked up there. The worst times are in the mornings and the evenings at around 4:30-6:30 pm is the time range. She has actually considered moving from the area because of this intersection. Mrs Geishecker has noticed that in the evening is when most cars are rolling the stop signs. When there is an accident in this intersection people roll up onto the grass to park. Chairman Pienkos requested that if a traffic count can be done at this intersection, the counters will be put up to keep the counts. Chairman Pienkos will look into all aspects, there are certain limitations though.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2016, OCTOBER 12, 2016

The August 9th, 2016 minutes are pending for approval from The Commission. Motion was made by Commissioner C. Timmerman, seconded by Commissioner K. Timmerman to approve the October 12th, 2016. Acclamation vote taken with all ayes.

4. OLD BUSINESS

845 TRAFFIC ROUTE FOR NORTH SCHOOL

Chairman Pienkos informed the Commission that things are going well at North School on the east side of the school. Commissioner Cuthbertson asked if there was any way possible that they have the drop off of the west side of the school to possibly change the traffic route. The mornings around 8:00-8:15 am seem to be the worst more than the afternoons. However on the west side there is traffic migration on Harvard Ave. Chairman Pienkos will go by next week or the following to take a look. The teachers don't want to supervise the children because it's no in there contract. This item is still pending and will be discussed at the next meeting.

848 RAILROAD SIGHTLINE ISSUES

Chairman Pienkos informed the Commission that he has not heard anything regarding this item, he will need to speak with Ex-Officio Lukowicz to see what has happened. Commissioner K. Timmerman saw that brush has been moved back. The Union Pacific Railroad crossing on Villa Ave is mostly on the Elmhurst side. The terrain is pretty bad there too. This item is pending and will be discussed at the next meeting.

849 PARKING AREAS ON ARDMORE AVE

Ex-Officio Voskresenski told the Commission that the Village Code needs to be changed to permit parking by the railroad and Vermont St, currently there is no parking allowed there. The recommendation to allow parking on Ardmore Ave, there is signage already up, just not on the loading docks. The future development parking is only parallel parking. Commissioner Meeker stated that maybe the Metra Commuters will park there to not pay anymore. Commissioner C. Timermann stated that they may want to put a 2-hour parking restriction. Chairman Pienkos stated that there is no diagonal parking because of not enough space to back up. Ex-Officio

Voskresenski stated that parking has to be very specific as to where to park because of the Ordinance. Ex-Officio Voskresenski will do the measurements and distances. Acclamation vote taken with all ayes.

5. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Liasion Wagner about the north Yale Ave on St Charles Rd by Elm St residents are concerned about the speed that the vehicles are traveling at high speeds is there a way speed bumps can be installed, not possible and the traffic counts were not justified. Sgt Kubish will forward the information to Ex-Officio Voskresenski will check the information and the traffic counts, weather permitted.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner K. Timmerman and seconded by Commissioner Meeker. Acclamation vote taken with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

The next meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.** in the Committee of the Whole conference room of the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Cardenas