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TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

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Minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the City Council Chambers, 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 Lenard Albanese, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, and resident member Brian Wagner. Absent were resident members: Jorge Pazos and Carolyn Boumilla-Vega.

Unfinished Business:

Agenda Item #1 - Communication of November 21, 2017 from Naomi Zobot, requesting a modification to the speed limit due to public safety concerns.

Len Albanese made a motion to dismiss the item from the agenda as Naomi Zobot has not been present at the last two meetings and they have not heard any more complaints on the matter. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - Communication of June 19, 2018 from Youngsoo and EunHee Chung, regarding the Restricted Residential Parking Passes being used at meters in front of the their business all day.

Alex Train made a motion to dismiss the item from the agenda as Youngsoo Chung has not been present at the last two meetings and they have not heard any complaints on the matter. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - Communication of June 19, 2018 from Susan Azapalo requesting to remove a handicap sign located at 67 Eleanor Street.

Bert Taverna made a motion to remove the handicap sign. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Communication of July 28, 2018 from Carol Brown, regarding a discussion of parking permits and productive ways to cater to new and current resident owners while promoting building/home maintenance and improvements as well as acknowledging the needs of seniors.

Carol Brown stated that it is difficult for homeowners to maintain their homes with the resident parking program that only allows 2 visits per week. She went on to say that there are a lot of senior citizens who have people coming in randomly to help with small maintenance issues, painting, housekeeping and other homeowner issues. She noted that with the current passes they are not able to do so. She also stated the current landlord pass should be available to landlords who live on their own property. Alex Train stated that we could look into amending the landlord pass or broadly revisit visitor passes. Carol Brown stated that the permits should be more flexible to residents. Alex Train made a motion to do an exploratory study on visitor passes or create a senior pass and revisit in two months. Brian Wagner seconded the motion.

Agenda Item # 5 - Handicap sign application of June 13, 2018 from Ever Peraza at 12 Warren Avenue.

Joshua Barrientos stated that he lived with Ever Peraza and that he was not able to attend the meeting because he had just been released from the hospital. He went on to say that they have a shared driveway and that they were not always able to use it. He also stated that sometimes they would have to park a block away from the house and it was difficult for Ever Peraza to walk with a walker back and forth to the vehicle. Bert Taverna made a motion to approve that handicap sign. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

New Business:

Agenda Item #6 - Minutes of August 21, 2018 meeting.

Len Albanese made a motion to approve the minutes. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - Communication of August 23, 2018 from Fidel Maltez of DPW, regarding the removal of parking meters on Shurtleff Street from Chester Avenue to Grove Street.

Alex Train stated that the meters were predated back to when the Bunker Hill Community College was located at Bellingham Square and the that it is no longer there. He went on to say that the Phoenix School does not need them and that this is a reasonable request. Len Albanese made a motion to have the meters removed. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Communication of September 4, 2018 from Councilor Roy Avellaneda, requesting four thirty minute parking spaces at 369-373 Broadway.

Alex Train made a motion to move the request to a public hearing. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Handicap sign application of September 4, 2018 from Lawrence Ligoeki at 27 Willard Street.

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Communication of September 4, 2018 from Fire Chief Len Albanese, requesting that Chestnut Street, from Fourth Street to Everett Avenue, remain a one-way permanently Southbound as currently configured with the Tobin Bridge construction project.

Alex Train made a motion to move the request to a public hearing. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 - Communication of September 12, 2018 from Councilor Judith Garcia, requesting that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into possible parking meter solutions for hair salons where patrons are there for more than two hours.

Alex Train made a motion to continue per the request of Judith Garcia. Len Albanese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 - Communication of September 17, 2018 from Bharathan Kumaraguru of Chelsea Dental Associates, regarding the recent changes to the Resident Parking Program daytime restrictions on Washington Avenue affecting his business.

Bharathan Kumaraguru stated that he has a dental office located at 109 Washington Avenue and the new daytime resident parking restrictions on Washington Avenue are hurting his business. He stated that he receives patients from the Soldier's Home, who are elderly and handicap. He stated that they are not

able to park outside of his business. He recently has had to pay his patient's parking violations in order to avoid losing his patients. Alex Train asked if he would like to have a handicap sign or a two hour parking spot. Bharathan Kumaraguru stated that he would like both. Alex Train stated that he had also heard feedback from other business owners in the area. Alex Train made a motion to move the request to a public hearing to have the resident parking daytime restriction rescinded from Heard Street to Addison Street. Len Albanese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #13 - Communication of September 17, 2018 from Valerie Chambers, requesting discussion on the recent changes to the Resident Parking Program daytime restrictions on Washington Avenue affecting elderly people parking to go to the dentist at 109 Washington Avenue.

Valerie Chambers stated that she takes her mother to the dentist at 109 Washington Avenue and with the resident parking daytime restrictions it is very difficult to park and her mother is handicap. She stated that cannot park without getting a ticket when she takes her inside to drop her off because she is not a resident and does not have a sticker. Alex Train made a motion to move this table this item pending the outcome of the parking hearing to have the daytime restriction rescinded from Heard Street to Addison Street. Len Albanese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

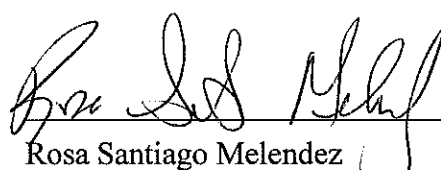
Agenda Item #14 - Communication of September 19, 2018 from Sam Bana, requesting that the Resident Parking Program allow residents with livery plates be allowed to purchase non-resident stickers or permits to park on public way.

Sam Bana stated that he is a resident on County Road and has a livery business. He stated that there are always commercial vehicles parked on the street with permits and wanted to know why he could not get a permit for his livery vehicles. Alex Train stated that per regulation vehicles with livery plates are not allowed to park on public way overnight. Alex Train made a motion to deny the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bert Taverna made motion to adjourn. Len Albanese seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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