



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
Traffic and Parking Commission

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June 4, 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. Members present were Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie, Director of Public Works Bert Taverna and resident member Brian Wagner and Carolyn Boumila-Vega. Member absent was resident member Jorge Pazos.

Item #1 – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Noftle.

Item #2 – Minutes of May 7, 2019 meeting

Bert Taverna made a motion to accept minutes of May 7, 2019. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 - Communication of February 13, 2019 from Mughees Ahmad, regarding a route plan for Kebabish Food truck.

Muhammad Faheem Anjum of Lynn stated that he was there for Mughees Ahmad that was not able to attend. He went on to say that they were looking for space to park their food truck. They had submitted some locations and wanted to see if they could have any one of them. Bert Taverna stated that the locations they are requesting are within the city ordinance of 300 feet of a store front so was not able to accept the locations. Alex Train stated that the commission would have to deny his request or he could submit some new locations. Muhammad Faheem Anjum stated that he would submit some new locations to the commission. Alex Train made a motion to table to next meeting wait for revised list. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 - Communication of March 26, 2019 from Sergeant John Noftle, 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.

Alex Train stated that his concern was that it would be difficult to enforce based on input from enforcement. He stated how would the police or parking enforcement know if the car belongs to a resident at the address in question. John Noftle stated that the owners could call the police and they would send an officer. Richard Perisie stated that the fire department had concerns with safety. Alex Train stated that it was a legitimate request but from an operational and enforcement point of view, it is a concern. Brian Wagner stated he was in favor. Bert Taverna stated that he has a driveway and had to call 911 several times once to get his car out of the his driveway because a car was blocking it. Carolyn Boumila-Vega stated she liked the idea but then was thinking how do you know who is parking there. Brian Wagner and John Noftle were in favor. Carolyn Boumila-Vega, Bert Taverna and Alex Train were opposed. Request was denied.

Item #5 - Communication of April 3, 2019 from Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, requesting the temporary one-way conversion of Shawmut Street, from Chester Avenue to Central Avenue, due to construction



activities at the Garden Cemetery, including historic site restoration, retaining wall reconstruction, and sidewalk replacement along Shawmut Street.

Alex Train stated that at the last meeting the portion of making the temporary one-way conversion of Shawmut Street was not discussed. He went on to say that the construction work zone will narrow the width of the traffic lane. Bert Taverna stated that he agrees with safety concern on the depth of the travel lane. Bert Taverna made a motion to temporarily convert Shawmut Street a one-way from Chester Avenue to Central Avenue for the duration of the Garden Cemetery restoration project, approximately three months. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Communication of April 10, 2019 from Councilor Joseph Perlatonda, requesting the Traffic and Parking Commission's consideration regarding a \$100.00 fine for anyone parking on City sidewalks.

Joseph Perlatonda stated that parking is really bad. He went on to say that while he went down the street the cars were all parked on the sidewalk. The city spends so much money fixing the sidewalks and they get ruined by the cars parking on them. He also stated that he thinks if we raise the fine people will think more about parking their cars there. Also that fire apparatus won't be able to get through. Alex Train stated that he agrees with Joseph's concerns. Jeannette Cintron-White stated that she can run a report on how many tickets we issue on that violation. Carolyn Boumilla-Vega asked if the enforcement officers give the tickets for two violations restricted area and parking on sidewalk. Joseph Perlatonda stated that something needs to be done. Bob Bishop stated that the state regulates the fines and they recently increased the fine of parking in a bus stop. Jeannette Cintron-White stated she can check to see if there is an increase on the violation. Joseph Perlatonda stated that in Cambridge tows for most violations they don't give double tickets. John Nofle stated that he spoke with Chief Brian Kyes and they were in agreement that raising it that high was not a good idea. Bert Taverna stated that this issue needs to be enforced more that on Cottage Street you can't even get out of your own driveway with the cars parking on the sidewalk. Alex Train made a motion to table to evaluate the fines. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 - Communication of May 3, 2019 from Public Schools Director of facilities Joseph F. Cooney, III, requesting to temporarily shut down a portion of Shurtleff Street, from Central Avenue to Congress Avenue, for the Early Learning Center's Annual Spirit Day that is scheduled on June 12, 2019 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm (a one day event).

