



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
Traffic and Parking Commission

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May 7, 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 Director of Planning and Development John DePriest, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie, Director of Public Works Bert Taverna and resident member Brian Wagner. Members absent were resident members Jorge Pazos and Carolyn Boumila-Vega.

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

Item #2- Minutes of the April 2, 2019 Meeting.

Richard Perisie made a motion to accept the minutes. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 - Communication of May 29, 2018 from Mark Robinson and Mark White of TransDel Corporation, requesting that the Commission revisit the motion passed making Bryson Road a one-way street between Blossom Street and Heard Street.

Mark Robinson and Mark White were not in attendance. John DePriest stated that Planning and Development approved the original One North traffic plans. Richard Perisie stated that it is very difficult to make the turn onto Byrson Road with oncoming traffic. He asked if it was possible to make it a one way during the day only. John Nofle stated that it would be hard to monitor and would confuse the public. John DePriest asked if we have received any complaints on the recent conversion. Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that no complaints were received by the Parking Department. Richard Perisie stated that the whole area is tough to get around but it is easier for the fire apparatus by leaving it a one-way street. Brian Wagner made a motion to deny the reconsideration. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Bert Taverna and John Nofle were in favor. John DePriest was opposed. Motion was passed.

Item #4 -Communication of June 6, 2018 from Wanda Williams, requesting to make Clark Avenue a one-way street.

Wanda William was not in attendance. John Nofle stated that he ran an accident report for the area. The report stated that there has been three accidents in the past year. Bert Taverna stated that DPW has made several modifications to the area since November 2018. John DePriest made a motion to deny the request to make Clark Avenue a one-way street. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 -Communication of June 11, 2018 from City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, regarding a pilot program for full operation of the traffic lights at Eastern Avenue and Broadway.



Bert Taverna stated that it has been done and it is up and running. He stated that they need to make one more interconnect at the intersection of Broadway and Route 16. Bert Taverna made a motion to maintain full operation of the traffic lights on a permanent basis. John DePriest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Communication of June 6, 2018 from Councilor Leo Robinson, requesting the Commission to look into addressing the traffic lights at Broadway – Clinton Street and Eastern Avenue.

John DePriest stated this request has been addressed on Item #5.

No vote taken as it pertains to Agenda Item #5 to maintain the full operation of the traffic lights on a permanent basis.

Item #7 - Communication of August 15, 2018 from Alyssa Russell of McCourt Construction, requesting to post a "No Parking" sign on the Washington Avenue Bridge for construction vehicles for a couple of months during construction of the Silver Line.

Bert Taverna stated it is still pending the opening of the station. He went on to say he would not remove the signage until the station was open and full functioning. John DePriest stated that the signs have already been removed. John DePriest made a motion to remove the signs as they are no longer needed. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 - Communication of February 13, 2019 from Mughees Ahmad, regarding a route plan for Kebabish Food truck.

Mughees Ahmad was not in attendance. Bert Taverna stated that the locations that are requested conflict with existing store fronts. He stated that it is against the rules of the city ordinance to park in front of store fronts. John DePriest stated that they cannot park within one hundred (100) feet of a store front. John DePriest made a motion to table the item pending a review of the city ordinance. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 - Communication of February 19, 2019 from Deputy John Quatieri, requesting a discussion on removing two parking spaces on Clark Avenue opposite John Street.

Richard Perisie withdrew the request on behalf of Deputy John Quatieri. No vote taken.

Item #10 - 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 the request would allow vehicles to park in front of the driveway. He went on to say that it would allow people to block their own driveway and it would be the owner's responsibility to call the Police if the vehicle needed to be ticketed or towed. The Parking Enforcement officers would no longer enforce. John DePriest stated that he has a concern with enforcement. Bert Taverna stated that he does not agree with this request because he does not like the idea of having to wait for the Police to arrive in order to get out of your driveway. John Nofle stated that they would run the registration and ring the bell if the person lived in building. John DePriest stated that people would park blocking driveways and it would be difficult to enforce. Brian Wagner made a motion to approve the request. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. John Nofle recused himself. Bert Taverna and John DePriest were opposed. The vote was tabled.



Item #11 - 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 R. Todd stated that she came to the last meeting regarding her concerns on parking for her volunteers at the Mary C. Burke Complex. She stated that the members stated that the road was not wide enough to allow public parking. She measured a portion of Crescent Avenue, further down, and found that this portion has the same width and does not understand why it has designated as a parking lane. Margery Johnson stated that they reviewed the Beacham/Williams Street study and the eleven foot wide standard measurements were the same width as their request. John DePriest stated that diagram was not complete. He went on to say that road was a truck route designated by the State. Virginia R. Todd stated that they could get rid of the six foot sidewalk that currently is not being used. John DePriest stated that they would be doing those sidewalks all over with a new proposal for construction at the Forbes Park. The sidewalks are needed for the public to get to bus routes. Margery Johnson stated that the program is going to die if they cannot accommodate parking for their volunteers. They visit on their lunch time and are there for a short time during the kids lunch break. They are looking for at least five parking spaces. John DePriest stated that he is concerned because it is a truck route. Bert Taverna stated his concern is that fire apparatus would not be able to get through. There are lots of houses in the area. Virginia R. Todd stated if it was possible to have temporary parking spaces. Richard Perisie stated that he sympathizes with her needs but he reviewed the area and it is not possible. He had to call to have all the vehicles ticketed while he was there looking into this request. He also stated that there was an incident at the Clark Avenue School where they had difficulty because of the vehicles being parked all around the school. He asked if they had spoken with the School Department to see if they could dedicate a couple of parking spaces in their parking lot. Virginia R. Todd stated that she spoke with their office but they were not able to accommodate them. Richard Perisie stated again that it was out of their hands because it is a declared truck route by the State. Margery Johnson asked if there was any data on accidents in the area. She also asked if it was possible to make it two hour parking during school hours. John Nofle said that he could run a report. Richard Perisie stated that they could not allow parking as it is a public safety issue and impedes the fire apparatus. Richard Perisie made a motion to deny the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. John DePriest and John Nofle were in favor. Brian Wagner was opposed. The motion passed.

