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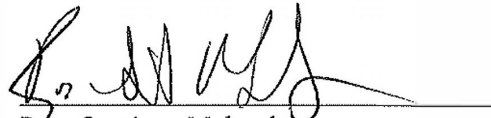
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Minutes of June 9, 2020

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

Item #1 - Communication of June 1, 2020 from Planning and Development Assistant Director Alex Train, requesting the approval of a plan regarding outdoor seating for restaurants and short term delivery/pick up zones throughout the downtown area and other neighborhood retail districts for implementation this summer due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Alex Train stated that the city has been strategizing on a plan to give relief to businesses in Chelsea. The City Manager along with the Department of Public Works has been working with the local businesses on a cautious opening. In immediate need are the restaurants. We have been working on a plan for outdoor eating keeping in consideration health safety methods. The plan consists of outdoor seating in public parking spaces. The available space for outdoor seating is limited. This would be a temporary seating effective until November 1, 2020. Mimi Graney stated the city had approved outdoor seating in January of this year. She stated that they had a consultant working with the business owners. She went on to say that the request was a necessity not a luxury to be able to service 20% from the closure. They are looking to also have parklets in parking spaces, alley ways and bus lane to help improve neighboring business. Alex Train stated that economically restaurants have been closed or take out service only. They are looking to provide two to three spaces per restaurant. This will only be in effect the hours of 5pm to 9 pm Monday through Thursday and 5 pm through 10 pm on Friday and Saturday. Carolyn Boumila-Vega asked if the parklets could be used by all restaurants. Alex Train replied that yes any abutting restaurants can use them. Richard Perisie stated that the chief had only one concern that none of the fire hydrants are to be blocked or any fire lanes. Alex Train stated that no hydrants will be blocked or have barriers. He stated Inspectional Services Department will make sure on compliances. Ben Cares stated that the short term parking would be one spot in areas of Broadway, Central Avenue, Park Street and Cary Square. They would be enforced by Parking Enforcement and Police Department. Aaron Kraemer suggested that the short term parking space at 150 Washington Avenue be moved a little closer to the Chelsea Restaurant in Cary Square and the space at 883 Broadway be moved to 891 Broadway. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve the following temporary plan for implementation on June 9, 2020 through November 1, 2020 with two changes on short term parking spaces: the Upper Broadway space, 883 Broadway to be moved to 891 Broadway and the Cary Square space be moved from 150 Washington Avenue to 158 Washington Avenue. The closures for the outdoor seating would be Monday through Thursday 5 pm to 9 pm and Friday and Saturday 5 pm to 10 pm per the request of the abutting restaurants or city downtown coordinator. Richard Perisie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm.


Rosa Santiago Melendez
Assistant Parking Clerk