

**Village of Shorewood
Public Works Committee
February 6, 2023**

Call to Order: Trustee Ircink called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Members Present: Trustees Ircink (Chair), Lynn, Moore Baldauff

Others present: DPW Director Leeann Butschlick, Assistant Manager Chris Anderson, Clerk Toya Harrell, Planning & Development Director Bart Griepentrog

1. Review bike lane options for 2024 Downer Avenue reconstruction.
 - Discussion Points
 - i. Director Butschlick reviewed the reconstruction timeline for Downer Avenue that is slated for 2024 and reported that the Parks and Public Spaces Committee unanimously recommended (January 10, 2023) inclusion of marked bike lanes in the Downer reconstruction design.
 - ii. Resident comments
 1. Chris Kuss, 3551 Downer, asked if a traffic study or counts justified the need for bike lanes. He stated that he would review the Ped and Bike Plan and the Traffic and Parking Study. When questioned, he stated his preference for parking on the west side if reduced.
 2. Scott Knuth, 2600 E Beverly, stated that zoning should be taken into consideration when considering elimination of parking as should the number of properties with frontage on each side of Downer. He supported maintaining parking on the east side of the road.
 - iii. Trustee comments
 1. Trustee Lynn stated his personal preference would be the shared roads concept.
 2. Trustee Moore Baldauff stated a need for more marked space for safety and is leaning more towards designated lanes or, as Trustee Lynn stated, a shared road concept.
 - Follow-up
 - i. Next meeting agenda of the PW Committee will include consideration of recommendation to full Board.
2. Consider Appeal of Parking Regulation Request for No Parking on North Side of E. Kensington Blvd. between N. Bartlett Ave. and the public alley.
 - Discussion points
 - i. Director Griepentrog reviewed an appeal that was denied based on the street analysis.

- ii. Appellant Rachel Pocras, 4545 N. Bartlett, displayed a photo of the 1700 block of Kensington which showed vehicles illegally parking in violation of winter parking restrictions. She noted her original concern that street width did not allow for parking on both sides of the street and clear passage of traffic. She also expressed concern regarding illegal U-turns in the Kensington/Bartlett intersection.
- iii. Trustee Lynn agreed that the area is difficult to drive through, however he would lean towards keeping the parking regulations the same. He stated that he appreciated that traffic needed to move slowly through the area.
- iv. Trustee Moore Baldauff questioned if there was conversation about enforcement in the area due to improper parking. Director Griepentrog affirmed that there have been requests made to the Police Department to have that area observed.
- v. Ms. Pocras noted that the No Parking signs are hidden behind trees, making them difficult to see.
- vi. Trustee Ircink questioned if the signage can be updated or moved in a better way so it can be easier seen.
- vii. Director Butschlick noted that she would have her crews review the signage.

1. Trustee Lynn moved to affirm staff's denial of the request based on the Village's standard practice and lack of unique circumstances. Trustee Moore Baldauff seconded with a request for a friendly amendment to have staff explore updated and modernizing signage in the area. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Trustee Lynn moved adjournment, seconded by Trustee Baldauff. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann Butschlick
Director of Public Works