



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 PM

Remote

I. Call to Order

Village President Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. She authorized a statement be read providing that the meeting is being held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines and that it is not prudent to have people present at the Village Board's regular meeting location due to public health concerns related to that pandemic.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

Absent: 0

III. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Village Trustee Enyia, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

IV. Minutes

- A. [MOT 22-9](#) Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Remote Meeting of December 6, 2021 and Special Remote Meeting of January 10, 2022 of the Village Board.

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Enyia, to approve the Motion. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

The following person read their Non-Agenda Public Comment aloud:

Gail Galivan: Gail Galivan spoke their non-agenda public comment aloud. They expressed their concern regarding the apparent coercion of the village regarding vaccine mandates as unconstitutional and requests the data behind the decision.

Deputy Clerk Linda DeViller read the following Non-Agenda Public Comments aloud:

Anonymous 1: An anonymous comment was submitted in regards to an editorial in the Wednesday Journal on January 4, 2022, which they consider hatefully written towards those who decide against getting vaccinated from Covid-19. They included an email exchange between themselves and the Editor, Dan Haley.

Anonymous 2: An anonymous comment was submitted in regards to the Cook County Department of Public Health and Oak Park Health Department's unlawful mandates upon businesses to mandate in violation of individuals' civil rights and other Constitutional violations. They do not believe there is an approved vaccine against Covid-19.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested clarification on the allowance of anonymous Public Comment.

Village Attorney Paul Stephanides responded public commenters are allowed to not share their address. Attorney Stephanides will research this more fully.

Village President Scaman also requested clarification on the allowance of repetitive public comment submissions.

VI. Village Manager Reports

Interim Village Manager Lisa Shelley reminded the Board to review the calendars that were attached to the last board meeting. She then introduced Public Works Director John Wielebnicki to give an overview on the winter plowing and salting program.

Director Wielebnicki then gave an update on snow and ice removal and an overview of their process for the snow and ice control program.

Interim Village Manager Shelley then introduced Police Chief LaDon

Reynolds who gave an update on the January 15, 2022, Zone 7/8 Resident Beat Officer town hall crime surge meeting. The next update will be at the Zone meeting on Tuesday Feb 8 at 7pm.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested clarification regarding the consideration of implementing violence prevention teams and violence intervention and partnering with surrounding communities as a non-police intervention strategy that would engage crime interruption specialists into the community to work with community members.

Chief Reynolds responded they have considered this as a strategy. As it relates to the crime happening in Oak Park, they find the majority of individuals committing these crimes are not from Oak Park. Because these individuals live primarily in the city of Chicago and other jurisdictions, engaging in violence prevention strategies would not be in the purview of the Oak Park Police Department or Oak Park as a village. They do, however, engage in these strategies when it pertains to people from Oak Park, but it may not be applicable from a strategic standpoint with the latest crime surge in southwest Oak Park.

Village Trustee Buchanan requested clarification regarding if there is data indicating there is a surge in crime happening specific to southwest Oak Park.

Chief Reynolds responded crime is increasing everywhere, but there is more violent crime occurring specifically in southwest Oak Park.

Village Trustee Robinson commented they attended the virtual town hall meeting. They wanted to convey to the residents who spoke at the town hall that their concerns were heard and are very much on the Board's radar to figure out what the best way is to address their concerns and the alarming increase in crime and criminal activity.

Village Trustee Robinson requested clarification if the Flock camera system that was discussed at this meeting will allow the village to participate in the networked database of information.

Chief Reynolds responded yes, the initial relationship established with Flock was to gain access to the data from other communities which would allow us to see in real time what is going on and to track a vehicle that came into Oak Park. If Oak Park adds cameras, that will add to the network of information for other municipalities to access.

Village Trustee Enyia requested clarification if the camera system would enable the ability to catch speeding as well and if there would be the ability to issue citations or tickets through the camera system.

Chief Reynolds responded that is not what the camera system is built for.

Village Trustee Parakkat commented they wanted to ensure the community that they are doing everything possible to keep the community safe and that he has full faith in the police department.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla expressed concerns of creating a surveillance state by implementing this camera system. Chief Reynolds responded there have been extensive conversations with the residents and this system is in response to what the residents have asked for as another tool to help solve crime.

Village Trustee Taglia commented he is interested in ending the rolling shootouts, to see some criminals caught, and eliminating lawless activity in the village. He is in support of whatever resources are necessary to achieve those outcomes.

Village Trustee Enyia requested clarification on if the cost for the cameras is known or if this is something that will come to the Board for approval at a later date.

Chief Reynolds responded the initial phase will not meet the threshold of needing Board approval, but will work with the Village Manager's office to ensure whatever steps are taken are appropriate.

Interim Village Manager Shelley added there were some traffic questions raised during the town hall meeting as well which are being reviewed by the engineering staff, including cul-de-sacs which are not allowed in the village per village policy.

Village President Scaman clarified cul-de-sacs are not something that we are permitting in the village and that she is not in support of cul-de-sacs to solve the problem.

Village Trustee Enyia requested clarification on the cost of cul-de-sacs versus speed bumps.

Village Engineer Bill McKenna responded installing a cul-de-sac costs around \$60,000-\$75,000. Speed bumps typically cost \$5,000-\$10,000.

VII. Village Board Committees & Trustees Liaison Commission Reports

Village Trustee Buchanan reminded the Board that iGov is sponsoring a sustainability column that will be in the paper once a month.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested clarification on the status of filling the Farmer's Market Manager vacancy.

Interim Village Manager Shelley responded they are in the process of filling the vacancy. The Farmer's Market is in the process of transitioning from the Development Customer Services department to the Health department.

VIII. Citizen Commission Vacancies

- B. [ID 22-24](#) Board & Commission Vacancy Report for January 18, 2022.

There was no discussion for this Item.

IX. Citizen Commission Appointments, Reappointments and Chair Appointments

- C. [ID 22-25](#) Motion to Consent to the Village President's Appointment of:
Citizen Involvement Commission - Sheila Wesonga, Appoint as Member
Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee - Gregory Buchanan, Appoint as Member
Disability Access Commission - Gary Arnold, Appoint as Member
Disability Access Commission - Gabriela Sierra, Appoint as Member

It was moved by Village Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Village Trustee Robinson, to approve the Report. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

X. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Taglia, to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- D. [RES 22-1](#) A Resolution Approving a Task Order for Professional Engineering Services with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for Design Engineering Services for the Project 23-1, Water and Sewer Improvement Project, in an Amount Not To Exceed \$256,000 and Authorizing its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- E. [RES 22-2](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Engineering Services for Pavement Management Program Support in an Amount Not to Exceed \$69,680, Authorizing its Execution and Waiving the Village's Request for Proposals/Bidding Process for the Agreement
- This Resolution was adopted.
- F. [RES 22-3](#) A Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement with JLJ Contracting, Inc. for the Construction of an Enclosure Adjacent to the Northeast Elevator/Stair Tower on the Second Level of the Village-Owned Oak Park River Forest High School Parking Structure to Change the Not-To-Exceed Amount From \$76,400.00 to \$80,050.00 and Authorizing Its Execution.
- This Resolution was adopted.
- G. [RES 22-10](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Allied Garage Door, Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed \$35,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2022 and Authorizing its Execution
- This Resolution was adopted.
- H. [RES 22-11](#) A Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Construction by Camco, Inc. for the 2022 Water Service Line Replacement Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution
- This Resolution was adopted.
- I. [RES 22-12](#) A Resolution Approving a Purchase Price Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Ferguson Waterworks, for Materials for Repair of Water Mains and Sewer, Fire Hydrants, Water Services and Sewer Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2022 and Authorizing its Execution
- This Resolution was adopted.
- J. [RES 22-13](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Support Services with Bellefeuil, Szur & Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 Pursuant to the Software License and Services Agreement Dated July 20, 2016
- This Resolution was adopted.
- K. [RES 22-14](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Credit/Debit Card Merchant Processing Services with Chase Paymentech in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2022
- This Resolution was adopted.

- L. [RES 22-15](#) A Resolution Approving Annual Expenditures For Credit/Debit Card Merchant Processing Services With Heartland Payment Systems in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 Pursuant to the Pricing Agreement Dated February 11, 2013, from Heartland Payment Systems
This Resolution was adopted.
- M. [RES 22-16](#) A Resolution Approving Annual Expenditures For Monthly Bank Fees with Huntington National Bank in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 Pursuant to Huntington National Bank's Designation as a Village of Oak Park Authorized Depository
This Resolution was adopted.
- N. [RES 22-17](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Online Bill Payment Services with Invoice Cloud, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 Pursuant to the Billing Services Agreement with Invoice Cloud, Inc. Dated December 11, 2017
This Resolution was adopted.
- O. [RES 22-18](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures for Annual License, Usage, and Support Fees for Workforce Ready Software with Kronos Incorporated in an Amount Not to Exceed \$33,400 for Fiscal Year 2022 Pursuant to the Agreement with Kronos Incorporated Dated June 19, 2017
This Resolution was adopted.
- P. [RES 22-19](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Unified Parking Citation and Permit Management System Services with Passport Labs, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 Pursuant to the Professional Services Agreement with Passport Labs, Inc. Dated September 6, 2018
This Resolution was adopted.
- Q. [RES 22-22](#) A Resolution Approving Expenditures For Annual Postage Replenishment With the United States Postal Service in an Amount Not to Exceed \$125,000 for Fiscal Year 2022
This Resolution was adopted.
- R. [RES 22-23](#) A Resolution Approving Annual Expenditures for Office Supplies With Warehouse Direct, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$56,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 Pursuant to the Purchase Price Agreement with Warehouse Direct, Inc. Dated July 31, 2018
This Resolution was adopted.
- S. [RES 22-25](#) A Resolution Authorizing Annual Expenditures for Digital Communications

Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$36,408.09 for Fiscal Year 2022
Pursuant to a Master Subscription Agreement with Granicus, LLC Dated
January 18, 2020

This Resolution was adopted.

- T. [RES 22-28](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement in Cook
County Circuit Court Case Number 2020 L 010056

This Resolution was adopted.

- U. [MOT 22-3](#) A Motion to Approve the December 2021 Monthly Treasurer's Report for
All Funds

This Motion was approved.

- V. [MOT 22-4](#) A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$8,528,187.17 from
November 23, 2021, through January 6, 2022

This Motion was approved.

- W. [MOT 22-7](#) A Motion to Approve the Unaudited Year-to-Date Quarterly Financial
Report as of December 31, 2021

This Motion was approved.

XI. Regular Agenda

- X. [ORD 22-3](#) Concur with the Plan Commission's Recommendation and Adopt an
Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for a Major Planned Development
Containing a Six Story Residential Building Consisting of 45 Dwelling Units
and Parking at the Property Located at 7 Van Buren Street

Interim Village Manager introduced the Item.

The following persons spoke their Agenda Public Comments aloud:

Carol Elazier Davis: Carol Elazier Davis spoke their public comment
aloud in opposition to the development at 7 Van Buren. They expressed
concern over the lack of parking spaces provided in the proposed
development as it would negatively impact the parking in the neighborhood.

Jim Gilchrist: Jim Gilchrist spoke their public comment aloud in opposition
to the development at 7 Van Buren. They spoke of 3 areas of concern; the
height and width of the development, the allowances requested, and the
discrepancy with the rendering and reality of the building. The development
is over the zoned height of 45 feet, resulting in it being twice as high as any
other building in the neighborhood. The development is requesting a width
allowance of being built 15 feet past the lot line and over the public
sidewalk and into the street, not allowing a buffer for the neighbors or

neighborhood, and the scale will pose functionality issues and bad sightlines coming out of the alley (traffic and safety risk). The building renderings are a drastic departure from the residential neighborhood, completely ignoring the neighborhood in which it is placed and changes the feel of the neighborhood.

