

# **Village of Lombard**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 2, 2009**

**7:00 PM**

**Village Hall Community Room**

## **Transportation & Safety Committee**

*Trustee Dick Tross-Chairperson*

*Trustee Zachary Wilson-Co-Chairperson*

*John Schwarz, Nancy Sherretz, Jean Nolan, Robert Difino, Bob Corbino and Ken Snead*

*Staff Liaisons: Deputy Chief Dane Cuny - Police and Frank Kalisik and John Johnson - Public Works*

## 1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson O'Brien at 7:00 p.m.*

**Present:** Jack O'Brien, John Schwarz, Robert Difino, Nancy Sherretz, Jean Nolan and Ken Snead

**Absent:** Bob Corbino

*Others Present:*

*Rick Soderstrom, District 6 Trustee*

*Bill Heniff, Community Development Director*

## 2.0 Public Participation

*Rick Soderstrom, District 6 Trustee*

*David Danielski, Hammerschmidt School*

*Tod Altenburg, District 44*

*Gayle Kankovsky, 1344 S. main Street*

*John Schroder, 1342 Rebecca*

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Schwarz, seconded by Nolan, to approve. The motion carried by a voice vote

## 4.0 Unfinished Business

080735

### 331 W. Madison

A request from the College Preparatory School of America to install turn restrictive signage. (DISTRICT #6)

*Heniff explained that Community Development anticipates that the school will make an application for expansion soon. They are still working through the details, including traffic control. Staff is recommending that there be no action at this time so the school can address it as part of their expansion.*

**It was moved by Sherretz, seconded by Difino, that this matter be denied in concurrence with staff's recommendation. The motion carried by a voice vote**

080738

### Michael McGuire Drive

A business owner request to modify the parking restriction on three parking stalls from 10 minutes to 2 hours. (DISTRICT #1)

*Kalisik reviewed the item. Changing it to 10 minute limit between 5am-6pm allows those spaced to be used after 6 pm for downtown businesses.*

**It was moved by Nolan, seconded by Difino, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote**

## 5.0 New Business

### 080817

#### **Hill Avenue Bridge, Weight Limit Reduction**

Ordinance amending Article XV of the Lombard Traffic Code (Ordinance No. 1186) with regard to vehicle weight limits. Staff is requesting a waiver of first reading. (DISTRICT #1)

*Johnson reviewed the item. The last inspection showed the bridge is delaminating and thus we will have to reduce the weight limit. The bridge will now be inspected every 6 months. General discussion ensued regarding replacement cost. The Committee suggested that staff investigate the possibility of reducing the weight limit further if it will increase the longevity of the bridge.*

**It was moved by Schwarz, seconded by Nolan, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote**

### 080823

#### **New Street and Hammerschmidt Avenue**

Restricting left turns onto southbound Hammerschmidt from westbound New on school days between 8:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m. (DISTRICT #6)

*Mr. Danielski spoke in support of the No Left Turn. He explained that on a daily basis cars are in a situation where they are head-on because of the back up of cars waiting to get into the circle drive. The Superintendent has been out there, numerous parents would like to see some resolution on this corner. The school community would be very much in favor of this.*

*Mr. Altenburg agreed, saying that the intersection has been a concern.*

*Trustee Soderstrom explained that he was at the site Friday and Monday from 8:10 until 8:45 to observe the situation. There is a lot of congestion. He also said that he would encourage the school administration to review the circle drive drop off procedure. During his observation there were no cars at the north end (the Kindergarten drop off), which is a waste of queing space. Two additional problems are people getting ancy and parking double-wide in the drop off and people not letting their child out until they are the first car. He went on to say that he also encourages the Police Department to, at least initially, monitor the situation.*

*Kalisik reviewed Staffs findings. Deputy Chief Cuny explained that the traffic officers have been working wth Johnson and are aware of the situation.*

*Snead was concerned that forcing the traffic from new on to northbound Hammerschmidt would further exacerbate the situation. Difino pointed out that the New Street traffic will have the opportunity to turn on Harding and then south on Norbury and thereby most likely will not add to the congestion on Hammerschmidt.*

**It was moved by Difino, seconded by Snead, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote**

### 090004

#### **Metra / Union Pacific West Line Draft Environmental Assessment**

Review and comment on the submitted document.

*Heniff reviewed the item.*

Chairperson O'Brien asked how much authority Metra had for condemnation. Heniff answered that both Metra and Union Pacific have fairly broad authority, however the Village is responding that condemnation should not be the first step. The Village suggests that they work with the property owner and the municipality. Difino suggested that since they are willing to pay to acquire the land from the Village and others, perhaps the Village should consider asking them to use the funds for a parking garage. Heniff explained that at this point it's more of a site identification.

Chairperson O'Brien asked if the reason for their raising the line is to increase the speed. Heniff responded that it will allow them to increase the speed and decrease the stacking space between trains. They will be able to run them much closer together. Schwarz asked what the current maximum speed through Lombard is. Johnson answered that he believed it was 60 mph. Schwarz suggested that a representative from metra should talk to trustees. Heniff agreed that is one of the concerns we have based on this analysis. Staff is saying we need more analysis and it sounds like the Committee would like more analysis also, i.e. train speeds.

Difino asked if the decision regarding which municipalities have express pick up is based the number of spots available. If it is then there is some value to our residents to going after this parking. Chairperson O'Brien pointed out that one goal of the circulator system is to increase parking by having less cars used. We want to encourage people to use the bus system. Heniff acced that he did inform Metra of the Village's circulator system efforts. Ideally, that program will start and the demand for additional spaces will be minimized.

Sherretz asked if there were a reasonable number of Glen Ellyn residents coming to Lombard and what is Metra looking at doing in Glen Ellyn. Heniff answered that Metra is looking at the entire corridor. However, because of the fare break at Lombard, its' worth it to the Glen Ellyn residents.

Schwarz commented that in the past there has been a pedestrian crossing problem between Addison and Grace. If there are going to be more and faster trains, pedestrian safety may need to be shored up.

Heniff summarized the Committees comments:

- What is the criteria for express service.
- Making sure that the circulator system and other transportation plans are included and analyzed as part of their review.
- Consider buying one parcel and constructing a parking deck.
- Identify pedestrian crossing issues.

Heniff explained that one of the reasons Metra started this study is because many communities want better service and increased service. He also went on to say that currently Metra does not have any funding, but rather it is a long range vision.

## 6.0 Other Business

Chairperson O'Brien gave an update regarding the Circulator Committee.

Chairperson O'Brien commented that kids at bus stops are having problems because of the sidewalks piled with snow. He asked staff to look into obtaining a route of where the buses pick kids up. Kalisik responded that he will talk to the Operations Superintendent about it.

*Schwarz asked about the status of the application for Safe Routes to School. Kalisik answered that it is still under review by the State.*

**7.0 Information Only**

**8.0 Adjournment**

**It was moved by Difino, seconded by Sherretz, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote**