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TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION  
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Minutes of the December 12, 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, Alex Train of Planning and Development, Fire Chief Len Albanese and resident members: Brian Wagner and Jorge Pazos. Resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega absent. Also present was City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White and residents: Marsha Johnson Weiss, Naomi Zobot & Juan Gallego.

**Old Business:**

*Agenda Item #1 - Communication of July 31, 2017 from Ricardo Valle of Iglesia La Luz De Cristo, requesting special parking permits for use of members during monthly vigils.*

Secretary Rosa Santiago Melendez informed all members that this request was denied at the October 3, 2017 meeting. It was placed on the agenda accidentally. No vote taken.

**New Business:**

*Agenda Item #2 - Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting.*

Len Albanese made a a motion to accept the minutes. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #3 - Handicapped sign removal request for 1 Parker Street as the applicant Elizabeth McKonnan has moved.*

Alex Train made a a motion to approve the request. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #4 - Handicapped sign removal request for 75 Congress Avenue as the applicant Edgar Langlois has moved based on returned mailed.*

Alex Train made a a motion to approve the request. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #5 - Handicapped sign removal request for 71 Gillooly Road as the applicant Susan Hernandez has moved based on returned mail.*

Alex Train made a a motion to approve the request. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #6 - Handicapped sign removal request for 93 Orange Street as the applicant Carlos Cartagena has moved based on returned mail.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #7 - Handicapped sign removal request for 30 Prospect Avenue as the applicant John Mercurio has moved based on returned mail.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #8 - Handicapped sign removal request for 113 Congress Avenue as the applicant Kathleen Paul has moved based on a returned mail.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.  
*Agenda Item #9 - Handicapped sign removal request for 440 Washington Avenue as the applicant Joseph Cipoletta has moved.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #10 - Handicapped sign removal request for 102 Winnisimmet Street as the applicant Brenda Ballard has passed away.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #11 - Handicapped sign removal request for 44 Gillooly Road as the applicant Richard Frank has passed away.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #12 - Handicapped sign removal request for 58 Chestnut Street as the applicant Edward McDonald has passed away.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #13 - Handicapped sign removal request for 14 Cottage Street as the applicant Cynthia Wilkinson has passed away.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #14 - Communication of October 11, 2017 from Damali Vidot, requesting 15 minute parking sign in front of Broadway Variety Store.*

Councilor Damali Vidot was not present. Alex Train noted that the application was incomplete and it was missing the letter of support from the abutter. Alex Train made a motion to table the request pending the requestor's attendance at the next meeting. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #15 - Handicapped sign application request of October 30, 2017 from Leon A. Walker Jr., of 113 Garfield Avenue.*

Alex train made a motion to approve the application. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #16 - Communication of October 23, 2017 from Brian Kyes, regarding Central Avenue and Eastern Avenue lane modification.*

Alex Train stated that the request was completed by the previous Director of Public Works Joe Foti. They marked two lanes of traffic on Central Avenue, at Eastern Avenue, with one left turn only lane and a straight and right turn lane. Bert Taverna made a motion to accept. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #17 - Communication of November 4, 2017 from Police Chief Brian A. Kyes, requesting for change in the signal light pattern at Broadway and Eastern Avenue.*

Alex Train stated that the southbound signals are owned by the state. Chief Brian Kyes suggests changing it to a blinking yellow light. Bert Taverna stated that it was a permissive lane in order to stop for oncoming traffic. It would be a violation of MUTDC 4 D-9 S40.06 Standard B-1. Alex Train agreed that the permissive turning would be inviting a head on collision. Bert Taverna went on to say that it would decrease safety as it was designed to be the governing street with full lights. He stated that if we were to put stop lights it would cause traffic to backup on Eastern Avenue. He went on to say that Broadway is the main street, or governing street, and Eastern Avenue terminates right at Broadway. Bert Taverna made a motion to deny the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #18 - Handicapped sign application request of November 13, 2017 from Suzanne E. Murphy, of 46 Orange Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #19 - Communication of November 21, 2017 from Naomi Zobot, requesting a modification to the speed limit due to public safety concerns.*

Naomi Zobot stated that she lives at the Spencer Lofts and that Dudley Street is a through way. Drivers use it as a cut through from Webster Avenue when traffic gets backed up and speed down the street. This issue has been addressed in the past. People drive down the street at thirty to forty miles per hour. While walking her small dog, she witnesses these cars speeding by. It is also a danger to children heading to the school. There is parking on both sides of Dudley Street and two way traffic which causes a problem when turning onto Villa Street. The visibility is very poor due to vehicles parking too close to the corner. She would like to see "No parking here to corner" and "Speed limit" signs posted. John Nofle stated that he can place the digital speed board and step up enforcement. However, due to the snow, we cannot post them now but can do so in the spring. Alex Train stated that his department can look into more traffic details as well. Naomi Zobot mentioned if it was possible to install speed bumps. Alex Train responded that it would cause a problem with the street drainage but they can look into other methods. Len Albanese was in favor of stepping up police enforcement. Naomi Zobot said that people might be only going twenty-five miles per hour but it looks like forty miles per hour on this short street. John Nofle reiterated that he will step up enforcement in the area. He noted that speeding will stop for a while but will start up again. He will monitor the area. He recommended that if she sees it happening more, she should call the non-emergency number to the police department and they will send someone. Bert Taverna said that they can react with factual data from the speed monitor readings. Alex Train made a motion to table until the request and they will revisit the item in the spring. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #20 - Communication of December 4, 2017 from Fire Chief Len Albanese, requesting change to a parking space on Sagamore Avenue, at Hooton Way and the Fire Station.*

Len Albanese stated that the change is needed to accommodate the fire trucks from getting in and out of the fire station. Alex Train made a motion to post "No Parking Here to Corner" signs twenty feet of the curb cut unless DPW cannot do so. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #21 - Communication of December 4, 2017 from Fire Chief Len Albanese, requesting a "Do Not Block Intersection" box striping on Everett Avenue to keep a lane for emergency vehicles to pass.*

Len Albanese stated that at the corner of Fourth Street at Everett Avenue is a bad corner for the emergency vehicles to make the turn. He would like to see if signs and stripes can be painted on the street not to block the intersection. Bert Taverna noted that it would be a lot of line painting and people will continue to block the intersection regardless. It will become costly as well. Len Albanese stated that because Arlington Street is a one way; it forces the traffic to go through Fourth Street. Alex Train echoed Bert Taverna's concerns. He agreed with Bert Taverna about it becoming costly. He stated that we can mimic the Silver Line. Boston marks the ground with a large X and post signs. Len Albanese mentioned that the Fire Department will not ask for this everywhere but that they need clear access to Fourth Street. Alex Train made a motion to post signage and paint the street. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. All in favor.

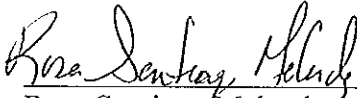
*Agenda Item #22 - Communication of December 4, 2017 from Police Chief Brian A. Kyes, requesting to change the temporary Stop sign on Washington Avenue at Faye Square to a permanent sign with ground markings in order to optimize pedestrian and vehicular safety.*

Len Albanese stated that he has witnessed no one making the stop there, especially the buses, since the bridge was opened. Bert Taverna stated that it was a temporary fix until the bridge was done. Alex Train made a motion to accept the request and paint a stop bar and add words on the ground. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

*Agenda Item #23 - Communication of December 7, 2017 from Juan Gallego, requesting to make Franklin Street, between Nichols and Harvard Street, a one-way street.*

Juan Gallego, of 29 Franklin Street, stated that he had just moved back to Chelsea. Since his return, he began thinking about how there would be no way for the fire apparatus to get through the street with the cars parked on both sides. Marsha Johnson, of 31 Franklin Street, commented on with the schools and traffic in the area, the area is heavily congested. People are dropping off their children at school. She has trouble getting in and out of her driveway. Juan Gallego suggested that there should be only parking on one side. Bert Taverna stated that parking can be done on both sides if it is turned into a one way street. He mentioned looking into the configuration of the size of the street from beginning to end. John Nofle noticed that the request on the agenda is for making Franklin Street a one way. If they are looking to address the issue of parking on both sides, he would need to submit another request. Juan Gallego stated that either change would do the trick. He said that he would resubmit the request for one sided parking as the original request to make it a one way will not solve the problem if there is parking on both sides. Len Albanese said he would take a better look at the area. He commented that they are able to get down the street. Marsha Johnson said that she hopes that we look further into it. Juan Gallego said on that portion of the street the fire trucks will not be able to maneuver. Alex Train made a motion to deny. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

  
Rosa Santiago Melendez  
Assistant Parking Clerk