Tim McCoy: Tim McCoy spoke their public comment aloud in opposition to the development at 7 Van Buren. They are concerned with a variety of unresolved issues of the development, including the placement of the garage and dumpsters, the proposed balconies, the shading of the neighborhood homes, the building's sustainability, and the development's proximity to the Poley building, a historically land marked building. Due to these concerns, they asked the development not be approved.

Donna Rolf: Donna Rolf spoke their public comment aloud in opposition to the development at 7 Van Buren. They are concerned with the process and lack of transparency from the developer and the treatment of the neighbors opposing the development. They feel the developer did not follow guidelines for neighborhood meetings, ignoring or not answering questions. Those who were in opposition to the development faced backlash and removal of signage from private property. They ask the application be denied until the process can occur in a respectful manner where the issues and concerns raised by the neighborhood are addressed and the developer complies with the building code.

Theresa Carilli: Theresa Carilli spoke their public comment aloud in opposition to the development at 7 Van Buren. They raised a concern that the Plan Commission voted 5 to 3 for this building which makes it feel that something is off with this development. They are concerned the development threatens the harmonious neighborhood, and the rental rates of the units will prohibit and affect the diverse community and may result in a depreciation of property values. They are also concerned the building will overwhelm the area and request to make it fit into its space and into the neighborhood.

Corey Wesley: Corey Wesley, Chair of the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation (OPEDC) spoke their public comment aloud in support of the development at 7 Van Buren. He shared his excitement for the development being presented that was designed to align with Oak Park's core values - affordability, sustainability, equitability, accessibility, and welcoming. If approved, the building will serve as a visible reminder to what the community stands for and that what the village can build when we are intentional about aligning development with our values.

Wayne Pierce: Wayne Pierce, Chairman of the Board of the Oak Park

Residence Corporation. spoke their public comment aloud in support of the development at 7 Van Buren. Oak Park Residence Corporation owns the current building at the proposed site. They feel it is an underutilized property that has seen better days and sees this development as an opportunity to put what would be the equivalent of a Class-A building on Austin Boulevard.

Sophie Ball: Sophie Ball, a senior at Oak Park River Forest high School (OPRF) spoke their public comment aloud in support of the development at 7 Van Buren. She attended the United Nations Climate Conference, COP26, as a representative of local youth in the climate movement. They feel aggressive local climate action needs to happen, and the 7 Van Buren development encompasses that. The development provides measurable action towards reducing Oak Park's impact on the environment while ensuring equity and social justice is vital to solving the climate process. The development sets Oak Park on the right track towards sustainability and to setting an example for the type of city you want to leave in the hands of the next generation.

Athena Williams: Athena Williams, the Executive Director of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, spoke their public comment aloud in support of the development at 7 Van Buren. They feel the development will help bring racial and economic integration to the community and will give an opportunity to shine a light on this particular area as a place to live.

Gary Cuneen: Gary Cuneen, the Executive Director for Seven Generations Ahead, spoke their public comment aloud in support of the development at 7 Van Buren. They feel, in addition to the climate benefits, that the development provides the additional benefits of affordable and accessible housing units, giving the village an opportunity to lead on climate and lead on equity. They feel the development represents the type of change that is needed locally, regionally, and globally and presents the village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Residence Corporation with the opportunity to be a model for communities across the Chicago metro area and beyond.

Interim Village Manager Shelley then introduced Tammie Grossman, the Director of Development Customer Services, and Craig Failor, the Village Planner, who gave a brief overview presentation of the proposed development and the developer's application.

Plan Commission Chair Iris Simms then gave a detailed overview of the Plan Commission's process for the review of this proposed development.

David Pope, the President of the Oak Park Residence Corporation, then gave a detailed overview of their proposed development. They spoke to the development as a response to some issues regarding other developments in the community (height, geography, doing something on the east side of the village, affordability, sustainability and accessibility). They commented the concerns are related to change and anytime there is change people get nervous and concerned about what the potential negative impacts may be. They hope the community will give this project a chance because there are positive potentials in charting out a new course for what development can be here in the community and beyond.

Village Trustee Taglia requested clarification on the parking concerns. Director Grossman responded it's a self-fulfilling prophecy - if you don't have parking the owner will need to make sure they inform prospective tenants who then may choose not to live there if there is no available parking. Tenants who might need to get access to the Green Line may be more likely to rent at that location. There is overnight parking available in that area, although it is not a guarantee they will be able to park close to the building. So, the owner will need to communicate that when recruiting tenants. While not ideal, the parking issue is workable.

Village Trustee Robinson requested clarification on how the available parking spaces will be allocated.

David Pope responded the intent for the marketing materials to be highly oriented towards people who will not need cars as an attempt to attract those who see the benefit of living a block from the Blue Line as well as other alternate modes of transportation. The expectation is to be intentional towards attracting people to the building that will not have cars. In terms of the 17 available parking spaces, they will be leased on a first come/ first serve basis.

Village Trustee Robinson requested clarification on the public art piece of the proposal.

Director Grossman responded Oak Park Residence Corporation would need to work with Camille Wilson-White from the Oak Park Area Arts Council to develop a plan for the public art piece. Typically the public art piece will fit into the development site; on a rare occasion they have opted for a monetary contribution in lieu of art, and in those instances would look at what the art dollar amount has been paid for similar sized projects and make a recommendation based on that.

David Pope added the intent is to have that piece onsite. But, it is a unique situation that the development is in the Arts District, so there may be an opportunity to instead have a piece of public sculpture along Harrison Street which could help augment and accentuate the notion of the Arts District as

an attraction.

Trustee Robinson then expressed her support for this development.

Village President Scaman requested clarification on the use of Divvy Bikes and Zip Cars as related to this development.

Director Grossman responded there may not be an opportunity to work with Divvy at this location unless they would do something on the Chicago side. In terms of car sharing, there have been conversations with Zip Car about possibly expanding a location on the eastern portion of the village, but nothing is confirmed at this point.

Village Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on the solar array modeling aspects of the development.

Tom Bassett-Dilley, of BDA Architects, responded as part of the requirement to pursue the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Net Zero Building Grant, they are required to meet certain 3rd party certifications. They then gave a detailed overview of their modeling process.

Tom Bassett-Dilley added the solar array is designed to cover most of the roof and a portion of the south wall that will meet the energy requirements. The one caveat is how the residents operate the building will have a lot to do with what the actual energy use is. Part of the nature of this project is helping to educate and inspire people to not use a lot of energy.

Village Trustee Parakkat expressed his support for the development and commented just as we are trying to preserve our historic architecture it is important that we also invest in the future.

Village Trustee Enyia requested clarification on the power consumption taken in from the solar array and if there is expected fluctuations in excess energy amounts.

Tom Bassett-Dilley responded they are planning for a 10% overage and plan to be a little bit over what the building is predicting to consume. Any excess energy goes back into the grid and is banked as an energy credit for any future need.

Village Trustee Buchanan requested clarification regarding if the building is plumbed for natural gas or if it is an all electric building.

David Pope responded it is all electric.

Village Trustee Buchanan then recognized the extremely well run opposition to this development who brought up multiple good points that garnered some great discussion. Village Trustee Buchanan then

expressed some concern regarding the parking issue and hopes that the Residence Corporation will be intentional in their marketing to the appropriate tenant base.

Village Trustee Buchanan then expressed their support for the development and is excited to invest in the Austin area as well as to vote in the best interest of Oak Park as a whole.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla expressed their appreciation for the thoughtfulness that has gone into this development. They then asked for clarification regarding the number of affordable units in the proposed development versus the current building.