Alex Train stated that it was a one day event and did not see any issues with granting the request. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 - Communication of May 7, 2019 from Downtown Coordinator Mimi Graney, requesting the temporary closure of Second Street, between Broadway and Winnisimmet Street, on June 22, 2019 from 1 pm to 6 pm for the Fiesta Verano (rain date June 29).

Mimi Graney stated that they had joined with the Chelsea Collaborative for the Fiesta Verano event. She went on to say that they would be adding pony rides and a stage so they needed move space. She also added that they had notified the police department to put up jersey barriers. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item # 9 - Handicap sign application of May 9, 2019 from Raymond J. Deleidi, of 91 Carroll Street.

Raymond J. Deleidi was not present. Bert Taverna made a motion to approve request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10 - Communication of May 10, 2019 from Councilor Robert Bishop, requesting the Commission to replace a missing "No Left Turn" sign on Adams Street at Garfield Avenue, paint a right turn only arrow on Adams Street and install a removable barrier on Garfield Avenue to prevent left turns at that location.



Councilor Bob Bishop stated that there were safety issues with vehicles turning onto Garfield Avenue from Adam Street. He requested that the Department of Public Works put barriers on Garfield Avenue so that vehicles are not able to make a left turn from Adam Street. He also stated that another concern was that Adam Street was a two-way street. He stated that vehicles going down Adam Street turn on to Route 16 was dangerous. Bert Taverna stated that the barriers are already put up and right turn arrow is painted on Adam Street. No vote taken as work is completed already.

Item #11 - Handicap sign application of May 21, 2019 from Epifania Rodriguez, of 48 Exeter Street.

Epifania Rodriguez was not present. Bert Taverna made a motion to approve request. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item # 12 - Communication of May 29, 2019 from Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, to amend the Citywide Parking Program Regulation, Section 13-4.1 Restricted Parking Zones, Article E. Box District Station, by adding the portion of Library into the dead end of Willow Street, where the road bends and discontinues into the hillside as it is public way.

Alex Train stated that the Commission previously enacted on Citywide Parking Program Regulation, Section 13-4.1 and missed this section of Willow Street. He stated that they thought it was private way but after further investigation it was found to be public way. Bert Taverna made motion to amend the Citywide Parking Program Regulations, Section 13-4.1 Restricted Parking Zones, Article E. Box District Station by adding the portion of Library Street into the dead end of Willow. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #13 - Communication of May 31, 2019 from Parking Clerk Jeannette Cintron White, regarding a request for amendments to the Citywide Parking Program Regulation Article 13 of the Traffic and Parking Rules and Regulations.

Jeannette Cintron-White stated that it has come to her attention a couple of errors in the language to the Citywide Parking Program Article 13 of the Traffic and Parking Rules and Regulations. She went on to say that the non-resident sticker should be more specific requesting a valid ID and registration. She stated that she would like to amend the following:

- To amend Section 13-4.2 (C) of the Residential Parking Stickers to read as: "New Resident Parking Pass – The New Resident Parking Pass is a temporary parking pass which shall be good for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days from the date establishing residence in the City of Chelsea. A new resident must submit a copy of their lease or deed (purchase and sale agreement shall suffice) in order to obtain a temporary parking pass. There is a no fee for the New Resident Parking Pass."
- To amend Section 13-4.4 (J) Resident Visitor Parking Passes to read as: "Temporary Parking Pass shall be issued to a residential unit for use of a rental vehicle which shall be good for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days from the date of issuance for use by a resident. The resident must provide a current driver's license, other official identification issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, utility bill dated within 60 days of the application, or any other official documentation which is deemed acceptable by the Parking Clerk which accurately lists the residential address of the applicant as residing within the City of Chelsea. There is no fee for the Temporary Parking Pass."

And by adding the portion:



- To amend Section 13-5 Non-residential Parking Program by adding the following language: All applicants in good standing with the City of Chelsea shall be issued the non-residential parking permit based on the following terms and conditions:
 - A. A current *and* valid certificate of registration issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles for the specific vehicle listing the residential or business address of the applicant.
 - B. A current driver's license, other official identification issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, or any other official documentation which is deemed acceptable by the *Parking* Clerk.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosa Santiago Melendez".

Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk