

**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION
AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
September 20, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present:

Chair Pete Kosanovich
Commissioner Amy Avakian
Commissioner John Brooks
Commissioner Thomas Kelly
Commissioner Erica Lord
Commissioner William Swanson
Commissioner Jose Venegas

Others Present:

Chief Brian Budds, Police
Deputy Chief Ashlee Niezgoda, Police

Public Present:

None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

2. Roll Call

Present were Chair Pete Kosanovich, Commissioner Amy Avakian, Commissioner John Brooks, Commissioner Thomas Kelly, Commissioner Erica Lord, Commissioner William Swanson, and Commissioner Jose Venegas. Also present were Chief Brian Budds, Police, and Deputy Chief Ashlee Niezgoda, Police.

3. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2021

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Lord seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Review and Consideration of Proposed Parking Regulations – 4300 Block of Howard Avenue

Chief Budds referenced a memo in the packet that was prepared by the principal of Field Park School and a PowerPoint presentation by petitioner Mike Dahl. Staff has taken their recommendations under consideration and agrees that these improvements make sense. Since the Commission has not met to amend an ordinance, temporary signage was posted and the signage did improve the conditions.

Staff recommends the Commission advance this to the Public Health and Safety Committee to make the signage permanent on the west side of the 4300 block of Howard, no parking 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. on school days. Staff also wants to add a “no parking between signs” sign on the east side of the street. The school had wanted the sign to say “no parking or loading” but it was decided to simplify it to “no parking” only.

MOTION: Commissioner Avakian made a motion to agree and pass the recommendations along to the Public Health and Safety Committee. The recommendations are no parking on the west side of the street from 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. on school days and on the east side of the street no parking between the signs. Commissioner Venegas seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and will advance to the Public Health and Safety Committee at the October meeting.

6. Review and Consideration of Proposed Parking Regulations – 800-900 Blocks of Hillgrove and Burlington Avenues

Chief Budds explained that a business district parking plan was done years ago and some of the recommendations involved parking, particularly on weekends when people park and then take the train and so the cars are there taking spaces from the businesses’ patrons. It is recommended to create uniform signage to make it 2-hour parking seven days a week between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some signage now is only Monday through Friday. These signs will be changed to remove the Monday through Friday language.

MOTION: Commissioner Kelly made a motion to replace the Monday through Friday 2-hour parking signs with signs that say 2-hour parking from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 800-900 blocks of Hillgrove and Burlington Avenues, including a small piece of Lawn Avenue. Commissioner Venegas seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and will advance to the Public Health and Safety Committee at the October meeting.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Avakian made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Venegas seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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