



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board

Thursday, September 5, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Melaniphy called the September 5, 2024 Transportation Advisory Board Meeting to order.

B. ROLL CALL:

This was closed.

Present 7 - Jennifer Bruzan Taylor, Scott Hurley, Alice James, Michael Krzywinski, Michael Melaniphy, Nigel Neibel, and James Webb

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Emma Orend spoke on Naperville's Bike and Ped Plan update. She states that the current timeline is too slow and should be accelerated. She invites TAB members and the public to a roundtable meeting at the municipal center. The meeting will be about making Naperville safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Melaniphy asks Staff for an update on the Bike and Ped Plan update.

Transportation Manager Michael Prousa states that an RFP will be put out sometime in late 2024/early 2025. This has been pushed because of staffing shortages on the Transportation Team.

This was closed.

D. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Police Department Report

Police Sergeant Derek Zook gave a Police Department Report on the grants and enforcement initiatives over the past few months and the future.

Melaniphy thanked the Police Department for the veteran wrapped vehicle for Labor Day.

1. Approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024, Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Neibel, approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Neibel, and Webb

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Prousa gives a presentation on AltaVida requesting a valet transfer zone on Jefferson Avenue east of Washington Street.

Mary Moy-Gregg and Edwin Rios who are representing AltaVida stated the parking hardship for their patrons and are requesting valet parking for AltaVida. She mentions that out of town guests do not know the area and where to park. Mr. Rios mentions that with a new event space, patrons will struggle to park.

Webb asks whether a valet spot was at this location previously and if the spot had any issues.

Prousa states that in the early 2010s the spot was active and no issues were observed.

Prousa states that staff would prefer to delay the signage installation until late October because of the streetscape project on Washington.

Melaniphy states that the board did receive public comment on this item from Marilyn Schweitzer and those comments will be entered into the minutes as an attachment.

Councilwoman Bruzan Taylor asks Sergeant Zook about his concerns regarding the intersection.

Sergeant Zook has concerns about potential back up but he does support the ordinance. He states that observations should be made.

Councilwoman Bruzan Taylor states that she has concern about the valet spot and that it creates confusion for vehicles. She also states that 50 percent of our sales tax are from people that do not live in Naperville. She has not heard that out of town people have a hard time parking.

James asks what impact this would have on the available parking within the garages.

Prousa states that sufficient parking is available within the parking garages to handle this request.

Hurley asks if any reserve parking would be available for the valet parking.

Prousa states that nothing is reserved but they are required to use certain parking garages.

Krzywinski asks what street the streetscape project is on.

Prousa states the project is on Washington but also impacting the intersection of Washington and Jefferson.

Krzywinski asks if curb bump outs are apart of the streetscape project.

Prousa states that is not apart of the project on the east side of Washington and Jefferson.

Krzywinski asks roughly the distance from the valet spots to the intersection.

Prousa states he doesn't have an exact number but it is probably 3 to 4 vehicle lengths.

Melaniphy asks about the new restaurant on the corner of the intersection and whether they are open yet.

Prousa states they are not open. He also states that he spoke with the owner of the restaurant and they have no concerns.

Melaniphy asks if other high end restaurants have valet parking on that block.

Prousa states that they do not, but it is written in the code that other restaurants can use a shared valet spot.

Melaniphy states that he is worried about the congestion and that this intersection is very popular. He asks if the owners want the opportunity to address the social media rumors around the restaurant.

Edwin Rios states that they have addressed the concerns. He states that they overshot how busy they would be. He states that everyone has been paid.

Edwin Rios states that their neighboring restaurant would be interested in the valet spot as well.

Krzywinski asks what the process would be for evaluating the parking spot if it becomes an issue.

Prousa states that Staff would do an evaluation and not renew the yearly application if an issue was presented.

Melaniphy asks if the application cost covers the signage installation.

Prousa states that it would.

A motion was made by Krzywinski, seconded by James, denied.. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Hurley, James, and Krzywinski

Nay: 3 - Melaniphy, Neibel, and Webb

3. Approve the recommendation to amend the existing valet parking ordinance

Prousa gives a presentation on restricting valet parking on Jefferson Avenue

A motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Webb, approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Neibel, and Webb

4. Approve the recommendation to restrict parking in residential districts

Prousa gives a presentation on the update to the on-street parking ordinance for vehicles that are overweight.

Webb states that he is happy with the ordinance change.

Councilwoman Bruzan Taylor states that this ordinance should help curb the issue.

Hurley asks about any type of public outreach that explains where these trucks can park.

Sergeant Zook states that the vehicles are not authorized to be on the streets anyway because the residential streets are not truck routes. He states that PD reaches out to the companies to try and get compliance. He states that the residential streets are not meant to handle the weight of the vehicles. He states that the drivers should reach out to the big box stores for permission.

Melaniphy asks what the plate is.

Sergeant Zook states that it does not impact personal vehicles like pick-ups but it does impact the semi-trailers.

A motion was made by James, seconded by Krzywinski, approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Neibel, and Webb

E. OLD BUSINESS:

Engineering Manager Andy Hynes gives a presentation on the projects going on in Naperville.

Melaniphy asks Hynes about the 248th Avenue expansion.

Hynes gives an update on the project and the current plan is to start construction in 2026.

Melaniphy asks Sergeant Zook about the school year starting.

Sergeant Zook states that overall the school zones are working well but that parents should remind themselves of the traffic control plans.

This was closed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

Melaniphy states that the openings on the board are being reviewed and new members will be joining shortly.

This was closed.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Krzywinski, to adjourn the Transportation Advisory Board Meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Neibel, and Webb

Agenda Item: 24-0880

Please do not support this request by Alta Vida for valet parking.

1. Such a restricted and dedicated valet parking designation converts public parking to private parking for the sole benefit of particular business and not the community at large. Currently, the policy is that once an area is designated for valet parking during specified hours, it can no longer be used for parking nor for other vehicles to drop-off/pick-up passengers or items.
2. Under the current policy, every new valet zone makes parking or drop-off/pick-up harder for non-valet customers.
3. Not everyone wants, needs, or can afford valet parking.
4. The current requested spots would convert 2 hr parking spots to valet parking. The spots are not currently multi-use as staff notes, at least according to the attached screen shot from Google Maps as of June 2024.
5. ADA parking and places to drop-off/pick-up passengers or items is already very limited in the downtown. The attached map is what is [currently shown on the city's website](#). It hasn't been updated since 2017 and is outdated. For example, it shown none of the valet areas where downtown patrons are now prohibited from parking or dropping off passengers. It also does not reflect that there is no longer ADA parking on Jefferson where one of the Alta Vida parking places is proposed.
6. Families with small children and low-mobility patrons deserve more public accommodation not less.
7. The lack of sufficient drop-off/pick-up places in the downtown causes vehicles instead to load/unload from vehicles in the driving lanes creating a safety hazard. We need less of this, not more.
8. Catering to one business in an area and at times where parking opportunity is low or limited hurts other downtown businesses. Just last week, a restaurant owner in the downtown told to me that potential patrons had called then to cancel dining plans because they could not find parking in the area. On Fridays, according to [Naperville's Downtown Parking Viewer](#), parking is already low or limited from 6pm to 9pm in the Chicago Avenue parking garage from 5pm to 9pm in the VanBuren Avenue parking garage, and from noon til 10pm in the Water Street parking garage. (The [Naperville's Downtown Parking Viewer](#) is not functioning for Saturday.) I don't know the DNA's take on this, but I do know asking businesses between Washington and Ellsworth is limited in scope. That area has a fewer number of evening businesses than on Chicago Ave, Jackson Ave, or Washington St near the proposed valet zone.

If the valet parking ordinance and valet parking signage were altered to allow drop off and pickup of passengers from **any** vehicle in a designated valet transfer area, I wouldn't oppose this. But, under the current ordinance, lack of existing parking, and inaccurate downtown parking documentation, support for additional valet parking is not warranted.

Agenda Item: 24-0881

I support prohibiting valet transfer zones along Jefferson Ave between Main St and Washington St. I additionally wish the ordinance would explicitly allow drop off and pickup of passengers from **any** vehicle in a designated valet transfer area, not just for those using valet services. Parking in the downtown is frequently low and limited already when valet services operate. Restricting and dedicating spaces for valet parking converts public parking to private parking for the sole benefit of particular business and not the community at large. Please consider further changes to the ordinance.

Agenda Item: 24-1030

I support this, but additionally recommend the following:

1. Please extend the ordinance to apply for standing as well as parking. I believe a large number of the complaints residents have had are due to the noise and exhaust of large occupied vehicles left running while pulled over into a parking zone on a residential street. If the ordinance only applies to unoccupied vehicles, those residents will have no relief.
2. I sympathize with drivers of large vehicles finding places to park or stand. Please request that the police let drivers in violation know where they can legally park or stand. Please also request that the city ensures sufficient parking and standing zones exist for such drivers who ultimately are serving Naperville residents.

Sincerely,

Marilyn L. Schweitzer