

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Temporary Chairman Cope called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:02 P.M., Tuesday, December 3, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

On roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: Temporary Chairman Cope, Trustees Hlepas Nickell, Klatzco, Sargon, Patel, Ikezoe-Halevi  
ABSENT: President Bass

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst; Andrew Letson, Public works Director; Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Doug Hammel, Development Manager; Ben Harris, Accountant; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Dan Dem, Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of November 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting were presented for approval.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2019, seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Motion to approve passed by a voice vote.

**Regular Business**

**1. Discussion Regarding Bike Lanes on Pratt Avenue between Crawford and Cicero Avenues**

This item was presented by Andrew Letson, Public Works Director, using PowerPoint. Mr. Letson provided background information of Pratt Avenue and the striping that took place in 2016.

Mr. Letson showed and explained the proposed conditions for a bike lane from Lincoln to Cicero Avenues along Pratt Avenue. Mr. Letson spoke of the section of Pratt Avenue that is two lanes at Crawford Avenue for a short distance. Mr. Letson shared an alternative version for

a bike lane with the Village Board. Mr. Letson shared accident data for this section of Pratt Avenue from Lincoln to Cicero Avenues. Mr. Letson also stated that the data showed an increase in rear end accidents in the proposed area.

Mr. Letson stated that a designated bike lane would cost \$48,000 and that staff's recommendation is to take no action at this time.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated it is great to have these bike lanes but the designated parking on Pratt Avenue has made it difficult for cyclists. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that she does not recall Pratt Avenue parking striping coming before the Village Board nor coming before the Traffic Commission as she was on that commission at the time of the striping. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that she feels it warrants further discussion before spending \$48,000.

Temporary Chairman Cope clarified with Trustee Hlepas Nickell that she is asking for both sides of Pratt Avenue to not have parking stripes. Trustee Hlepas Nickell clarified that she would like bike lanes on both sides of Pratt Avenue and keep it consistent all along Pratt Avenue. There was further discussion.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated she lives on Pratt Avenue and she is pro bicycles. Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated before the designated parking it was like four lanes of traffic with speeding.

There was further discussion regarding the designated bike lanes and painting of those lanes.

Trustee Klatzco agreed with Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi that having the striping for parking on Pratt Avenue has slowed down the traffic. Trustee Klatzco also spoke of how east of Crawford Avenue that parking is really tight on the east end.

Mr. Letson stated that staff recommendation is to do nothing at this time.

Resident Dale Wickum came forward to speak regarding the proposed bike lanes. Mr. Wickum spoke of having the parking lines making it difficult to cycle down Pratt Avenue. Mr. Wickum stated he feels \$48,000 is nothing to spend for bike lanes as he feels it would make it safer for cyclists. Mr. Wickum encouraged the Village Board to pursue bicycle lanes.

Resident Mary Butler came forward to speak regarding the bike lanes. Ms. Butler stated it is her understanding that the police wanted striping for parking as a traffic calming device. Ms. Butler noted that she is very pro bike lanes.

Trustee Patel stated that car parking was minimal west of the Valley Line Trail. Trustee Patel stated that east of Crawford Avenue on Pratt Avenue cars have been parking there for years, especially on the south side of Pratt Avenue. Trustee Patel asked if it was possible to do protected bike lanes. There was further discussion.

Trustee Sargon stated the Village needs to do something regarding biking on Pratt Avenue. Temporary Chairman Cope suggested for the protected lanes that it be on one side of the street

west of Crawford and then east of Crawford Avenue it should be on the other side of the street on Pratt Avenue.

Trustee Patel stated he didn't want the protected bike lanes to jog from one side or the other. Trustee Patel stated he would like the parking and the protected bike lane to be on the same side of the street. Trustee Patel stated moving the bike lane from one side to the other doesn't work and isn't safe.

Mr. Letson stated the challenge is that in certain sections of Pratt Avenue the width changes. Mr. Letson stated certain areas of Pratt Avenue would not be wide enough for protected lanes as parked cars are allotted a minimum width of seven feet and then there would need to be a special curb and that in certain areas it would be really tight.

Temporary Chairman Cope asked about tabling this item until staff can look at the suggestions presented. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated yes on tabling the item but that she wanted something brought forward by spring.

By a voice vote this item was tabled to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

## **2. Discussion Regarding 7300 North Cicero Avenue Parkway Parking**

This item was presented by Doug Hammel, Development Manager, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Hammel gave a background on the property of 7300 North Cicero Avenue. Mr. Hammel spoke of the problem the property owner is having accessing the loading dock for his building. Mr. Hammel stated the property owner is looking to have one parkway parking spot removed to allow access to the loading area.

Mr. Hammel stated the property owner has tried to put signs up to restrict parking in that area.

Mr. Hammel stated staff is looking for Village Board direction as to whether or not the property owner can restrict parking for the one parkway parking space. Mr. Hammel stated the exhibit in the Ordinance shows that space is not a parking spot but the Ordinance does not necessarily reflect this. Staff's interpretation is to get clarification from the Village Board. Mr. Hammel asked the Village Board the appropriate process to amend the Ordinance.

Nik Turik, petitioner, came forward to answer questions.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she felt it was important that the petitioner go through the process so that the neighbors would be notified to make sure they do not have an issue. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that she felt this should be considered by the traffic commission.

Temporary Chairman Cope asked Mr. Turik to explain the issue with the property. Mr. Turik stated the spot by the loading dock is not designated for the loading dock. Mr. Turik stated he marked off the spot so no vehicles could park so the loading dock could be accessed and neighbors complained. There was further discussion regarding the parking spot.

Mr. Hammel stated the goal originally was to create additional parking with the parkway parking. Mr. Hammel stated there was no specific language in the Ordinance regarding the space and is looking for the Village Board to clarify.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated the Village Board could amend the Ordinance but it should go before the Traffic Commission for review first.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi asked about hours for the use of the loading dock. Mr. Turik stated it is only once a week for delivery.

There was further discussion.

Trustee Klatzco stated that if that is the drawing that was certified with the Ordinance then the plan holds.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated if a sign is going to be posted there should be a public hearing prior to their placement.

Temporary Chairman Cope stated if looking to amend the Ordinance to say something more specific it should not only go to the Traffic Commission but also to the Plan Commission.

Mr. Hammel reiterated that this parking space is parkway parking and would not be part of the properties parking spaces.

There was further discussion as to what action the board should take.

Temporary Chairman Cope suggested that a meeting be arranged with the neighbors and the petitioner to find out what the issues are. This way the petitioner won't have to go for a formal process.

The Village Board concurred.

Anne Gaura, Village Manager, stated that if the meeting with the residents is not successful then the item would need to come back before the Village Board.

Temporary Chairman Cope stated it is better to meet with the neighbors to figure out what the other issues are that the neighbors might have.

The Village Board recommended the petitioner and staff arrange a meeting with the neighbors. There was further discussion regarding the lack of language in the Ordinance and the exhibit in the Ordinance.

Mr. Hammel asked for clarification from the Village Board as to what they perceive the spot to be so they can clarify to the public. Mr. Hammel stated it was his understanding that the Village

Board perceives this one spot to be intended for the loading dock and is not a designated parking spot. The Village Board concurred.

The Village Board directed staff to conduct a meeting with the neighbors of this property regarding the spot near the loading dock.

### **3. Discussion Regarding a Proposed School Bus Depot at 6995 North Central Park Avenue**

This item was presented by Mr. Hammel, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Hammel presented information to the Village Board regarding the location of the property which is located in the town center Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Mr. Hammel stated the petitioner is asking the Village Board if they support the use of a school bus depot for the property at 6995 North Central Park Avenue.

Mr. Hammel showed the Village Board the proposed development.

Mr. Hammel stated the petitioner is seeking informal feedback from the Village Board. Mr. Hammel stated that being in a PUD it would require a PUD amendment. Mr. Hammel stated that once they receive favorable feedback from the Village Board, they would move forward and go through the formal process.

Trustee Sargon stated that right now there is a lot of discussion on this area and that this use does not align with what the Economic Development Commission (EDC) is proposing. Trustee Hlepas Nickell agreed. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated she is very much for the Vision Plan for the site and would like something like the EDC proposed.

Trustee Patel stated these are two standalone acre sites so use is limited. Trustee Patel stated that someone putting a building on the site would increase the property taxes, even though it may not be the use the Village wants; it matches the uses around it.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that maybe the Village should consider doing something with that property.

There was further discussion regarding the property.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated this is not a development she is interested in for that site.

Trustee Klatzco stated he has issue with the proposed use as there other bus depots in the area already and it will create more traffic and more pollution.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi stated she wants to see the land developed but she does agree with Trustee Klatzco's comment.

Temporary Chairman Cope asked the Village Board if they are for the use. Upon voice vote the Village Board unanimously agreed this is not a use they would like to see for that site.

Mr. Hammel stated this is not a formal action, just an advisory action and the interested party may still come forward with a formal request for the property.

**Public Forum**

None

**Adjournment**

At 7:17 P.M. Trustee Patel moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole and move to Close Session regarding Purchase or Lease of Property Per Section 2(c)(5), seconded by Trustee Sargon.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

**Reconvention**

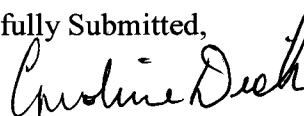
At 7:38 PM Mayor Bass reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**Adjournment**

At 7:38 PM Trustee Klatzco moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting seconded by Trustee Sargon.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caroline Dick  
Deputy Village Clerk