



## TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ald. Revelle, T. Dubin, L. Young, A. Añón, B. J. Miller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ald. Wynne, Ald. Fleming

**STAFF PRESENT:** Parking Manager Jill Velan, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink,

**PRESIDING MEMBER:** Ald. Revelle

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### 1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chairman Ald. Revelle declared a quorum at 6:04 P.M.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019

#### Item 1

**Motion to approve made by L. Young and seconded by B. J. Miller**

**A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

### 3. Citizen Comments

**Note – Comments were broken up into two parts of the meeting, a summary of all comments are included here.**

An Evanston small business owner talked about parking struggles for his employees and how they have worries walking to and from the public garages when it's dark out. He is hoping that the City can come up with an alternative that allows for employees to park in residentially permitted areas.

There were a few citizens who wanted to speak about issues with the newer parking pay stations that have been installed around the city. The main issues dealt with the inability to pay for longer than 2 hours on either the app or via the physical pay station. The citizens wanted to express that they felt unwelcomed in Evanston anymore and they wanted to let it be known that they were not talking about Downtown Evanston but more for outlying areas.

### 4. Loading Zone – 602 Davis (15 Minute)

Parking Manager Jill Velan started with talking about how this item has been discussed in the past and staff was directed to come up with an administrative policy. While that policy is still being worked out this particular loading zone has a more time sensitive need. Originally the request for a loading zone in this area was from Pâtisserie Coralie but a second request was received for this block from Gather Daycare. The recommendation is to use the last space on the south side of the

street in front of 602 Davis as a 15 minute loading zone for the block. Some questions from the committee included if hazard lights would need to be used by drivers, and how far from the intersection the recommended space is, and if the businesses had rear access.

Alex asked about how a truck being parked there would affect the visibility, and if the middle of the block was considered for the space. He doesn't believe there is enough visibility for pedestrians / bicycle riders at the suggested space if a truck is parked here.

Jill stated that this is a currently used legal space that meets all of the necessary requirements to be an effective loading zone, she also stated that originally the City was considering the middle of the block, however, the need based on the pick up / drop off of the daycare made using the recommended space more viable .

## **Item 2**

**Motion to recommend a 15 minute loading zone in front of 602 Davis made by L. Young and seconded by B. J. Miller**

**A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-1 (A. Añón voted no)**

## **5. Complete & Green Streets Policy Report**

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink wanted to give an update to the committee based on the current data available. However, she is looking to come back to the committee with an update that is only dealing with projects to be completed in 2019.

Alex asked about speed limits in Evanston from a pedestrian and cyclist perspective.

Jessica talked about how you most of the streets in Evanston have a 25 mph speed limit which is among the lowest you will find in an urban area in the country. She notes that some streets do have higher speed limits and that these streets are not currently being considered for bicycle usage.

Terri asked about a specific item on page 11 of the report and B. J. Miller also asked about the way that the questions are being answered by developers. Jessica talked about how this shows how the entire survey needs to be reevaluated. She talked about how the current questions are too open ended and she is still working on coming up with less open ended questions that can provide quantifiable data.

It was asked if Jessica was working on updating and reevaluating the survey questions and how she was looking to update the survey. Jessica spoke about how when you look at how the questions were originally conceived you need to take into account who was writing the questions at the time. Now that the City has seen what the response has been it can make changes and improve the process to make sure the data received is quantifiable and actionable.

## **6. 807 Greenwood Parking**

Parking Manager Jill Velan talked about the area in front and along the side of the building (Sherman Ct.). Currently the parking here is not part of the residential district and is not metered. The City has not seen people using a residential permit to park in this area. So the recommendation

would be to use the parking on Greenwood as short term parking (up to 2 or 3 hours) and using the Sherman Ct. parking as long term parking (up to 12 hours) as a pilot to create an area where parking is paid with the ParkEvanston App only.

The main issue that the committee expressed was only having the ParkEvanston app as an option to pay and the suggestion was to use signage to limit the parking on Greenwood until hardware could be installed so that payment could be accepted at the site.

Jill suggested pulling the item back and coming back to the April meeting with a larger area if needed.

A resident spoke about the immediate need and the inability to wait till then. Alex asked about the ownership of the parking lot in the back of the building and it was determined that the lot belongs to the 805-807 Greenwood building.

**Item 3**

**Motion to recommend short term parking (up to 2 hours) on both sides of Greenwood and long term parking in Sherman Ct via Park Evanston App made by L. Young and seconded by T. Dubin A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0**

**7. Support of Metra & Transportation Bill**

There was talk about general support for this bill.

**Item 4**

**Motion to recommend support the Metra Resolution Support of a Date of Illinois Capital made by L. Young and seconded by B. J. Miller  
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0**

**8. 1600 Block of Lincoln Street Pilot**

Jill talked about the wanted to change the existing restrictions from a 7 am – 9 am restriction to a 2 hour residential restriction during the day from 9 am – 6 pm for 6 months

**Item 5**

**Motion to recommend changing the residential restriction on the 1600 block of Lincoln from a 7 am – 9 am restriction to a 2 hour restriction made by B. J. Miller and seconded by T. Dubin  
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0**

**9. Transportation Updates**

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink talked about a new ride share company “Via” that has entered the market.

She also spoke about how the Parklet Policy is on hold as the only company that had an active permit has decided not to renew and there are no applications pending.

**10. Parking Updates**

Jill spoke about how the 2 hour parking limit (for paid parking) is more evident due to new technologies. She talked about how business needs have changed and the 2 hours being the standard may not be sufficient. She suggested that a 3 hour limit could be an option. She also suggests potentially using a demand based pricing model.

**11. Adjournment**

**A Motion to adjourn was made by B. J. Miller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Dubin at 7:45 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

The next Committee Meeting is March 20, 2019.