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Minutes of July 7, 2020

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held via video conference in the City Council Conference Room, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts. The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Noffle. Members present were, Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Alex Train, via video were members Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie and resident members: Carolyn Boumila-Vega and Aaron Kraemer. Resident member Brian Wagner was absent.

Item # 1 - Approval of the minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting.

Richard Perisie made a motion to accept the minutes. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 - Communication of June 20, 2019, from Councilor Enio Lopez, requesting the Commission to look into the feasibility of installing two removable rubber speed bumps during the summer at 125 Marlborough Street and at 70 Shawmut Street to avoid cars driving fast at these two areas where there are many children playing.

Secretary of the commission Rosa Santiago Melendez read a statement sent in by Councilor Enio Lopez regarding his request. Fidel Maltez stated that the commission had approved a pilot program installing the rubber speed bump on Shawmut Street last summer and it worked just fine. He stated that city had removed it in December for the winter due to snow removal. He stated that due to construction being done on Marlboro Street it is not possible now and would like to table that portion. Richard Perisie stated that he was not in favor of the request because it cause damages to fire apparatus going over them. Alex Train stated that he was in favor to reduce speed and traffic and it was a reasonable request. Fidel Maltez made a motion to reinstall the removable rubber speed bump at 70 Shawmut Street and table the request for Marlboro Street. Alex Train seconded the motion. Aaron Kraemer and Carolyn Boumila-Vega were in favor. Richard Perisie was opposed.

Item #3 - Communication of November 21, 2019, from former Councilor Luis Tejada, requesting the Commission to look into potentially installing a speed bump, or some other concept, that will force people to minimize their speed on Summit Avenue.

Fidel Maltez stated that this request was originally submitted back in November but nothing had been done on it due to Covid 19. He stated he would like more time to look into it. Alex Train stated that his department has not been able to complete the assessment of the area also. Richard Perisie stated that they should take into consideration that there is major construction being done in the area also. Fidel Maltez made a motion to table item until one month. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 - Public Hearing to receive comment on the request to post two (2) fifteen (15) minute parking spaces at El Santaneco Restaurant on Chestnut Street.



Alex Train stated that he had met with the owner of the restaurant and had a discussion regarding two parking spaces for his restaurant. He stated that they have been looking at short term parking for businesses at the two spaces on Fifth Street at the corner of Chestnut Street. Richard Perisie stated that would be across the street from the restaurant because there is no parking on that side correct. Alex Train stated yes that is correct. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve the two spaces on Fifth Street at the corner of Chestnut and remove meters. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 - Communication of March 13, 2020, from Keith Beardsley of Heath Properties, requesting that the four (4) parking spots located between 173 and 181 Washington Avenue (on the odd side) have signage that restricts parking to thirty (30) minute parking from 7 am to 7 pm Monday to Saturday or that the City place meters there to restrict parking.

Secretary of the Commission Rosa Santiago Melendez read statements sent in by supporters listed below of this request:

- Keith Beardsley, Chief Operating Officer of Heath Properties in favor.
- Rosaivette Baez, owner of Bella Isla Restaurant in favor.
- Joseph W. Mahoney, President of Chamber of Commerce in favor.
- Michael Albano, 32 Crest Avenue in favor.
- John Byrnes, 31 Kimball Road in favor.
- Marnie MacAlpine, 20 Franklin Avenue in favor.
- Sonny & Nancy Doherty in favor.
- Eden Edwards, 32 Crest Avenue in favor.
- Ximena Forero-Irizarry in favor.
- Matt Frank, 45 Jones Avenue in favor.
- Mary M. Bourque, 95 Sagamore Avenue in favor.
- Sharlene McLean, 100 Broadway in favor.
- Mike Caulfield, 26 Breakwater Cove in favor.
- Christopher Assante, Board Member-Chelsea Homeowners Association in favor.
- April Swartz, 30 Beacon Street in favor.
- Lucia Tarantino, 14-16 School Street in favor.
- Miriam Rancatore, of Cambridge in favor.
- Councilor Naomi Zobot in favor.
- Dr. Audrius Berzanskis, 84 Tudor Street in favor.
- Devra Sari Zobot, 375 Broadway in favor.
- Edson Coimbra, of Ciao Pizza and Pasta in favor
- Nick Davidson, 135 Bellingham Street in favor.
- Lisa Santagate, 221 Shurtleff Street in favor.

Richard Perisie asked if they were looking to put in meters. He went on to ask, would it be like in front of the dentist on Washington Avenue where the commission put two hour parking accept for resident stickers. Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that the area in question is not within the residential daytime restricted area. Richard Perisie stated with the request on item number six this would make five parking spaces. Fidel Maltez stated that we would need to look into the amount of space to see. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approved request for four (4) thirty (30) minutes spaces as requested. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Communication of March 23, 2020, from Roy Avellaneda of Pan y Café, 173 Washington Avenue, requesting that the "No Parking Here to Corner" sign located at 173 Washington Avenue be relocated closer



to the crosswalk to the location of where the city decorative street light is to allow space for another parking spot.

Secretary of the Commission Rosa Santiago Melendez read a statement sent in by Isabel Avellaneda, owner of 173-175 Washington Avenue in favor of the request. Alex Train stated that he would like to analyze the area. He stated that state regulations requires twenty (20) feet within an intersection. Carolyn Boumilla-Vega stated that she frequently visits the area and the space is pretty large. She went on to say that it looks like there is enough space for one vehicle. She asked if it was an issue with the fire department not being able to make the turn. Richard Perisie stated that we would need to look at it see if it is a legal space. He stated that as far as making the turn that was not an issue. Fidel Maltez made a motion to evaluate after the implementation of item #5. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 - Communication of March 23, 2020, from Roy Avellaneda of Pan y Café, 173 Washington Avenue, requesting to change the parking restriction on Forsyth Street from resident only parking 24 hours to 2 hour limit parking for visitors 8 am to 6 pm.

Secretary of Commission Rosa Santiago Melendez read statements sent in by supporters listed below: Javier Fernandez in favor.

Isabel Avellaneda, owner of 173-175 Washington Avenue in favor.

Rev. Damaris Gonzalez, Congregacion Candelero de Dios in favor.

Fidel Maltez stated that similar modifications have been made in other areas for two (2) hours unless resident. He stated that it would be hard to enforce but not impossible. Alex Train stated it was not ideal for enforcement but if the change was made we can monitor the area to ensure not being used by commuters. Aaron Kraemer stated that we should include Gardner Street not have two connecting streets with different restrictions. Alex Train made a motion to move to public hearing including Gardner Street. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 - Handicap sign application of June 1, 2020 from Rebecca Swope, at 29 Tudor Street.

Alex Train made a motion to approve request. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 - Handicap sign application of June 2, 2020 from Michael Cohen, at 38 Hancock Street.

Rosa Santiago Melendez read a statement sent in by Councilor Todd Taylor in favor of the request.

Richard Perisie stated that he visited the location and saw that the resident does have a lift in front of the house. Richard Perisie made a motion to approve the request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item # 10 - Communication of June 12, 2020, from Candy Winam, requesting the Commission to look into installing a "Stop" sign at the intersection of Franklin and Garland Street.

Fidel Maltez stated he took a look at the area and doesn't know why there is no stop sign at the corner of Franklin Street and Garland Street since there is a stop line on the pavement. He stated that it might have been knocked down in an accident and never replaced. He stated that he will have Department of Public Works repost the sign. No vote taken.

Item - 11 - Communication of June 17, 2020, from Councilor Judith Garcia, requesting the Commission to look into creating 15-minute stickers for restaurant delivery employees who are forced to briefly double park while completing home deliveries.



Fidel Maltez stated that along with Alex Train they had spoken with Councilor Garcia that her request was not directly for restaurant owners but for the delivery drivers. He stated that delivery drivers are having a difficult time finding parking and are looking for some flexibility. He stated that the request is contradicting since the city is having issues with double parking. He went on to say that they would need to have more discussion with the Councilor to find a solution. Fidel Maltez suggested that the commission should table until they look more into the request. Richard Perisie stated it is a public safety issue and a constant problem. He stated at a public safety point is was opposed to the request. Alex Train stated he will meet with Councilor Garcia and look further into the problem. Alex Train made a motion to table request until he was able to speak with Councilor Garcia. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item # 12 - Handicap sign application of July 1, 2020, from Joseph Pazos, at 78 Spencer Avenue.

Secretary of Commission Rosa Santiago Melendez read a letter sent in by Karen Pazos mother of Joseph Pazos. Alex Train stated that not all disabilities are physical many are invisible and the commission should take that into cognizance. He went on to say that he approved the request and it would make a small but meaningful step to a better quality of life for the family. Richard Perisie stated that if Mrs. Pazos was listening to the meeting that it's not a burden for the fire department nor the police department if she ever needs to call for assistance. Alex Train made a motion to approve request. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosa Santiago Melendez", written over a horizontal line.

Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk