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Minutes of the April 25, 2017 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the Third Floor Conference Room, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Ma. The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Members present were Director of Public Works Bertram Taverna, Fire Chief Leonard Albanese, and Alex Train of Planning and Development. Member absent was resident Jorge Pazos.

**Old Business:**

*Agenda Item #1 – Public Hearing regarding the possibility of relocating the bus stop at Mill Hill Station based on the communication of December 20, 2016 from Fire Chief Len Albanese.*

No member of the public attended to speak on behalf of this item. Alex Train stated that the request originated from complaints regarding the bus blocking traffic in front of the Fire Station. If approved, the MBTA requires a letter of approval for the change. Alex Train made a motion to approve. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #2 – Public Hearing regarding the proposed acceptance of the portion of Spencer Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Stockton Street, directly adjacent to the property of 242 Spencer Avenue.*

Cassie Mann, of Neighborhood Developers, stated that they will no longer be building on this portion of Spencer Avenue. It will revert to city ownership. Project was scaled back to the smaller, original plan as a result of the opposition from the residents. Alex Train stated that due to the larger initial size of the project, 242 Spencer Avenue and the parcel across the street was approved as condition of the project. Councilor Enio Lopez asked why the public land was given away and then being returned to the city. The street belongs to the city and should have never been done. Cassie Mann explained that they went through the public process to discontinue for their ownership because they own the property on the other side. He further explained that the project was a benefit for Housing of Chelsea residents. Many people had differing opinions and we responded. Alex Train made a motion to accept. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #3 - Communication of December 12, 2016 from Roy Avellaneda of Pan Y Café, requesting the introduction of meters or one hour limit parking on Washington Avenue in Cary Square, specifically on the (1) odd side from 173 Washington Avenue to 181 Washington Avenue and (2) even side from 178 Washington Avenue to Bloomingdale Street.*

Alex Train briefly went over the results of two studies performed by the Parking Enforcement Supervisor, Mona Zayas. They found that about fifty percent of the time there are long term parkers, over four hours at a time. Alex Train stated the compromise would be to post two hour limit signs and no meters within a select number of spaces: Forsyth Street to 185 Washington Avenue and from Tedeschi to the Bus Stop. The signage would state "Two Hour Limit" with enforcement 8am to 6pm with Sunday's excluded. This should open parking for the businesses. Len Albanese asked if Alex Train meant to say at 181 Washington Avenue and is the bus stop at the hydrant. Alex Train stated that he was correct, it should equal approximately four to five parking spaces on the odd side. Len Albanese stated that he was in favor of trying this on a permanent basis. There are other major studies

going on in the city and he would like to see us revisit this request after the results of the downtown study. Alex Train stated that this will be a temporary approval so that they may further study the area and will revisit the item at the August meeting. Bert Taverna made a motion to approve the request for "Two Hour Limit" parking on Washington Avenue, the odd side from 173 to 181 Washington Avenue and on the even side from 178 Washington Avenue to the bus stop, on a temporary basis until further review at the August meeting. Alex Train seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #4 - Communication of February 15, 2017 from Devra Sari Zobot of the Walnut Street Synagogue, requesting parking permits for staff members, a fifteen minute designated parking space and a special permit for vendors.*

Alex Train stated he has been trying to touch base with their members for further discussions and options. He would like the item to be tabled until the next meeting. Bert Taverna made a motion to table the item. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #5 - Communication of February 22, 2017 from Nalin Mistry of Mistry Associates Inc., requesting the review and approval of the Site Construction Plan and the Traffic Management Plan for 267 Broadway.*

Nalin Mistry, of Mistry Associates Inc., stated that the construction will take approximately eight months. Alex Train asked if the sidewalk would be closed during the duration of the project. Nalin Mistry responded yes as there will be steel and brick work. He will obtain a police detail when needed. They are currently doing interior work and will need to block off sidewalks for safety reasons when they begin the exterior work. Bert Taverna explained that there was no plan submitted and he must see plans for pedestrian safety and handicap accessibility in advance as accommodations are needed on that block. Nalin Mistry asked where he could find that information. Bert Taverna stated it is addressed in the MUTC handicapped codes. There needs to be signage by code. Alex Train commented that he is opposed to approving this item piece by piece as all the necessary plans have not been submitted. He informed Nalin Mistry that a crosswalk must be made accessible and five feet wide. Bert Taverna stated he needs a detailed operation plan with any heavy machinery plan. He cannot allow for traffic to be impeded by the construction as there are multiple projects going on within the city. Jerry Snierson stated that the building plan should be sufficient and they can submit the traffic plan after today. Alex Train explained that it is not sufficient and they cannot risk approving the plan without it. He is not questioning their integrity. Bert Taverna ensured Jerry Snierson that it was not a traffic management plan and all plans must be submitted before the construction can begin. Nalin Mistry stated that it was not a problem and they will expedite the plan. Bert Taverna stressed that he will need details on how and when the crane will set up and any procedures for detouring traffic. Nalin Mistry stated there will be no staging at this time. They will do so four months from now. During deliveries, they will provide the information to the police. Bert Taverna wants all parties informed as there is an ongoing project at 140 Pearl Street, among multiple projects. Bert Taverna made a motion to table the item pending the submittal of an actual traffic and signage plan. Alex Train seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #6 - Communication of March 3, 2017 from Councilor Recupero and Councilor Lopez, requesting the Commission look into a way to give 15 minute parking to delivery vehicles that deliver on the corner of 29 Maverick and Shawmut Street and the corner of Essex and Shawmut Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to install two fifteen (15) minute parking spaces at the corner of 29 Maverick and Shawmut Street and the corner of Essex and Shawmut Street between the hours of 8am to 1pm (a total of four spaces). Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

*Agenda Item #7 - Minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the minutes. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #8 - Handicapped sign application of March 21, 2017 from Jose Sanchez- Rodas, 77 Shawmut Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #9 – Handicapped sign application of March 29, 2017 from Leticia Prudencio, 309 Spruce Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #10 – Handicapped sign application of April 3, 2017 from anonymous applicant regarding 74 Garland Street.*

Bert Taverna stated there is no sign posted at this time. It was removed some time ago. No vote taken.

*Agenda Item #11 – Handicapped sign application of April 12, 2017 from Jose Santos, 21 Louis Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #12 – Communication of April 4, 2017 from Mohamed Lamaallem, requesting parking relief for the month of Ramadan, May 26<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #13 - Communication of April 19, 2017 from Alex Train of Planning and Development, recommending the implementation of a Commercial Loading Zone and 15 minute parking space regulation through an application process.*

Alex Train stated in order to prevent future situations they have come with an objective criteria. Len Albanese made a motion to approve. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #14 - Communication of April 19, 2017 from Police Chief Brian A. Kyes, requesting the review of changes to the residential parking program.*

Alex Train made a motion to table the item. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.



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Jeannette Cintron White  
Parking Clerk