Item #12 - Communication of March 29, 2019 from Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, 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."

John DePriest withdrew the request. No vote taken.

Item #13 - Communication of April 3, 2019 from Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, requesting the temporary conversion of Shawmut Street, between Chester and Central Avenue, due to construction activities at the Garden Cemetery, including historic site restoration, retaining wall reconstruction, and sidewalk replacement along Shawmut Street.

Bert Taverna stated that they will be replacing the retaining wall and they will be digging eleven feet down. They will also be doing the sidewalks over. He also noted there will no parking allowed on this side and the sidewalks will be closed. The project will be starting in a month. Brian Wagner made a



motion to close the sidewalk and to post 'No Parking' signs on that side. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Item #14 - Handicap sign application of April 9, 2019 from Morton Padulsky, 33 John Street.

Morton Padulsky stated that he has a driveway but it is not wide enough. He has trouble parking and then exiting the vehicle due to the hill. He stated that he has been blocking his driveway but now he cannot as he has been ticketed. Richard Perisie made a motion to approve the application. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #15- Communication of April 10, 2019 from Councilor Joe Perlatonda, requesting the Traffic and Parking Commission's consideration regarding a \$100.00 fine for anyone parking on City sidewalks.

Councilor Joe Perlatonda stated that there are too many cars parking on sidewalks citywide and damaging the sidewalks. He stated that the city pays a lot of money every year to repair the sidewalks. He went on to say that if we raise the fee it will make people think twice before parking on a sidewalk. He also recommended towing the vehicles. John Nofle spoke with Chief Brian Kyes, who feels that the increased amount is excessive. He suggested targeting more on ticketing the vehicles. John DePriest noted that another issue with this violation is that pedestrians are not able to safely walk by. They have to go onto the street to get around the vehicle. Jeannette Cintron White stated that the Parking Enforcement officers do not enforce for this violation overnight as the Parking Department is dedicated to the citywide residential parking program. She went on to say that we could speak to the officer on duty who tickets for all other offenses. We will inform them to target this violation throughout the city. Joe Perlatonda asked if the Police Department writes tickets at night. Jeannette Cintron White stated that there is an officer assigned on the overnight shift with the parking enforcement that target all other offenses other than resident parking. John Nofle stated that we could raise the fine to thirty-five or forty dollars or look into maybe towing. Brian Wagner made a motion to table the item for a month pending further investigation by monitoring enforcement and ticket issuance. John DePriest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #16 - Communication of April 10, 2019 from Councilor Joe Perlatonda, requesting the Traffic and Parking Commission's consideration regarding ticketing for overtime parking meters throughout the City. Councilor Perlatonda withdrew this request. No vote taken.

Item #17 - Communication of April 12, 2019 from Daniel Bardsley, of 14 Lisa Lane, requesting to discuss and propose a solution regarding parking concerns at the corner of Lisa Lane and Clinton Street.

Daniel Bardsley was not in attendance. He emailed the Commission stating that he would be traveling and could not attend the meeting. Richard Perisie stated that he spoke with Daniel Bardsley and visited the site. He stated that there is currently a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on the left side. After reviewing the area, he suggests that DPW place the same sign on the opposite side of the street. Richard Perisie made a motion to post a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on the right side of the street and mark the ground with hash-marks at the fire hydrant. John DePriest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #18 - Handicap sign application of April 16, 2019 from Karen Y. Escobar, 172 Chester Avenue.

John DePriest made a motion to approve the application. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Item #19 - Communication of April 16, 2019 from Kevin Kelliher, of 165 Cottage Street, requesting to expand the 'No Parking' zone in front of 165 Cottage Street.

John Nofle found that there is adequate space from the current sign to the entrance of the parking lot. John DePriest made a motion to deny the request. Bert Taverna seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Item #20 - Communication of April 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 Gerrish Avenue, from Highland Street to its terminus.

John DePriest made a motion to approve the request. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #21 - Handicap sign application of April 30, 2019 from John J. Winam, 152 Congress Avenue.

Bert Taverna made a motion to approve the request. John DePriest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #22 - Communication of May 1, 2019 from Juan Alvarado, of 53 Bloomingdale Street, requesting to restrict parking at the space in front of this property.

John Nofle found that there is not enough space for a vehicle to legally park at this location. Bert Taverna made a motion to post a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign from the driveway to the corner. John DePriest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #23 - Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.



Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk