



City of Chelsea
TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

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Minutes of the May 30, 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 Fire Chief Leonard Albanese, Director of Planning and Development John DePriest and resident member Carolyn P. Boumila-Vega. Members absent were resident Jorge Pazos and Director of Public Works Bertram Taverna.

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 - 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.

Devra Sari Zobot was not present. Alex Train was looking into the matter and was unable to attend the meeting. John DePriest made the motion to table the item until next meeting. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - 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.

John DePriest stated that Planning and Development along with DPW reviewed all the plans submitted and found no problems or issues with the project. John DePriest made a motion to approve the Site Construction Plans as recently submitted to his office. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - Agenda Item #14 - Communication of April 19, 2017 from Police Chief Brian A. Kyes, requesting the review of changes to the residential parking program.

Jeannette Cintron-White stated the Chief Brian Kyes streamlined the language on the existing residential parking program regulations adding the definitions of tax and livery vehicles. He also added two new restrictions regarding commercial and livery vehicles parking on residential streets overnight. To amend the Traffic and Parking Commission Regulations, Section 5.23.2 Definitions as follows: (1) Livery vehicle is a limousine, shuttle, or other vehicle-for-hire that carries up to 15 people (including the driver) and is available only for pre-arranged trips. Unlike a taxi, a livery vehicle may not be hailed from the street; and, (2) Taxi is a vehicle licensed by a city or town to carry paying customers who do not have to pre-arrange the service. To amend the Traffic and Parking Commission Regulations, Section 5.23.7 by adding the following language as Section 5.23.7 (B): only one (1) vehicle with commercial license plate that is legally registered in the City of Chelsea shall be eligible for a parking sticker, per household, pursuant to the residential parking program. To amend the Traffic and Parking Commission Regulations, Section 5.23.7.2 Commercial Parking Program Prohibitions and Penalties; Section (A) No taxi or livery vehicle as defined in Section 5.23.2 shall park or stand on a public way in the City of Chelsea from 7:00 pm to 6:59 am unless otherwise specifically allowed pursuant to these regulations. Len Albanese made a motion to accept. John DePriest seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Agenda Item #4 - Minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting.

John DePriest motion to table until next meeting as there was not a quorum of attendees to last month's meeting. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Handicapped sign application of May 8, 2017 from Margarita Gonzalez, 59 Bloomingdale Street.

John DePriest made a motion to approve the application on the condition that the Parking Department verifies the vehicle is legally registered and garaged under the new address. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Handicapped sign removal request of May 8, 2017 from Carlos Vasquez, 16 Orange Street.

Len Albanese made a motion to approve the request to remove. John DePriest seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 – Communication of May 22, 2017 from John J. Shipe Consulting Group, requesting to discuss parking and traffic related items in regards to the Everett Avenue Reconstruction Project for Fairfield at Chelsea, f/k/a Chelsea Lofts.

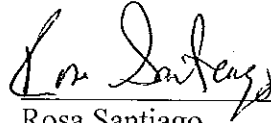
John Shipe stated that he had been in contact with John DePriest from Planning and Development discussing the plans for the reconstruction of Everett Avenue and the parking plan in the area of the Fairfield project. John Shipe presented four (4) figure plans of the project. Figure 1 was an overview the site plan allowing parking at 284 Everett Avenue. Figure 2 noted on Carter and Vale Street there currently are no defined parking spaces. Under Figure 2, they will be reconstructing the sidewalks and adding six spaces for on street parking on Carter Street. Additionally, they will define twenty nine parallel parking spaces on Vale Street. He made it clear that there will be ample parking on the property. They recognize that parking is an issue and want visitors to feel comfortable parking in the area. He met with Paul Giancola regarding Locust Street (Figure 3). In Figure 3, there will be a brand new roadway with curb-cuts for deliveries with a separate entrance for residents and fifteen on-street parking spaces. Lastly, he presented Figure 4 and an alternate Figure 4 as a blend of what was approved with the Planning Board and the Gateway Project. John DePriest noted that the Planning Board has not reviewed this alternate Figure 4 plan. This plan will relocate some parking spaces from Everett Avenue and redirect the sidewalk to the front of the retail property. The developer stated that there will be an island with planters to block pedestrians from crossing at the curb-cut. John Shipe feels as though the alternate plan will help with retailers and pedestrians. John DePriest stated that this change must be reviewed by the Zoning and Planning Board. He is not in favor of this change. In the City of Medford, he has noticed that pedestrians do not follow the sidewalk and will walk alongside the island into the travel lane. John DePriest also noted that the Carter Street plan has not been approved either. The Pharmaceutical Company located on Carter Street is looking to expand on their site due to a new drug they will distributing and he asked how would they be able to access their driveway. He is concerned with the truck deliver access into their entrance with the Carter Street reconstruction. The City wants the company to get the new drug and not interfere with their expansion as the new drug is tied to the distributor's location. John Shipe stated that they would ensure that the changes will not interfere with their expansion. They will work with Planning and Development and use their discretion. Len Albanese stated that he is in agreement with the plan as Paul Giancola has stated it looks fine but if the item is tabled, he will review the plans further. John Shipe said the city can decide on whether or not to have metered or resident parking on Everett Avenue. John DePriest stated that when it went to the Planning the first time that the parking plan appeared to be more residential. He recommended that the Commission accept Figure 4 not 4A as it is preferred to have

metered parking. By doing so, the parking will not be taken by the school employees. It will result in turnover for the businesses. John DePriest made a motion to approve the plans with Figure 4, not 4A, pending the final review of Planning and Zoning Boards. Len Albanese second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 – Communication of May 22, 2017 from Jerome Brody, requesting to discuss parking matters in the Waterfront District of Chelsea.

Len Albanese motion to table until the item until the next meeting as Jerome Brody was not present. John DePriest second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.



Rosa Santiago
Assistant Parking Clerk