



TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Room 2404, Evanston, IL 60201

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ald. Wynne, Ald. Revelle, A. Añón, L. Young, B. J. Miller, Ald. Fleming

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Dubin

STAFF PRESENT: Parking Manager Jill Velan, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink, Acting Director of Administrative Services Kimberly Richardson, City Ombudsman Audrey Thompson

PRESIDING MEMBER: Ald. Wynne

1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chairman Ald. Wynne declared a quorum at 6:03 P.M

2. Citizen Comments

Most of the citizen comments were geared towards item 4 the S permit review. The first comment was from Mel Weiner who lives in an area adjacent to the current S district and he questioned the procedure used when the S district was first established. The other comments about District S were from residents who live on Hurd and were complaints about the process in which this issue was introduced. One of the main issues presented by the residents on Hurd was the way that Alderman Suffredin handled the messaging of what he was looking to do in the area and how residents were notified about his goals for the area. The other main issue was that residents are worried that parking would once again become a problem if the district were to be altered in any way.

The discussion then shifted to the proposed Pace/CTA changes. Dan Joseph went over the various route changes for routes 205, 208, and 213 and expressed his belief that the City need to put more pressure on Pace to get across how severe of an impact the proposed changes would be. Ald. Wynne agreed with this sentiment and stated that she had already been in contact with the city manager and mayor about the issue

The discussion then went back to Hurd St and Ald. Wynne officially started the discussion on item 4 on the agenda S Permit District Review

4. S District Review

Ald. Revelle began with the discussing how a parking survey is conventionally run and about how data is collected from a given area. She brings up the Parking Analysis that was discussed in the last

meeting and asks if maybe Ald. Suffredin didn't know about the pending analysis and if this area would be incorporated.

Parking Manager J. Velan stated that due to the city adopting the priority based budgeting that the the parking division would be internalizing the parking analysis but that this was one of the areas that was going to be included.

Ald. Fleming talked about how she believes that the city should be looking at adopting a more rotational analysis of various city ordinances. She believes that just because a decision was made about an area in the past that it doesn't mean that habits don't change. She would urge that the city looks to come up with a policy where decisions made are automatically brought up for review instead of waiting for complaints from residents in a given area.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2018

Item 1

**Motion to approve made by Ald. Revelle and seconded by L. Young
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. District S Review (reprisal)

Parking Manager J. Velan just asks for some clarification about the timeline introduced by Ald. Suffredin and it is decided that a little more time to conduct the survey of the area makes sense. Parking will survey the area and bring the data back to the committee in July of August of 2018

The discussion closed with some comments from Acting Director of Administrative Services Kimberly Richardson about what would be included in the public record in regards to the survey.

5. Transportation for Evanston Update

City Ombudsman Audrey Thompson talked about the evolution of the Taxicab Coupon program into the new Transportation for Evanston program. She talked about how the old program (Evanston Benefit Card) was not robust enough to meet resident needs. Program participants were not treated well when using coupons because taxi drivers knew they had a coupon and didn't feel the fare was fair.

With the new program participants who qualify would have two different options either a debit card or the traditional taxicab coupons. Coupon support will continue at least until April 2019 when the coupons will be revisited. Coupons are still being used because of the learning curve involved with teaching participants how to use smartphones/debit cards to eventually eliminate any potential discrimination and also open up riders to using rider programs like Lyft and Uber. There are also different subsidies based on income User will be issued benefits based on income. Group One: City will match up to \$125 for a total not to exceed \$250 per month. Group Two: City will match up to \$75 for a total not to exceed \$150 per month (2 different annual income requirements \$0 - \$15000 and \$15001 - \$30,000) The Taxicab coupon cost was increased to \$5 (from \$4).

Additional focus groups and teaching seminars will be taking place throughout the rest of the year beginning in May 2018.

Ald. Wynne acknowledges that there isn't a lot of time left in the meeting but want to bring up the Pace/CTA issues again.

Alex Añón asked alderman Wynne a timeline as to when she talked to the mayor and/or city manager

Ald. Wynne notes that she has been in contact a few times but reached out again after the most recent CTA meeting (April 24th)

It was also mentioned that these changes were made to be as imminent as they apparently are based on the presentation that Pace made at the March committee meeting.

6. Transportation & Parking Committee Membership Update

To be brought back to the May meeting to then go to the rules committee in June

7. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Fleming seconded by Ald. Reville at 7:07 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Committee Meeting is May 23, 2018.