David Pope responded the current building has 12 units and the new development would have 9. He commented there is some truth to the concerns that replacing some units that are currently at \$1,200 with units that are likely to be \$1,500 to \$1,600 as a sort of loss of housing related to that income demographic. He added the Residence Corporation could house all of the people that would be in the current 12 units right now, what they could not do is find additional really high-quality accessible units that people who can only afford to contribute \$400-\$500 toward their rent.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla request clarification if the development will increase the rent rates of the surrounding buildings or lead to a displacement of people who are currently in that community who may not be able to afford higher rents.

David Pope responded he did not believe this building would have that impact as it is a new construction and is qualitatively different from the other building stock in the area, which are primarily from the 1920's and are limited by virtue of their design and age in terms of the types of amenities that come with that sort of building.

Village Trustee Taglia commented this is a complex development seeking to wrap a lot into a small envelope. He acknowledged the frustration of the residents who are facing something that they did not anticipate having to deal with. He supports the intergenerational aspects of the project and how it may positively impact accessible living for seniors, and he is confident down the road this will be looked upon as a successful endeavor that advanced affordability, sustainability, and accessibility during a time and a place where it was most needed.

Village Trustee Enyia expressed his support for the development, and commented this is a difficult choice to make and understands the shock of the residents to see a large development go up. The future is going to be brighter if we start to think of ways to be more creative and to actually

impact the environment around us in a smart way.

Village President Scaman expressed her gratitude for all the work from staff and the commissions regarding this development. She commented there is still work to be done in working with neighbors with developments like this that are potentially going to change what they believe is their quality of life. She thought the opposition was well organized and thoughtful. The neighbors in that area have created a beautiful neighborhood and it is apparent they are a tight network and she is hopeful the community will come to love this development once it is complete.

David Pope then gave his cell phone number (312-498-6001) for anyone who would like to reach out to his with any concerns or questions.

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to adopt this Ordinance. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- Y. [ORD 22-4](#) **Concur with the Plan Commission's Recommendation and Adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Vacation of a Certain Portion of Van Buren Street located between Austin Boulevard and the North-South Alley West of 7 Van Buren Street in the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois****

Village Trustee Parakkat left the meeting at 10:15 P.M.

Interim Village Manager Shelley introduced the Item.

Director Tammie Grossman then gave an overview of the Item.

There was no further discussion of the Item.

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Taglia, to adopt this Ordinance. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Parakkat

- Z. [RES 22-26](#) **A Resolution Authorizing the Creation of an Oak Park Vaccination Requirement Order - Continued Business Assistance Grant Program and****

request the use of American Rescue Plan Act Funding in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000 and Approving Guidelines for the Program

Interim Village Manager Shelley introduced the Item.

Director Tammie Grossman gave a brief overview of the Item.

Village Trustee Buchanan requested clarification for the purpose and the amount of the request.

Director Grossman responded the amount is to cover costs incurred with checking the vaccination status of patrons as well as to cover any lost revenue.

Village Trustee Robinson requested clarification on if there is an expiration date for the health order.

Interim Village Manager Shelley responded there is not one currently.

Village Trustee Robinson expressed her support for this Item given the possibility of unanticipated expenses related to the health mandate, and it is fair to support businesses for expenses that are in connection with that.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla expressed her opposition to this request as businesses have already received PPE loans and other ARPA funds. This money should go towards people and giving the community high-quality masks. She understands businesses have been hit hard by the pandemic, but people have been hit hard as well and we should take care of people first and foremost.

Village President Scaman is in agreement with purchasing high-quality masks to distribute to the community but understands they are hard to obtain. She requested staff to work with the Health Director to try to obtain masks for distribution if possible. She reminded the Board that many Oak Park business owners are also residents.

Village Trustee Taglia requested verification that there is a need and a demand for masks for the community who are unable to obtain them, especially as the federal government will be distributing masks in the near future.

Village Trustee Enyia expressed his support for this Item and supporting businesses during this vaccine requirement mandate, as well as his support for obtaining high-quality masks for those in the community who are exposed to public places and schools.

Interim Village manager Shelley added staff will work to see about obtaining high-quality masks and report back.

It was moved by Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla, seconded by Village Trustee Robinson, to adopt this Resolution. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 5 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Taglia

NAYS: 1 - Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Parakkat

AA. [MOT 22-1](#)

A Motion to Concur with the Transportation Commission's Recommendation to Not Add Y-7 Permit Parking and Not Remove Current Daytime Restrictions on the West Side of the 500 Block of S. Cuyler Avenue, Between 511 and 531 S. Cuyler Avenue.

Interim Village Manager Shelley introduced this Item.

Director Tammie Grossman then gave a brief overview of the Item. She brought to the Board's attention that staff is recommending a different motion than what the Transportation Commission is recommending with this Item.

Sean Keane, Parking and Mobility Services Manager, then gave an overview of the Item and staff's recommendation. Lot 44, located at the corner of Madison and Highland, will be closing. In anticipation of the loss of permit parking, staff brought forward a recommendation to the Transportation Commission to add approximately 11 parking spaces on the west side of the 500 block of South Cuyler and removing the daytime restrictions which would essentially provide 24 hour parking. The Transportation Commission denied staff's recommendation at their November meeting.

Transportation Commission Chair Ron Burke then stated the commission ultimately denied staff's recommendation out of concern that it is just a piecemeal approach to parking issues and feel it is not sustainable. The commission endorses a significant expansion of the number of parking spaces that will be available for overnight parking. Expanding significantly where people who have overnight permits can park will go a long ways towards addressing the concerns we are seeing with the things like this parking lot loss.

Director Grossman added staff is in agreement with Chair Burke and the Transportation Commission - this request is to address the immediate need of those who will be displaced once this lot closes at the end of February. Staff believes it makes the most sense to expand overnight parking for those residents right now, and then continue to explore the

Parking Pilot concepts with the Board in early February.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested clarification if the Board approves staff's recommendations that they can revisit the Transportation Commission's recommendation at a future date during the Parking Pilot discussions.

Director Grossman responded in the affirmative.

Chair Burke added that the Transportation commission was in support of finding parking for these residents and saw this as an opportunity to incentivize staff to moving along the Parking Pilot discussions.

Village Trustee Robinson requested clarification on if these permits were set to expire at the end of March, is there a temporary measure that could be put in place.

Director Grossman responded it doesn't make sense to extend the parking temporarily through the end of March as these discussions will take a while.

Village Trustee Robinson requested clarification on if this extension will be permanent.

Director Grossman responded the extension would be in place until the Board makes a decision on the Parking Pilot and the new proposal that staff and the Transportation Commission will be presenting to the Board in February.

Village President Scaman asked if there was support to amended the motion to be made to concur with the staff's recommendation.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla amended her motion to concur with the staff's recommendation.

Village Trustee Robinson seconded the amended motion.

It was moved by Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla, seconded by Village Trustee Robinson, to approve this Motion as amended. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Parakkat

XII. Call to Board and Clerk

Deputy Clerk DeViller had no comment.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla had no comment.

Village Trustee Robinson had no comment.

Village Trustee Buchanan had no comment.

Village Trustee Enyia was appreciative of their opportunity to go to Maywood to do a service project with Maywood, Broadview, River Forest and Forest Park representatives on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Village Trustee Taglia had no comment.

Village President Scaman was appreciative of the desire to build relationships with neighboring communities. She also asked the community to have grace for ourselves, our neighbors, families, friends and the people we work with every day. She then expressed her support for the Jewish community after the incidents over the weekend.

XIII. Adjourn

It was moved by Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla, seconded by Village Trustee Buchanan, to adjourn. The motion was approved. The Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Deputy Clerk DeViller**

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Village Trustee Parakkat