



**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2010**

CALLED TO ORDER: By Pam Perillo at 8:00 am

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Jay Chiglo, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, and Dennis Wencel

Members Absent: Dan Bauer, Stephen Frost, Joe Gryczkowski, Jim Wilson

Staff Present: Steve Cope, Amy Emery, Kim Grabow and Sgt. Lee Martin

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of August 7, 2010 were approved as written.
Motion by Dennis Wencel, seconded by Myron Sawyer. Ayes: Jay Chiglo, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, and Dennis Wencel. Minutes were approved 7 to 0.

PUBLIC FORUM

OLD BUSINESS:

Valet Transfer Zone for BlackFinn American Saloon-Steve Cope: This item was tabled at the August 7, TAB meeting due to concerns of the affected Jefferson Ave. adjacent businesses.

Staff Recommendation: Remove the BlackFinn American Saloon application for a valet parking permit. Verbally the Valet Company stated they are putting their application on hold indefinitely.

TAB acknowledged the letter sent to BlackFinn and agreed to remove the item from the agenda with no further action taken at this time.

Motion by Deb Stamm, seconded by Mark Jaynes with unanimous approval of members present.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

City Council Report – Mark Jaynes-August 17:

- Council approved converting 43 Permit Parking Spaces to Daily Fee Parking Spaces at the Route 59 Metra Station.
- Turning and parking restrictions were approved for Mistflower Lane for Schullen Middle School.
- Three Park and Ride Agreements were approved between Pace and the City of Naperville.
- On the ground level of the Van Buren Parking Facility 7 parking spaces were converted to 1 hr. parking from 5 am to 7 pm, converting back to 3 hour spaces from 7 pm to 2 am.
- Visitor Temporary CBD Parking Passes for Downtown Naperville were approved.

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City Council Report – September 7 – Pam Perillo: Council approved No Parking at anytime on the west side of Centennial Court. Council tabled the recommendation to relocate two ADA compliant parking spaces on Jackson Avenue to the Riverwalk Parking Lot until input is received from the Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

BPAC Report – Mark Jaynes: No report. BPAC did not meet in August.

Police Department Report-Sgt. Lee Martin: No traffic related issues from the Last Fling. Have had a recent DUI Enforcement Program with more to follow. Will have report on Red Light Running program with the deletion of Right Turn on Red results next month.

Chicago Avenue Truck Loading Zone-Steve Cope: Intent is to create a truck loading zone in the middle of Chicago Avenue through changes in pavement markings on Chicago Avenue between Washington Street and Main Street.

- Trucks parked in the middle of the road allow traffic to pass in their proper traffic lanes in each direction of travel without crossing the centerline.
- One business responded positively preferring a loading zone long enough to accommodate two trucks.
- Downtown Naperville Alliance supports a center truck loading zone on Chicago Avenue.
- Staff will remove temporary pavement markings and install permanent pavement markings prior to the end of the construction season.
- TAB questioned if it would seem to be a vehicle parking area; yellow lines with yellow skips indicate loading zones, not parking areas.
- TAB concurred with this action.

Naperville Downtown 2030 Plan-Amy Emery:

- Downtown Plan began in 2008 – Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC) and City Staff updating the plan – have 50 action items. (Have had 4 public meetings for input.)
- Plan has totally been developed In-House including policies on land use, height, parking, urban design and architecture with Transportation to be reviewed by TAB.

Kathy Benson-51 Forest: Improvement over older plan;

- Streetscape Profile: define what the term is – provide reference to urban development.
- Sidewalk width context desired for new construction.
- Concerns of when Washington Street Bridge Construction will occur.
- Bicycle Access – what about Bicycle Rental and Bicycle Drop Off.
- Circulator Study – need easy movement and larger scale ability to transport people.
- Don't do harm to significant traffic flow by making it worse especially at intersections already below certain levels.

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TAB comments:

- Should incorporate traffic light walking signals for visually challenged pedestrians.
- Parking on Washington Street needs to be addressed; crosswalks; jaywalking.
 - No parking would not allow mid-block walking by motorists.
 - Would allow better speed enforcement.
 - Need to address congestion in the Downtown – only 24 parking spaces on Washington would be lost.
- Jackson and Washington – concerned with the narrow sidewalks on Jackson
- Width of the sidewalks is limiting.
- Build a Riverwalk connection to the Train Station via Benton. Get creative using Center Street and wider sidewalks and better lighting. Promote walking connections.
- Promote alternative transportation with more visible bike racks and lanes.
- Culture of the Downtown – connections to Naper Settlement, North Central College and Schools are strengths.
- Include Bike Routes – are they connected to wider areas, to other bike routes.
- Need signage as to where bike racks are available.
- Need to inspire more bicycle usage.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board supports Section 4 and the Transportation Action Items including Wayfinding and Directional Signage, Pedestrian Access, and Alternative Modes of Transportation. **Motion by Dennis Wencel, seconded by Ava Polites. Ayes: Jay Chiglo, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, and Dennis Wencel. Motion was approved 7 to 0.**

Chicago Avenue Parking Recommendation-Brainard to Sleight Street-Steve Cope:
Jeff Oken-400 East Chicago: Elimination of parking on the south side of Chicago would negatively affect the life of the residents on Chicago Avenue. Four hour limited parking is acceptable. Twenty feet between driveways with parking boxes is acceptable.

Paul Loscheider-North Central College: College wants a safe area to be in place. Need to look at the reality in the area. Boxes will help delineate where people can park. This is an isolated location. North Central College is available to help with enforcement.

TAB was impressed with the study and asked if 20 feet between driveways is enough.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group to establish Four Hour Limited Parking 6 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday on both sides of Chicago Avenue from Brainard Street to Sleight Street as posted and marked. **Motion by Dennis Wencel, seconded by Jay Chiglo. Ayes: Jay Chiglo, Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, and Dennis Wencel. Motion was approved 7 to 0.**

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Fifth Avenue Study Implementation-On-Street Parking Removal on 5th Avenue Between Washington Street & Center Street and Rescind Existing Parking Meter Ordinances-Steve Cope:
Staff: Eliminating 5 parking spaces on the north side of 5th Avenue from Center Street west to Washington will allow commuters and all traffic on Fifth Avenue to leave Fifth Avenue more freely. Back-ups will be reduced. Parking spaces are available on both sides of the former Public Works Building to accommodate the lost of these 5 spaces. Notification will be posted on the numbered signs indicating when they will no longer be available for use by commuters.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group to eliminate five daily fee commuter parking spaces located on the north side of 5th Avenue between Washington Street and Center Street. Rescind all parking meter ordinances. **Motion by Dennis Wencel, seconded by Myron Sawyer. Ayes: Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, and Dennis Wencel. Motion approved 6 to 0.** Jay Chiglo left the meeting at 8:45.

Proposed Multi-Use Parking/Loading Zone for Jackson Avenue-Steve Cope: Business at 109 Jackson Avenue requested a multi-use loading zone for short-term parking needs for passenger vehicles and truck deliveries. Criteria is met for locating a loading zone at end of block, requested by a business with 60% approval of affected property owners and supported by Staff and Downtown Naperville Alliance.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group to establish a 30 minute parking/loading zone in two parking spaces from 6 am to 6 pm on the north side of Jackson Avenue. .
Motion by Deborah Stamm, seconded by Ava Polites. Ayes: Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, & Dennis Wencel. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Weekend Overnight Parking in Downtown Naperville-Steve Cope:

6 month trial period for weekend overnight parking at Central Parking Facility, Van Buren Parking Deck and Municipal Center was approved by TAB and Council in early 2010.

Studies indicated less than half of the overnight parkers remained pass 9 am Saturday Morning. Shoppers were not crowded out of parking space for Saturday Parking. No need to expand overnight parking to weeknights. Word is getting out through signage. Will annually look at program to see if it grows to unacceptable levels.

Motion: The Transportation Advisory Board concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group to establish weekend overnight parking at designated locations in downtown Naperville. **Motion by Deborah Stamm, seconded by Mark Jaynes. Ayes: Mark Jaynes, Pam Perillo, Eva Polites, Myron Sawyer, Deborah Stamm, and Dennis Wencel. Motion was approved 6 to 0.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 with motion by Eva Polites and seconded by Dennis Wencel with unanimous approval. Next TAB Meeting will be October 2, 2010 at 8 am in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie McIntosh, Secretary