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Minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the City Council 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 Bert Taverna, Fire Deputy Robert Houghton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, and resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega. Resident members Jorge Pazos and Brian Wagner were absent.

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 - Handicap sign application of April 24, 2018 from Linda Rizzuto DeCicco at 38 Englewood Avenue.

Michael DeCicco was present, on the applicant's behalf, and stated his wife was not able to attend that she could not make it up the stairs. Alex Train asked if he had a driveway as they do not normally grant request to applicants who have driveways. Michael DeCicco stated that it was difficult for her to park in the driveway and get out of the house from that door. He went on to say she cannot climb stairs or walk far. Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - Communication of May 4, 2018 from City Councilor Roy Avellaneda, to discuss the issue of hitched or unhitched trailers being allowed to park overnight on the streets of Chelsea.

Bert Taverna made a motion to amend the Regulations of the Traffic and Parking Commission to add a new paragraph following the existing Section 13-3: "G. No hitched or unhitched trailer may be parked on the public way within the City of Chelsea between the hours of 12:00 am and 5:00 am." Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Agenda Item #3 - Minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting.

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

Agenda Item #4 - Communication of May 24, 2018 from Councilor Recupero, requesting the Commission look into limiting the amount of residential parking stickers sold to non-residents.

Alex Train stated that he is currently working with the City Clerk's office and will be looking into hiring a consultant to do a study on the parking program. Bert Taverna made a motion to table until study is complete. Carolyn Boumila-Vega second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Communication of May 24, 2018 from Councilor Vidot, requesting the Commission look into getting rid of the cement pillars that are in front of the handicap ramp near the Planning and Development in order to create additional handicapped parking.

Alex Train stated that he assessed and measured the parking spaces. He concluded that an additional parking space is not feasible by state regulations. Bert Taverna questioned their placement as he does not know why they are there. He agreed that they cannot be removed and replaced with another space. Alex Train made a motion to remove the cement pillars and deny the request for the additional parking space. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Communication of May 29, 2018 from Donna Frongillo, requesting to remove a handicapped sign at 87 Blossom Street.

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

Agenda Item #7 - Communication of June 6, 2018 from Wanda Williams, requesting to make Clark Avenue a one-way street.

Wanda Williams was not able to attend. She called to inform our office that she was not feeling well and asked if it could be moved to the next meeting. Alex Train made a motion to table until next meeting. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Communication of June 6, 2018 from Councilor Robinson, requesting the Commission to look into addressing the traffic lights at Broadway – Clinton Street and Eastern Avenue.

Alex Train stated that DPW and Planning and Development were currently doing a study on this and should be bringing something to the City Council in September. Bert Taverna stated that DPW attempted a trial run with fully functioning lights but it caused traffic to back up on Eastern Avenue. Bert Taverna made a motion to table the item pending the study's results with DPW and Planning and Development. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 Communication of June 6, 2018 from Bradley McKinnon, requesting to remove the newly installed 'No Parking' signs on Franklin Street.

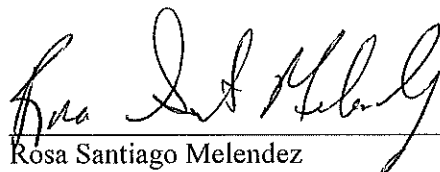
Bradley McKinnon stated that he was not informed by his landlord regarding the request to have the signs posted. He stated that his landlord never informs his tenants on anything. He commented that there was just one woman that wanted no parking signs and now they have nowhere to park when they get home. Alex Train stated that the decision was made for safety purposes. The fire apparatus has difficulty getting by when there are vehicles parked on both sides. He went on to say that the Commission will look into see if there is a better way to notify everyone in the future but we do notify all landlords. Alex Train made a motion to deny the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Communication of June 6, 2018 from Alex Train, regarding a presentation of the Re-imagining Broadway plan for the downtown central business district and a request to convene a public hearing after summer recess to solicit public input on this matter

Alex Train stated that this request needs to be moved to a public hearing. He spoke with the City Manager who wants to hold a special meeting in the summer. Alex Train will host a presentation. Alex Train made a motion to hold a public hearing in July. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.


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Assistant Parking Clerk