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

Item I – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Item II – Minutes of February 5, 2019

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

Item III – Communication of January 23, 2019 from Mithcello A. Delia, requesting to post a handicap sign at 107 Marlboro Street.

Michou Depeigne, of 107 Marlboro Street, stated she was the mother of Mitchello A. Delia and her son has severe autism. There is currently a handicap sign at this location for the first floor tenant, who has a child that is blind. She is requesting an additional sign due to her son's condition because it is difficult for her to park far away from her home. There are times when her son gets away from her. There have been instances where she needed to call the Police to help find him because it is difficult for her to walk long distances. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item IV – Communication of February 4, 2019 from Bert Taverna requesting to amend a change to the street sweeping times on Lawrence Street from 7 am – 1 pm to 3 pm – 5 pm.

Bert Taverna stated that this section was left out of the changes when they did the reconfiguration of the Clark Avenue School. He went on to say that he would like to have the street sweeping signs in that area changed so that all the streets around the school are on the same schedule. Brian Wagner made a motion to approve the request. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item V – Communication of February 5, 2019 from Parking Clerk Jeannette Cintron White, requesting the Commission review the current parking situation on Hawthorn Place due to a recent residential complaint. Alex Train stated that this has come about due to a complaint from a resident in this area. He went on to say that parking on Hawthorn Place is not in any of the current regulation. Alex Train stated that this should be moved to a public hearing to give residents an opportunity to speak. Richard Perisie stated that it is difficult for the fire apparatus to maneuver through the area. Bert Taverna stated that his department can paint lines for a fire lane and then move the item to a public hearing for parking



concerns. Brian Wagner made a motion to move the item to a public hearing at the next meeting in order to define legal parking on Hawthorn Place. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item VI – Communication of February 13, 2019 from Mughees Ahmad, regarding a route plan for Kebabish Food Truck.

Secretary Rosa Santiago Melendez stated, per Mughees Ahmad request, he was looking to use the parking lot at the Williams School. Cheryl Watson Fisher, of the Law Department, reached out to Mr. Ahmad to notify him that was school property. She informed him that he would need to submit a location on public way to the Licensing Commission. She also informed Mr. Ahmad by email that he would need to submit a plan when he attended the meeting. Mr. Ahmad did not attend the meeting and has not responded to either department at this time. Brian Wagner made a motion to table the request until the next meeting to allow Mr. Ahmad with another opportunity to respond. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item VII - Communication of February 13, 2019 from Brian Morgan, requesting to post a handicap sign at 5 John Street.

Brian Morgan stated that he would like to have the sign posted because the parking in the area is difficult. He has trouble walking long distances. Richard Perisie noted that there is a fire hydrant located at 5 John Street. He recommended that the sign be posted a little further up the street. Bert Taverna made a motion to approve the request but it shall be posted ten feet after the fire hydrant. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item VIII - Communication of February 19, 2019 from Deputy Chief John Quatieri, requesting a discussion on removing two parking spaces on Clark Avenue opposite John Street.

Richard Perisie stated that it was very difficult for fire apparatus to make the turn from John Street onto Clark Avenue with vehicles parking so close to the corner. Bert Taverna stated that there is a fire hydrant on John Street close to Clark Avenue. He recommended painting hash marks on the ground at the fire hydrant on John Street so that it would stop vehicles from parking on John Street near the corner. Richard Perisie agreed that might solve the problem. Bert Taverna made a motion to paint hash marks on the ground in front of the fire hydrant and to table request for further investigation. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item IX – Communication of February 21, 2019 from Emely Calixto, requesting to post a handicap sign at 125 Willow Street.

Emily Calixto, of 125 Willow Street, stated that she has difficulty walking long distances and sometimes finds it hard to find parking close to home. She state that there are no handicap signs in her area. Brian Wagner made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item X – 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.

Secretary Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that Mr. Tanaye called to say he would not be able to attend the meeting due to his work schedule. He would like to have this moved to our next meeting when he is able to attend. She informed him of the next Traffic and Parking Commission meeting date so he would be




able to notify his employer. Alex Train made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item XI – Communication of February 27, 2019 from Mimi Graney, Downtown Coordinator, requesting a temporary travel reversal of direction on Cherry Street, from Luther Place to Fifth Street, in support to the Chelsea Night Market, between 5 pm to 11 pm on the following dates: June 8, 2019 (rain date June 15, 2019), July 13, 2019 (rain date July 20, 2019), August 10, 2019 (rain date August 17, 2019), September 21, 2019 (rain date September 28, 2019), and October 5, 2019 (rain date October 12, 2019).

Mimi Graney stated that they were having a night market event at Luther Place. She would like to make it easier for vendors to be able to circle around from Fourth Street to Fifth Street and use the parking lot. She stated that there will be a police detail on site during the event. Alex Train asked how they would access their way back. He also asked if they had any input from the new function hall that opened on Fourth Street. Mimi Graney stated that she reached out to them but they do not have access to that lot. She went on to say that they will be only using one side of Luther Place lot. The other side is a private lot which they do not have access to. She went on to say that the vendors would have to go around through Everett Avenue to access their way back to the lot when finished. Roman Pucko, of Peabody, stated that he would like to see this change be a permanent change. John Nofle stated that there would definitely have to be a detail officer present at all times. He is concerned with cars turning in from Fifth Street. He also asked if it would be easier to block off the street. Mimi Graney responded that it would be inconvenient for residents who access the private lot. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item XII – Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.



Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk