

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

Public Safety & Transportation Committee

*Trustee Dan Whittington, Chairperson
Trustee Mike Fugiel, Alternate Chairperson
Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin,
John Schwarz, Robert Corbino, Gary Cation,
Jerry Schaefer and John Mullins*

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fugiel at 7:00 P.M.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 6 - Mike Fugiel, Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, Bob Corbino, Gary Cation, and John Mullins

Absent 4 - Dan Whittington, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, and Jerry Shaefer

Staff Present:

Bill Heniff, Community Development Director
Deputy Chief Kickert, Fire Department
Lt. Grage, Police Department
Matthew Lew, Civil Engineer, Public Works Department

3.0 Public Participation

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michael Corso, seconded by Bob Corbino, that the Minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

6.0 New Business

[170324](#)

Speed Modification Request, 500 Block S. Fairfield Avenue

A resident request to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. (DISTRICT #5)

Lt. Grage explained that Chief Newton and the Village Manager met with Mr. Smolak this week and had a good discussion. He would still like a dead end, but understands he is the only one that wants that and there is nothing further we can do. The Police Department will continue to monitor the area.

Chairperson Fugiel suggested that the item be tabled until the resident can be in attendance.

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by Jennifer Perkins, that this Request be tabled. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[180071](#)

Yorktown Area Development Activity and Traffic Analysis

Bill Heniff gave a presentation regarding development in the Yorktown area.

Cation asked how the tax revenue works for non-retail places such as Orange Theory. Heniff answered that there would be no sales tax dollars from that type of establishment, which is of course one of the Village's largest funding mechanisms. That is where we need to figure out how to strike a balance. Chairperson Fugiel added that is another reason you have to look at the increased density. Integrate more density to make the mall more sustainable. Heniff further added that the residential development is the continuing trend for the foreseeable future.

Mullins pointed out that there are only three exits for the south side of the mall; Highland, Grace and Convention Way. Mullins asked If a vehicle is 300-400 yards back from the traffic signal, how many cycles before it's able to exit. Heniff replied that everyone should make it through in one cycle if the intersection is a level of service (LOS) B. Mullins commented that there is really no place to walk and there didn't seem to be any plan except for one walkway. Heniff agreed and went on to say that the biggest question is at Majestic by McDonalds. When the area on the west side is developed, that is the development that will drive the pedestrian access. However, we will look at each of the access points as we go along. Mullins added that if you want to create an Oak Brook type mall there will be a lot of pedestrians. The speed limit is too fast in Yorktown.

Mullins also talked about traffic back-ups created by McDonalds closing one of their drive up lanes. He stated that sometimes it backs up onto the ring road and sometimes in the morning it backs up onto Highland. Heniff said that he can talk with Yorktown about the situation. Some modeling for that intersection was done as part of Phase 3 & 4 and it is one of the bigger challenges. That intersection needs to be re-engineered, not unlike what was done at Butterfield & Fairfield. Mullins asked what the max occupancy is in the developments. Heniff replied it's 970 units (about 1,400 people). Phase 4 is yet to be determined. It could end up being townhomes. Mullins commented that that will be 1,400 cars trying to go out three exits. Heniff reviewed the Full Build Out slide.

Mullins questioned whether with all these people living there if the number of pedestrians was factored in as well. Heniff replied that that is why we're looking at pedestrian corridors. The expectation is that there will be bike lanes and sidewalks on Grace St. We're focused on Grace right now because that is where the current development is. We want to make sure that whatever improvements are being done, there is a nexus for what's needed now and what will be out there in the future.

Corso asked if there has been any more talk about extending the blue line to Yorktown. Heniff explained that there were some different concepts, but DuPage County could be better served with some smart transit that would connect with the blue line. Cook and DuPage Counties did a lot of traffic studies, through which the Butterfield corridor has been identified. There is some interesting tech such as smart buses. We may have more probability to create more efficient operations for Pace. Fugiel added that DuPage County is currently undertaking a regional transportation study.

Mullins asked what traffic control is planned for the 22nd & Fairfield intersection. Where Target exits on 22nd there is no traffic signal and on the north side there is no porkchop. Heniff explained that discussions regarding that intersection occurred long before 2000. That intersection was looked at for a signal but was met with opposition from residents to the north, so it was never pursued. When the hotel/convention center was constructed, it was thought to direct traffic that way. Mullins commented that he thinks there is more traffic coming out of the Target driveway than Convention Way. He added that his neighbors are afraid they won't be able to get out at Fairfield and everyone will end up going out at Eastgate and that will be backed up. Heniff replied that the Village would then look at the signal. It may just be a timing issue. Lew added that since the Village no longer maintains that traffic signal, we would need to have the volumes and then we would contact IDOT to look at it if there's an issue.

[170478](#)

**Ordinance Amending Lombard Traffic Code Ordinance 1186 -
Speed Limit (Continued from January 4, 2018)**

Recommendation from the Public Safety & Transportation Committee to approve an Ordinance amending the Lombard Traffic Code Ordinance 1186 to reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Grace Street from Madison to Maple. This item was continued to January 4, 2018 from the November 16, 2017 Village Board agenda. Request that this matter be remanded back to the Public Safety & Transportation Committee for further review. (DISTRICT #5)

Lt. Grage explained that the item was returned to the committee to consider including the stretch of Grace between Madison-Wilson as well. Using the same method and adding that stretch, it was determined that the current speed limit is appropriate at 30 mph. Perkins pointed out that the area north of Madison is narrower and there are more residences. She asked if Madison is the point and north of it is 25 mph and south of it is 30 mph. Chairperson Fugiel explained that there was an uneasiness of having several speed limits on Grace between the north end of town to the south end of town unless there is a school, or park, etc. The consensus of the committee is to leave it as is.

A motion was made by Michael Corso, seconded by Bob Corbino, to take no further action. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Michael Corso, Bob Corbino, and John Mullins

Nay: 2 - Jennifer Perkins, and Gary Cation

Absent: 3 - John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, and Jerry Shaefer

[180069](#)

Broadview Avenue Parking Restriction

A resident request to implement a no parking restriction on Broadview Avenue south of North Avenue. (DISTRICT #1)

Lew reviewed the item. Trucks are parking on Broadview by the new Thornton gas station. Staff viewed the site and noticed that several large vehicles were using Broadview to access the facility, which is the design. The church there has two surface lots so they have adequate parking. There is only one resident on the street and they are the requester. Staff looked at turning paths, if there are parked vehicles there is a greater potential for side-swiping. Chairperson Fugiel commented that he went and looked at it and his only concern was the church. Cation asked if it effects Thornton's business at all. Chairperson Fugiel answered that the truck end of that operation is actually on the west. Cation asked if it would steer business away from Thornton. Chairperson Fugiel replied that it's a large facility and there is room for them to park on site. Corso asked if anyone talked to the church about it. Lew replied that staff has not talked to the church. Lt. Grage added taht if you park semis on Broadview they could cause some sight line issues. Mullins asked if signage could be installed that says No Truck or Trailer parking and allow cars. Lew added that there are multiple diesel pumps and there is large aces on the south side of the building. That's where a lot of the trucks are parking. Chairperson Fugiel further added that there is a lot of hardscape between Route 53 and the building to stage trucks. It's a 5 acre site. Mullins asked how long the trucks sit there. Lew replied that the resident said they are there between 20 minutes - 1 hour. Perkins commented that the church may have big events where they would need to park on the street. She also stated that she would like to go see the site and see what is occurring. The committee asked that staff speak with Thornton and the church.

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by Jennifer Perkins, that this Request be tabled . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[180070](#)

Technology Drive Parking Restriction

A staff request to implement a no parking restriction on Technology Drive in the cul-de-sac. (DISTRICT #3)

Lew reviewed the item. Staff is requesting in the cul de sac due to the turn radius.

A motion was made by Jennifer Perkins, seconded by Bob Corbino, that this Request be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

7.0 Other Business

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Electronic Committee Agenda Packets

Staff requests committee input regarding this item.

The consensus of the committee was to receive paper for the action items, but reports will be sent electronically.

8.0 Information Only

[170277](#)

Westmore-Meyers Resurfacing and Path Crossing Improvements

Information regarding the alternative project that has been recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval by the Public Works & Environmental Concerns Committee. (DISTRICTS# 5 & 6)

Lew reviewed details of the alternate project. The Village will still receive federal funding. The project will include resurfacing from St. Charles to Roosevelt Rd. The traffic signals will be optimized and we will be making path crossing improvements. Perkins commented that she had read that the Village will be installing the RRFB at the Prairie Path crossing at Westmore-Meyers. Lew replied that we will not, as the FHWA no longer recommends that for new locations. There was a patent issue that is effecting new sales of the beacons. Perkins asked if we are still considering doing something more. Lew answered that there will be additional signage and pavement markings. Staff will further investigate what else can be done. Corso asked for detail on the fence at the Great Western Trail. Lew replied that a specific height has not been addressed yet, but it will be similar to the Schmale Rd. crossing.

[150468](#)

Fire Department Reports/Information

DC Kickert commented that the end of year shows the department was down by about 100 calls. It was another good year activity wise with partnerships within the village. EMS is still about 75% of the calls.

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Police Department Reports/Information

Lombard was the busiest department on DuComm for the month of December. The department exceeded 60k incidents for the year, which is a lot for us. The department hired three officers in the latter part of the year and we're looking at doing some hiring again due to some upcoming retirements.

Cation asked how it is going with the special parking downtown. Lt. Grage replied that it was given back to the Police Department to look at further. There was some push back from some of the businesses. We're looking at some possible parking in the North Park Parking Lot. It looks like that lot is underutilized.

Chairperson Fugiel told the committee that Chairperson Whittington is now working at a job that he has to work Monday nights regularly and suggested that perhaps the regular committee meeting could be moved to Wednesdays. He also informed them that there is a request to move the March meeting to March 7th. The committee will be polled via email.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by Michael Corso, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.