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Minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts. The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie and resident member Aaron Kraemer was present. Resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega was absent.

Item #1 – Approval of the minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting.

Richard Perisie made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 – Communication of September 30, 2020 from Michael O'Shea, requesting the Commission to look into installing a stop sign, speed bump or other traffic calming measures on Addison Street, between Carter and Maple Street.

Alex Train stated that the consulting engineering tech prepared a conceptual set of recommendations that are under review by the Housing and Community Development Department and the Department of Public Works. He stated that by January they will have recommendations for implementation in the spring once the snow clears. Alex stated that before any recommendations are implemented that the Commission will reach out to the residents and surrounding abutters to go over the plan. Fidel Maltez made a motion to close this request as they are working on improvements in the area. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 – Public Hearing to receive comment regarding a request to convert metered parking spaces to a commercial loading zone in front of 306 Broadway.

Mustapha Et-Taik stated that he was looking for consideration from the Commission to convert the meter spaces in front of his store to a loading zone. He stated that his business depends on a high level of freight being delivered and with the bike/bus lane. He went on to say it is very difficult for him to receive his shipments. He stated that he issued a small survey with six businesses in the area and they had no issues with this request. They also find it hard to receive deliveries. Alex Train stated that his department examined the loading zone location. They agree that expanding loading zones on Broadway is a key priority right now particularly to remove any impediment to traffic flow and to make sure nothing is hindering any emergency response times and to support local business. He stated that the Department of Housing and Community Development is in support of this request. He stated that adding a loading zone in this area makes sense due to the level of deliveries they receive. He stated that the loading zone could be used by other businesses in the area. He recommended the adoption of this new loading zone on Broadway. Fidel Maltez stated that the installation of the bus lane has really changed the aspects of Broadway and has emphasized the need to create more loading zones. He stated he was an advocate for loading zones on Broadway because it will help reduce double parking and enable more deliveries. Kim Joyce, of North Suffolk Mental Health, stated that they are right across the street and have numerous deliveries which also have an issue with the parking. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Brian Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 – Communication of November 12, 2020 from Carl Orlandi, requesting the Commission to change the current parking in front of the businesses located at 76-84 Washington Avenue to thirty (30) minute parking during regular business hours and to add back the two parking spaces that were removed.


Fidel Maltez stated that the two parking spaces mentioned in the second half of this request are between two crosswalks. He stated that the area is a high traffic area for students going to and from school. The crossing guards have a difficult time seeing oncoming traffic. Alex Train stated that the Commission is sympathetic to the need of



parking spaces but the safety concerns of the public outweigh the convenience. He stated that the first part of the request seems sensible as the area serves businesses during the day and serves the residents at night. Roy Avellaneda stated that Mr. Orlandi reached out to him on the matter. He supports the request for the local businesses as there are other similar areas in the city. He stated that the local businesses should have the availability of parking for people coming in and out of their businesses. He stated that he strongly recommends and supports this request. Alex Train made a motion to approve the thirty (30) minute parking spaces from Heard Street to Blossom Street on Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 6 pm. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 – Communication of November 19, 2020 from Councilor Judith Garcia, requesting the commission to look into making Congress Avenue and Third Street from Pearl Street to Chestnut Street, parking on both sides of the street. Fidel Maltez stated that the city engineers are still doing a study in this area. He stated that the intersections in this area are dangerous. He would like to revisit this request in January so that they may work with the Police and Fire Department. Fidel made a motion to table request until the January meeting. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk