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Minutes of the January 31, 2017 meeting.

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

**Old Business:**

*Agenda Item #1 - Public hearing to receive comment regarding restricting parking on Maple Street, between Sixth and Addison Street, due to public safety concerns since the new construction.*

Lenard Albanese made a motion to open the item for public comment. No one attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the request. A representative of the One North apartment building, Michael Fedotowsky, attended so that he may hear more on the matter but understands the reasons for the request. Leonard Albanese explained the concern. He asked if management provides for their residents. Mr. Fedotowsky stated yes but only have 1.5 spaces per unit provided under the building and across the street. Bert Taverna mentioned that DPW has the same issues as the fire apparatus during snow operations with their plow trucks. Alex Train made a motion to approve the restriction on the even side of Maple Street, between Heard Street and Blossom Street. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #2 – Communication of November 9, 2016 from Daniel Mojica, requesting “No Parking Anytime” signs on one side of Jefferson Avenue due to traffic safety concerns.*

Alex Train asked if there was any clarity on the communication from the requestor. The requestor did not attend the last meeting and was not present tonight. Alex Train made a motion to deny the request. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #3 – Communication of November 30, 2016 from Police Chief Brian A. Kyes, requesting changes to the current regulations for the city’s Truck Route.*

Alex Train reached out to MassDot and confirmed that the truck route signs were removed when construction began on the bridge. They cannot say when they did so. Their department is asking them to conduct an engineering study. Len Albanese is more concerned with the off-ramps. It is his feeling that the issue begins with their exits from the off-ramp. He asked if Second Street is included in the study. Alex Train responded with yes, it would be one comprehensive ban. Len Albanese asked if they could act on one part of the whole plan. Alex Train stated that the City has no jurisdiction on the off-ramps. He went on to say the engineering study is on Beacon Street and Fourth Street but not on the off-ramps. Len Albanese stressed the impact the off-ramp exits on the streets the trucks end up on. Alex Train stated that the route comes later in the process. Bert Taverna recalls the City trying to come up with the best way to deal with the off-ramps after a fatality on the bridge. They felt that the best way to deal with the situation was to add a weight restriction onto the Beacon Street exit and not to the Fourth Street because locally

the alternative was Webster Avenue. Alex Train made a motion to table the item as Planning and Development continue to go through the process with MassDot. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

*Agenda Item #4 – Minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting.*

Leonard Albanese made a motion to accept the minutes. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #5 – 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 made a motion to open the item for public comment. Jorge Pazos seconded. All in favor. Roy Avellaneda stated he is the new proprietor of Pan Y Café on Washington Avenue. The City recently recognized it as a neighborhood store. This area is not unlike other squares such as Park Square with Kirshon's and on Central Avenue with John's Pizza. The purpose of the meters is to create turn over. The battle with cars parked all day as they park in the area to jump on the bus. The change would help businesses with turnover as only the convenience store has a lot for customers who easily are in and out of the store. He hopes the Commission can put a policy and practice in place in these areas for their patrons. He knows that Khelsea's is in favor of the request. He spoke with Councilor Murphy who has concerns for the Cary Square Club patrons. He noted he has no objection to limiting the number of spots as members are probably suffering as well. He understands if there are budgetary concerns, in regards to installing meters. Posting limited one hour parking signs instead of installing meters would be acceptable. Jason Owens, patron of Pan Y Café and Chelsea resident, stated he is favor of the request as he finds parking to be hard for him and his guests who meet him at the restaurant. Alex Train made a motion to table the item pending a public hearing at the next meeting. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #6 – Handicapped sign removal request of December 12, 2016 for 16 Lynn Street.* The Parking Department confirmed that the applicant of 12 Lynn Street still lives at the address. The applicant of 16 Lynn Street has not responded to the attempts to confirm the request. Jorge Pazos made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #7 – Handicapped sign removal request of December 15, 2016 for 45 Parker Street.*

Jorge Pazos made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Len Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #8 - Communication of December 20, 2016 from Fire Chief Len Albanese, requesting the possibility of relocating the bus stop at Mill Hill Station.*

Alex Train agrees with the request as it is on the far side of the intersection. Two parking spaces will be lost but one can be added from the old space. The process done through the MBTA. The Commission does not dictate the locations of bus stops. Alex Train will contact the MBTA. No vote taken.

*Agenda Item # 9 – Communication of December 27, 2016 from Max Etezadi, requesting a “No Parking” sign at 45 Division Street due to parking issues at his building.*

Mr. Max Etezadi stated he owns a six family on Division Street behind the police station’s parking lot. He went on to say that parking on this street is difficult. However, John Nofle noted no parking is allowed on this street at any time. Max Etezadi stated there are no signs stating the restriction. Bert Taverna stated he will post the appropriate signage. No vote taken.

*Agenda Item #10 - Communication of January 3, 2017 from Councilor Daniel Cortell, requesting a left turn arrow at the traffic light on Williams Street, from Boatswains Way.*

Alex Train stated that the location is no longer under study as funds were cut. They have had past signal issues at this location. Bert Taverna stated you cannot create a designated arrow due to the overall traffic issues at this intersection. He stated the intersection is part of the corridor study with the transportation engineer at Williams Street and Broadway. Len Albanese stated that the request is currently not feasible. Len Albanese made a motion to deny the request due to the corridor study from Williams Street. Alex Train seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #11 - Handicapped sign application of January 3, 2017 from Sonia I. Rodriguez, 73 Addison Street.*

Ms. Sonia Rodriguez stated that parking is difficult due to construction in the area. She is very sick and needs the space. She does not use a space closer to her home as she sees it is being used by a handicapped child. Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #12 - Handicapped sign removal request of January 3, 2017 for 120 Spencer Avenue as applicant has moved.*

Len Albanese made a motion to approve the request. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #13 - Handicapped sign application of January 6, 2017 from Concepcion Pacas, 35 Blossom Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Jorge Pazos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #14 - Communication of January 6, 2017 from Alex Train, requesting the restriping of Faye Square to better channelize traffic and provide the Fire Department with adequate space.*

Len Albanese made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #15 - Communication of January 9, 2017 from Police Chief Brian A. Kyes, requesting the prohibition of trucks making the right turn onto Williams Street northbound due to an imminent public safety hazard.*

Bert Taverna stated they are in the process of moving the telephone pole about four feet for now. He met with Eversource regarding the logistics and the reality of the situation long range. The trucks that should not be at this intersection, who are lost from the Produce Center, is the larger issue. Then they end up taking a turn at the end of Beacon Street. Len Albanese commented on being more concerned with the off-ramps as they are the major cause of the issue. Alex Train stated that Planning and Development is looking at this as part of the Truck Routes request as a

whole. Len Albanese made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item #16 - Communication of January 25, 2017 from (1) Councilor Tejada and Frank, requesting the Commission look into placing a pedestrian crosswalk on the corner of Carroll Street and Eastern Avenue like the one placed by the Chelsea Station on Everett Avenue and from (2) Councilor Murphy, requesting the Commission look into the traffic patterns at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Route 16.*

- (1) Alex Train stated this would entail a handicapped accessible ramp. Bert Taverna noted the request would require a midblock process. Bert Taverna made a motion to table the Carroll Street item pending reexamination of the area. Alex Train seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- (2) Alex Train stated that the Commission has reviewed this request in the past several different ways. Alex Train stated there will be restriping and new equipment later this summer by the Winn Casino group. Jorge Pazos made a motion to deny the request as the intersection will be reevaluated at a later time. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.



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Jeannette Cintron White  
Parking Clerk