



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
Traffic and Parking Commission

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Minutes of the February 5, 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 Noftle. Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie, Director of Public Works Bert Taverna, and resident members Brian Wagner and Carolyn Boumila-Vega were present. Absent was resident member Jorge Pazos.

Unfinished Business:

Item #1 - Public hearing to receive comment regarding a request for the Commission to look into the possibility of residential parking, all day opposite the Merrit Club, from Summit Avenue to Clark Avenue.

Councilor Leo Robinson stated that he had spoken with the potential new owner of 121 Webster Avenue regarding parking concerns when they open. He stated that by making Webster Avenue daytime residential parking, it would only force the people to park in the business's parking lot. Hector Lopez, of 106 Webster Avenue, stated that he is not in agreement with the restriction. He went on to say that it would affect family members visiting during the daytime. Leo Marino, of 96 Webster Avenue, stated that he was not in agreement with the restriction. He went on to say that there are only about seven homes on that block and all of them have driveways that would fit four vehicles or more. He stated that there is no reason for this restriction as it would affect their visitors. He would like to keep the residential parking program as it is now because he feels this is unfair to the general public to change. Alex Train expressed his concerns with the lack of parking and the projection of traffic increase due to visitors of that establishment. Richard Perisie understands the request as trying to be proactive but the plans for the establishment have not even been approved yet and may not even come into existence. Bert Taverna made a motion to table until such time when they are open and see the impact on traffic. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 - Public hearing to receive comment regarding a request for a fifteen (15) minute Parking Zone at 272 Broadway, on the corner of Broadway and Third Street, next to the Chelsea Square Apartments.

Councilor Judith Garcia stated that she was representing the elderly residents of 272 Broadway. She went on to say that the building consists of elderly and disabled residents and it was difficult for them to come to the meeting. She stated that the request for the fifteen minute parking space was needed for vehicles coming to pick up the residents to take them back and forth to medical appointments. She also stated that some of the residents are in wheelchairs. It is difficult for them to get around the corner and inside the vehicles. Roman Pucko, of Peabody, stated that he was in favor of the request for the one spot. He stated that it would be easily monitored by the parking enforcement and Police Department since they are already in the area monitoring the parking meters. He noted that it is necessary for the disabled residents of the building to get picked up and dropped off. Bert Taverna made a motion to approve the request of removing the metered space in front of 272 Broadway and making it a fifteen (15) minute parking space. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 - Communication of July 28, 2018 from Carol Brown, regarding a discussion of parking permits and productive improvements as well as acknowledge the needs of seniors.

Alex Train stated that the Department of Planning and Development was submitting an RFP to do a citywide traffic study in eight to twelve months. He does not see any changes to the program. Alex Train made a motion to deny the request. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



New Business:

Item #4 - Minutes of January 15, 2019

Alex Train made motion to accept the minutes of January 15, 2019. Carolyn Boulima-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 - Communication of January 11, 2019 from Michael F. Nugent, requesting to post a handicap sign at 17 Hooper Street.

Secretary Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that currently there is only one handicap sign located at 39 Hooper Street. Bert Taverna made a motion to accept the request. Carolyn Boumilla-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Communication of January 23, 2019 from Mitchello A. Delia, requesting to post a handicap sign at 107 Marlboro Street.

Secretary Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that there is currently a handicap sign posted at 107 Marlboro Street for a tenant in apartment one. Bert Taverna made a motion to table the request until the next meeting to see if the applicant can be present to provide more information on his need for another sign at the location. Carolyn Boumilla-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rosa Santiago Melendez', written over a horizontal line.

Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk