

LWV OPRF League of Women Voters 2023 Observer Report

**Oak Park Village Board Meeting
March 20, 2023 – 2 hours 35 minutes**

Village Board Discusses Transportation Commission's Vision Zero Plan

- The Board voted to concur with the Transportation Commission's recommended processes and elements to be included in the Village's new Vision Zero Plan. (MOT 23-20) The Vision Zero Plan intends to create a comprehensive approach to dealing with traffic safety in our community.
- The Transportation Commission will be hiring a consultant, and the overall plan is expected to take a year to develop.
- The Trustees, staff, and Transportation Commission spent some time discussing the role or priority of the role of law enforcement in this plan. Those creating the Vision Zero Plan hope that infrastructure can increase safety without having to add to enforcement.
- The Vision Zero plan will also be utilizing community concerns and data.

The Board Approved:

- The Board approved an ordinance amending and expanding the Parking Pilot Program as recommended by the Village's Transportation Commission. (ORD 23-23) There were many public comments concerning the expansion of permit parking on specific streets. Citizens are worried about an increase in cars being allowed to park on their street when there already are so few open spots available.
- Another issue brought up in numerous public comments and discussed by the Board is parking enforcement. The Village hopes that if more people are allowed to park near their residence, with the expansion of the Parking Pilot Program, then illegal parking and congestion could decrease.
- Parking enforcement is also a staffing issue at the Police level. The police department is currently enforcing based on complaints.

- The Board approved a motion proclaiming April 11, 2023 as Dr. Percy L. Julian Day.

Other Items of Interest:

- Early voting is underway this week at Village Hall.

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