



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 – 7:30 PM

A regular meeting of the River Forest Traffic and Safety Commission was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Present at this meeting were Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Gillis, Commissioner Karrow and Commissioner Osga.

Commissioner Gillis makes a motion to approve the minutes from May 18, 2022, Commissioner Chase seconded the motion. All commissioners voted to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2022, Traffic and Safety Meeting. The motion passed.

Jeff Loster, Director of Public Works and Development Services, introduces the Village's Transportation Engineering Consultant, Kenit, Lindgren, O'Hara, Aboona, Inc. (KLOA) to present their findings and recommendations regarding the Northeast Traffic Study that was performed.

Michael Werthmann from KLOA introduces himself and presents the study that was performed, including data collected, findings and recommendations.

Commissioner Osga requests that all comments from the public be withheld until the KLOA presentation is completed.

Michael Werthmann completes his presentation and the Commission receives public comment. The public comment made by residents that are present are all in support of traffic calming measures being implemented, however, those present feel that the measures identified in the KLOA report are not adequate in addressing the cut-through traffic that they experience.

There are further questions expressed by the public regarding the validity of the data collected and general indication that the data collected is not aligned with the volumes and speeds of traffic that is experienced by them. Additional public comment includes the following:

- a) There are cars turning left during evening rush-hour, even though signage is in-place. Once traffic backs-up, additional cars start turning left
- b) LeMoyne should be a dead-end
- c) Bonnie Brae should be a dead-end
- d) Signage does not work
- e) Fenwick athletic events leads to excessive parking on Division/Greenfield and will likely get worse as the utilize the property more in the future

The Commission discusses the findings of the report and public comment that was provided to discuss potential implementation measures that can be considered.

Included in the Commission discussion are the following elements:

- a) Installation of a cul-de-sac at Bonnie Brae, just south of North Ave, that would still allow businesses to operate during rush hours
- b) Installation of “pork chops” at Clinton Place and William St at their intersections with North Ave
- c) Making LeMoyne on-way (east) from Bonnie Brae to Harlem to stop eastbound cut-through traffic
- d) Parking on William near Fresh Thyme – the recommendation in the KLOA study to remove the loading zone restriction on the west side of Monroe would make it difficult for Fresh Thyme delivery trucks to enter the loading dock off of Monroe Ave
- e) Installation of a “pork chop” on Monroe Ave
- f) Signage alone is not effective
- g) No left-turn restriction from Harlem to Greenfield – 24/7
- h) A good selection of traffic calming tools is needed for future considerations – ones that align with public safety and Public Works needs

Commissioners Osga and Gillis agree that the cut-through traffic in the northeast corner of the Village is substantial and that the recommendations from the KLOA report are not adequate in addressing the issue.

Commissioner Osga makes a motion to table the discussion until the next Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting in order to further review the recommendations from KLOA and consider the public comment that was made this evening. Commissioner Karrow seconded the motion. All commissioners voted to table the remaining discussion. The motion passed.

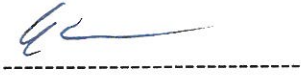
The Commission also requests that Village Staff send a letter to Fenwick in the meantime in an effort to convey concerns about parking (busses and visitor vehicles) along Greenfield.

An additional request of KLOA was made by the Commission to provide additional and more substantial improvement options beyond those that are identified in the KLOA report, such as cul-de-sacs, right-in/right-outs and bump outs for further consideration at the next Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Bill Koclanis, Secretary

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Doug Rees, Chairman
Traffic & Safety Commission

Date: 5-17-23

