



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
Traffic and Parking Commission

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April 2, 2019

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 Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie and Director of Public Works Bert Taverna. Members absent were resident members Brian Wagner, Jorge Pazos and Carolyn Boumila-Vega.

Item I – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle.

Item II – Minutes of March 5, 2019 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to accept the minutes of March 5, 2019 meeting. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item III – Public Hearing to receive comment regarding a request for the Commission to review the current parking situation on Hawthorn Place due to a recent residential complaint.

No residents attended the meeting for public comment. Alex Train stated that currently there are no parking restrictions on Hawthorn Place. Residents are parking on both sides and against the houses. This is a cause for concern as they are not leaving enough room for vehicles to pass through the traffic lane. Bert Taverna stated that DPW will be repaving this street this year. Alex Train stated that once the pavement is done, they could make it one-sided parking to preserve the integrity of the roadway and mark the ground with hash marks. Richard Perisie stated that the road is not wide enough to allow parking. It would be hard for fire apparatus to maneuver around this area. Alex Train made a motion to post signage stating 'No Parking on Either Side' along with pavement markings stating 'No Parking' to accommodate fire apparatus on Hawthorn Place. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item IV – Communication of February 26, 2019 from Tewodros Tanaye of 119 Highland Street, requesting a discussion on safety concerns regarding a series of accidents at the intersection of Highland Street and Chester Avenue.

Tewodros Tanaye stated that he has witnessed a couple of accidents at that intersection already. The vehicles on Highland Street are traveling at a fast speed combined with vehicles merging from Chester Avenue end up hitting each other. He went on to say that there are lots of children in the area and with the warm weather coming he is concerned with one of them being hit. He also stated that there is a school bus pick up spot there. Bert Taverna stated that there are 'Stop' signs on Chester Avenue. He suggested that they post "Pedestrian" signs and see if that will slow down the vehicles. Bert Taverna made a motion to post "Pedestrian" signs at the intersection of Highland Street and Chester Avenue and revisit the item after signs are posted. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Item V – Communication of March 19, 2019 from Mohamed Lamaallem of Al Huda Society, requesting parking relief for Ramadan (May 6 – June 4).

Alex Train made a motion to accept request for parking relief for Ramadan. Bert Taverna seconded the request. Motion passed unanimously.

Item VI – Communication of March 18, 2019 from Councilor Enio Lopez, requesting the Traffic and Parking Commission amend Section 7-27 of the Article 7 of the Traffic and Parking Regulations and add the following section (a):

- s. Essex Street, between Highland and Shurtleff;
- t. Marlborough Street, between Highland and Shurtleff;
- u. Cottage Street, between Shawmut and Willow;
- v. Watts Street, between Lynn and Willow;
- w. Maverick Street, between Shurtleff and Highland.

Councilor Enio Lopez stated that there are 18 wheeler trucks making deliveries to Family Dollar Store. When they leave, they are driving up Gerrish Avenue onto Highland Street and getting stuck making the turn onto Marlboro Street. He also stated that it is a residential area with lots of children and is concerned with someone getting hit. Alex Train stated that this request would have to be approved by the State Department of Transportation. He stated that a study was done on Marlboro Street on the same issue. He went on to say that what is probably happening is the delivery drivers are not familiar with the area and are following the directions of a GPS. Bert Taverna stated that he agrees with Councilor Enio Lopez but the city is blocked by the state regulations. John Nofle stated that they can speak with the business owners in the area to notify their vendors of the problem. Council Enio Lopez asked if there is anything we can do. Alex Train stated that we would have to apply with the MASS Department of Transportation and that would require funding. John Nofle suggested that they get a list of businesses in these areas. He will have Officer Sammy Mojica visit and speak with them. Roman Pucko, of Peabody, stated that if signs were posted it would stop the truckers from going that way. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request by submitting an application to the Massachusetts Transportation Authority subject to funding supplemented by the City Council. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item VII - Communication of March 26, 2019 from Sergeant John Nofle, to amend the City of Chelsea Code of Regulations under Article 5-1 Section (h) as follows: (h) In front of any driveway including 2 feet in either direction from the driveway unless the owner, tenant or an individual who has been given expressed consent by the owner or tenant of the property.

John Nofle stated that there is currently an ordinance that states no vehicles can park in front of any driveway. If the homeowner was to have a repairman or someone come to the house, they are not able to use the space. Alex Train made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item XI - Communication of March 27, 2019 from Virginia R. Todd, petitioning the Traffic and Parking Commission to amend the parking restriction on Crescent Avenue, at the Mary C. Burke Complex by the train tracks, to allow "Two Hour Parking during School Hours, Monday through Friday" as parking is prohibited on this side of the street.

Virginia Todd stated that she runs a literacy program at the Mary C. Burke School. She has volunteers that come and read with students in half hour sequences. They find it very hard to find parking. She stated that there are always cars parked in the fire lane and illegal spaces. Alex Train stated that this area is designated as no parking because there is a truck route and the fire apparatus needs to be able to get to the school. He went on to say there is not enough width in the roadway to allow for both a travel and parking lane. He was sympathetic for her concerns but with their public safety concerns, they cannot

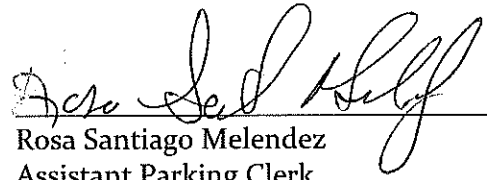


accommodate this request as they must maintain a twelve foot travel lane. Virginia Todd responded that they will have to end the program if they cannot park there. She stated that during student drop-off everyone parks illegally. Alex Train responded that they can look into options. Virginia Todd stated that they program is going to die if this continues. Alex Train stated that they have a lot of parameters that they have to follow. Alex Train made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item XII - Communication of March 29, 2019 from Alex Train, AICP/Assistant Director of Planning and Development, requesting the Traffic and Parking Commission to temporarily convert Carter Street, between Carter Street and Everett Avenue a two way street during the reconstruction program of Everett Avenue, between Carter Street and Route 16. This is desired during the two months of overnight construction, Police Department would like the option of using Vale Street as a "relief route".

Bert Taverna made a motion to table the item. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item XII - Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.



Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk