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VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK

**Village Hall
20 S. Ardmore Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181**

Traffic and Safety Commission

March 5, 2024

8:00 PM

Chairperson J. Pienkos

Commissioners: Jack Cuthbertson, Joey DeTomaso, Vicki Flaskamp, Edward McMurray, Carl Timmerman, Karen Timmerman, and Bob Wagner

Please Note: The commission created herein shall act in an advisory capacity to the corporate authorities in all matters of traffic and safety which are referred to the commission or which are initiated or investigated by the commission on its own motion.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Amendments to the Agenda**
- 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items**
- 5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
- 6. Presentations**
 - a. Report of the Bike, Pedestrian, and Transit Subcommittee
- 7. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Consider approval of pending minutes from the Traffic and Safety Commission meeting held on February 6, 2024
- 8. Old Business**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Commissioner Comments**
- 11. Chairperson Comments**
- 12. Village Board Liaison Comments**
- 13. Village Staff Comments**
- 14. Adjournment**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic and Safety Commission
FROM: Kevin Mantels, Assistant Village Engineer
DATE: March 5, 2024
SUBJECT: Report of the Bike, Pedestrian, and Transit Subcommittee

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

BACKGROUND:

DISCUSSION:



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN VILLAGE HALL BY THE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024

1. Call to Order.

Chairperson Pienkos called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Ex-Officio Mantels called the roll.

PRESENT: Cuthbertson, DeTomaso, McMurray, Pienkos, C. Timmerman, K. Timmerman,
Wagner.

ABSENT: Flaskamp.

Staff Present: Kevin Mantels, Assistant Village Engineer.

Board Present: None.

Others Present: None.

3. Amendments to the Agenda.

None.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items.

None.

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

None.

6. Presentations.

6a. Report of the Bike, Pedestrian, and Transit Subcommittee.

Commissioner Wagner gave a report of the Bike, Pedestrian, and Transit Subcommittee. Commissioner Wagner mentioned that the last meeting of the subcommittee was on 01/25/2024. The meeting included a presentation by Tom Marcucci, former Mayor of the City of Elmhurst and current DuPage County representative on the Pace Board of Directors. Presentation topics included funding shortfalls for public transit, reduced ridership due to COVID, and options for reducing the shortfalls. Mr. Marcucci also mentioned a program called Ride DuPage, in which senior citizens and other qualifying individuals can use Pace

ride services and assistance in DuPage County at no cost. Aside from the presentation, topics discussed at the BPT meeting included the subcommittee's coordination of a Walk / Roll to School Day with North Elementary School on Wednesday, 05/08/2024; planning for bike month in May; the Gold Shovel Program; and an update from the most recent meeting of the DuPage Rail Safety Council.

7. Approval of Minutes.

7a. Consider approval of pending minutes from the Traffic and Safety Commission meeting held on November 7, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Traffic and Safety Commission meeting held on November 7, 2023, was made by Commissioner K. Timmerman and seconded by Commissioner C. Timmerman. Voice vote passed with all ayes.

Motion carried.

Minutes approved.

7b. Consider approval of pending minutes from the Traffic and Safety Commission meeting held on January 2, 2024.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Traffic and Safety Commission meeting held on January 2, 2024, was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner DeTomaso. Voice vote passed with all ayes.

Motion carried.

Minutes approved.

8. Old Business.

None.

9. New Business.

None.

New item(s).

Commissioners discussed concerns received from a resident regarding several topics, including snow plowing operations during the most recent winter weather event that resulted in the blocking of the public sidewalk on the west side of Villa Avenue in front of strip mall at the southwest corner of Villa and St. Charles; and the lack of north-south bicycle routes in the village. Some commissioners noted that they had received similar concerns from members of the public. Ex-Officio Mantels responded that there were several potential improvement projects that were currently at some stage of development and that were expected to include bicycle and pedestrian amenities, including: Villa Avenue from Wildwood to IL 64, which was currently under design; Ardmore Avenue from Madison Street to St. Charles Road, which had been awarded federal STP funding; Ardmore Avenue from St. Charles Road to IL 64, which had been awarded federal STP funding; and Ardmore Avenue from IL 38 to Madison Street, which was expected to be awarded federal STP funding. Ex-Officio Mantels also mentioned that the village had recently completed a Railroad Grade Separation Feasibility Study and had applied for external funding for preliminary Phase I engineering of potential future grade separation projects. Those potential projects would be extremely costly and take many years to complete, but if implemented, they could potentially provide for one or more grade-separated bicycle and pedestrian routes across the railroad.

10. Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner DeTomaso had no report or recommendations.

Commissioner Wagner had no report or recommendations.

Commissioner Cuthbertson mentioned that at the entrance into the frontage road for the North Avenue Townhomes, motorists were no longer obeying the "No Parking Here to Corner" signs that had been installed. Ex-Officio Mantels responded that he would advise the Police Department of the issue. Commissioner Cuthbertson also mentioned that at the Canadian National Railroad crossing at Addison Road, the concrete foundations and poles supporting the train lights and gates were still in need of attention. He noted that as the foundations continued to deteriorate and the poles continued to lean further and further, the railroad would simply adjust them but not address the underlying issues. Ex-Officio Mantels responded that staff would reach out to the Canadian National Railroad again.

Commissioner McMurray had no report or recommendations.

Commissioner K. Timmerman mentioned that early voting for the primary election would begin in March. She also noted that DuPage County voters could vote at any polling place, and that citizens could be registered to vote at polling places on election day.

Commissioner C. Timmerman had no report or recommendations.

11. Chairperson Comments.

Chairperson Pienkos mentioned that the previous Thursday, he had been driving on Addison Road at Vermont and witnessed another motorist disregard the stop signs and drive through the intersection at approximately 45 mph. Chairperson Pienkos also noted that one of the flashing stop signs at Addison and Sunset was not working. Ex-Officio Mantels responded that staff was aware of the issue, that an order of new flashing stop signs had recently been received, and that staff planned to replace the non-working flashing stop sign as soon as staff was able.

12. Village Board Liaison Comments.

None.

13. Village Staff Comments.

Ex-Officio Mantels had no report or recommendations.

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner C. Timmerman and seconded by Commissioner K. Timmerman. Voice vote passed with all ayes.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin L. Mantels
Assistant Village Engineer

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024.