



**NAPERVILLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF March 1, 2014**

Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Present: Amberg, Benson, DiGiovine-Gehrs, Floegel, McIntosh, Nye, Preissig, Smith

Absent: Polites, Chairman Wencel

Staff Present: Project Manager Caitlin Marcon

B. Minutes Approve the minutes from the November 2, 2013 Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion by:

Amberg

Second by:

McIntosh

Approved, 8-0

C. Public Forum N/A

D. Old Business N/A

E. Public Hearings N/A

F. Reports and Recommendations

F1. City Council Report

Preissig stated that at the November 5 City Council meeting the Council tabled the Brookdale parking box removal and approved Zone 11 recommendations. Smith reported that at the November 19th Council meeting there was a parking restriction on Magnolia Lane that was tabled. McIntosh stated that at the February 18 Council meeting the recommendation to remove the crosswalk at Laurel and Sycamore was rescinded and Council brought for the recommendation to look into a campaign to encourage motorists not to block intersections throughout the City.

F2. Police Department Report

No report.

F3. Recommendation to Establish Parking Restrictions on the North and South Side of Brookdale Road Adjacent to Brookdale on the Park Apartment Complex

Project Manager Caitlin Marcon summarized the agenda item explaining that the Board had recommended removing the parking boxes flanking the Brookdale Swim Club driveway in November. Since then Council had tabled the issue and the City was approached by the Brookdale on the Park Apartment Complex explaining that they were experiencing the same sight distance issues coming out of their driveways and wanted the City to study these driveways in the same manner. City staff performed the sight distance studies and now is recommending the removal of a total of 12 parking boxes along Brookdale that interfere with sight distance when

exiting these driveways.

Public Testimony:

No Public Testimony

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/Discussion:

Amberg

- Asked what will happen during the swim meets in the summer when parking is limited. Marcon stated that during those events patrons will need to park further from the swim club and walk.

Floegel

- Stated the safety of the motorists using the driveways is more important than the convenience of parking during events.

McIntosh

- Concurred the safety of the residents year round is more important than convenient parking during summer events.

Benson

- Asked about overflow parking on local streets. Marcon stated that there is a possibility of parking on local streets, but would have to look into the current restrictions in place.

DiGiovine-Gehrs

- Expressed that though overflow parking does occur in neighborhoods that have facilities hosting summer events, it is usually for short periods of time and expected by those that live in the area.

Recommend to establish parking restriction on the north and south side of Brookdale Road adjacent to Brookdale on the Park Apartment Complex.

Motion by:

McIntosh

Second by:

Floegel

Approved, 8-0

G. Correspondence

G1. Mattande Lane Parking Restriction Request

Project Manager Caitlin Marcon provided an overview of the correspondence item in which a resident had called requesting parking restrictions on Mattande Lane north of North Avenue due to the difficulty of service vehicles making the turns on the Mattande Lane. The resident stated that plows, refuse trucks and delivery trucks are not able to service the area because of the difficulty in movement. Marcon stated that the City has no report of complaints from plowing crews or our refuse collection contractors. The City has no policies in place to enact such restrictions that do not impeded on safety or the flow of traffic. The Home Owners Association provided a letter to be given to TAB.

Public Testimony:

- Joe Jech, 1056 Mattande Lane- Stated the Home owners Association was grateful for the help the City gave when there were safety issues with park goers. He is concerned that when it snows and there are vehicles parked near the corner the plows create snow banks in the middle of street that are difficult to navigate after the cars are moved. Stated the entire Association is in agreement that the restrictions are needed. The private contractors, not the City contractors, are having difficulty getting onto and out of the small courts in the area.

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/ Discussion:

Amberg

- Asked if time restricted parking would really eliminate the problem. Jech stated that the issue with the commuters is that they are parked all day.
- Asked if staff can confirm that daily fee parking at the train station is in fact full on a daily basis. Marcon confirmed that counts show daily fee parking is full by approximately 7:30 AM.
- Stated that this is not a neighborhood parking issue, but is a result of not having enough parking at the train station.

Floegel

- Does not think we can restrict parking on public streets. Stated he sees bus commuters park on his street waiting for the morning bus and then leaving their vehicles on the street all day as well.

McIntosh

- Stated she has visited the site on multiple occasions and has seen the vehicles parked. She does not think we can restrict parking on public streets, but thinks perhaps restricting it to Bernette Ct may help with some of the private contract vehicles.

Preissig

- Asked about the privatization on Mattande Lane. Marcon stated that would need to be researched, but if that was where the Association wanted to take the issue the research could be performed.

Amberg

- Asked about the cost associated with the privatization of a street like Mattande. Marcon stated she would have to get back with the Board on that topic. Jech stated that this is not something the Association would want to take on.

Benson

- Asked if there was interest from the Board in moving the issue forward as an official agenda item. No Motion was made.

G2. Recommendation for FY2014-2014, Fourth Quarter Commuter Permit Issuance and Space Utilization Report

Project Manager Marcon explained that since the 2013 commuter waitlist audit permit acceptance rates are up and therefore parking lot overflow is also up. This quarter it was only recommended to issue 20 Kroehler Lot permits and zero for Burlington and Parkview.

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/ Discussion:

Preissig

- Asked that a fee study be done on commuter parking for permit holders. Suggested perhaps raising fees for downtown parking and lowering them at Route 59 to encourage commuters to use our other station with more parking availability.

Amberg

- Concurred with the idea of a fee study and timing lowering Route 59 permits to help gap the more expensive Metra fees from Route 59 with the end of construction. Marcon commented that staff would follow up with information regarding a fee study.

Nye

- Suggested this might be a great time to look at parking structures again.

G3. Safe Routes to School Application

Project Manager Marcon explained that the City has again applied for grant fund through the Safe Routes to School Program to help in completing sidewalk projects in school zones.

H. New Business

H1. Forthcoming City Council Meeting Responsibilities

March 4 – Nye; March 18 – Polites; April 1 – Preissig

Transportation Advisory Board Questions/ Discussion:

Preissig

- Stated that with schools going to all day kindergarten, is there something the Board and the City can do to better address parking concerns. Marcon informed the board that the City has a working group looking at comprehensive school traffic planning which will include parking restrictions involved in the transition to all day kindergarten.

Amberg

- Amended his City Council report to include parking restrictions on Magnolia Lane and parking restrictions on Brookdale Road.
- Asked about the plan going forward to fill potholes due to the bad winter. Asked if costs are going to be higher due to the amount of damage. Marcon stated she will follow-up with the Department of Public Works to ask about the plan.

I. Adjournment

Motion by:
McIntosh
Second by:
Amberg

Approved 8-0 9:00 a.m.