



## **TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ald. Revelle, Ald. Wynne, Ald. Fleming, T. Dubin, A. Añón, B. J. Miller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim Parking Manager Mike Rivera, 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 6:01 P.M.

### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2019**

#### **Item 1**

**Motion to approve made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by T. Dubin**

**A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

### **3. Citizen Comments**

Dan Stein spoke as an Evanston resident about the District R restrictions on Sheridan Square. His concern was about the 22 spaces on Sheridan Square that have a 24 hour restriction. He stated that with the CIP project at Garden Park that the pilot program here should be ended to bring these spaces in line with the other parking spaces along Sheridan Square.

### **4. Introduction to Shared Micromobility - Intro**

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink show a presentation that highlighted the different types of micromobility that have started to become more prevalent and how different micromobility options have expanded in the past few years. She talked about the current options in Evanston including the city owned Divvy stations. She talked about how equitable the current city program is since you can pay with cash and aren't required to use an app or smartphone. She talked about how the market trend appears to be headed toward dockless bike options.

The presentation then went over Electric Micromobility options including electric scooters and electric bicycles. She mentioned the pilot program in Chicago for electric scooters. She also talked about some of the challenges of dockless options including sidewalk clutter, theft, vandalism, finding available vehicles, regulation, safety (helmets are required for personal bikes/scooters so hard to force on shared solutions).

## **5. Electric Micromobility in the Public Right of Way - Intro**

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink continued from the previous presentation to focus on electronic bicycles (e-bikes) and electric scooters (e-scooters). She went over the different classifications of e-bikes

Class 1 = pedal assist up to 20 mph

Class 2 = throttle up to 20 mph (no pedaling required)

Class 3 = pedal assist up to 28 mph

The current Evanston city code that prohibits the use of e-bikes was passed in 2012 before federal guidelines were passed. With the federal guidelines now in place and newer technologies it may be time to update the city ordinance.

Some questions from the committee focused on the current infrastructure and the lack of east /west travel options. The committee talked about even if the city doesn't want to allow e-bikes the overall ordinance should be looked at and updated.

## **6. Parking Time Limit Changes 6/1/2019 – Update**

Interim Parking manager Michael Rivera talked about the expanded time limits in various areas around the city. In most areas outside of downtown, the time limits were either expanded to a 4 hour time limit all day or it would become a 4 hour limit after 5 pm. A list of the areas is included in the packet. Some questions were asked about the current signage in parking lots, using GPS to help parkers determine which zone they are in, and zone sharing. Mike Rivera talked about how staff is already looking into update signage in the lots and will look into having the app use GPS to determine zones. For zone sharing staff has been exploring options with the vendor and will bring updates to a future meeting.

## **7. Updates**

**Parking** – Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera talked about the current pilot program that extended 22 of the 100 plus parking spaces in Sheridan Square to resident only to a 24/7 restriction. This differs from the rest of the district as the area is restricted from 9 pm – 6 am only. Based on what staff could find it appears that the pilot should have ended back in 2017 but the signage for these 22 spaces remains unchanged. Staff was looking for a recommendation as to how to proceed with this area.

Committee comments were varied as some felt that since the pilot did not pass council it should be removed immediately, while others felt that there are extenuating circumstances and that the pilot should remain in place until a more comprehensive review of the area could be done. It is suggested that this item come back to July's meeting for action.

**8. Adjournment**

**A Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Fleming and 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. J. Miller at 7:40 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next Committee Meeting is July 24, 2019.