



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA  
Traffic and Parking Commission

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**Minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting.**

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

*Item #2 - Approval of the minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting.*

Aaron Kraemer made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting. Steven Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #3 - Public Hearing to receive comment on a request to make Clark Avenue a one-way street, from Webster Avenue to Eleanor Street.*

Alex Train stated that the city traffic engineers performed a traffic performance analysis on Clark Avenue. He stated that the study found that this portion of Clark Avenue could be converted into a one-way westerly without any significant impact on commuters. He stated that the conversion on Clark Avenue should be one-way westerly, between Webster Avenue and Eleanor Street. He stated that the residents who will be impacted are those who live on that portion of the street. He recommended the approval of the conversion and the posting of proper signage. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request to convert Clark Avenue to a one-way westerly between Webster Avenue and Eleanor Street and to post the recommended signage. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #4 - Communication of September 15, 2021 from Councilor Enio A. Lopez, requesting the Commission to look into the placement of speed tables to be located at 73 Marlborough Street and 150 Marlborough Street.*

Enio Lopez asked if the Commission to approve his request for a speed table on Marlboro Street. He stated that there have been a couple of accidents due to speeding. Alex Train stated that the traffic engineers for the city are currently conducting a study and they will return with their traffic calming recommendations. He stated that once he receives their recommendations, he will review them with the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department and then submit the plans to the Commission. Enio Lopez stated that he visited Medford, Somerville and Rhode Island and they have speed tables on many streets. He stated that he would appreciate it if the Commission would consider putting a speed table on Marlborough Street. Alex Train asked if the Commission could table this item until the next meeting pending the outcome of the study as they will be returning with a strategy plan. Alex Train made a motion to table this request until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #5 - Handicap sign application of October 14, 2021 from Carlos Osorto, at 33 Cherry Street.*

Blanca Hernandez stated that she is a family friend and was present on behalf of Carlos Osorto. She stated that he is ill and not able to make it to the meeting. She stated that she knows that the Commission denied the first request because there is no parking allowed on Cherry Street but he is hoping that they would reconsider. She asked if the sign could be posted at 76 to 78 Chestnut Street, which is closer to his home. She stated that he has had knee surgery and he has difficulty walking long distances. Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



*Item #6 - Handicap sign application of October 19, 2021 from Franklin Espinoza Rivera, at 19 Lynn Street.*

Fenix Rivera stated that she would like to have a handicap sign posted in front of her home because her son is unable to walk on his own. She has to transport him three times a week to dialysis and it is very difficult. She stated that she is aware of a sign currently posted at 12 Lynn Street but she thinks the person has moved. Rosa Santiago Melendez confirmed with the applicant of 12 Lynn Street is still living at the address and he is still in need of the handicap sign. Alex Train noted that the current applicant is still utilizing the sign. Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #7 - Handicap sign application of November 10, 2021 from Miriam Cordero, at 26 Blossom Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #8 - Communication of November 17, 2021 from Mary Festa, requesting a discussion on speeding vehicles and traffic concerns at the intersection of Jefferson and Washington Avenue.*

Mary Festa stated that the intersection of Jefferson and Washington Avenue needs to be studied by the traffic engineers. She stated that she lives on the corner and she constantly sees vehicles speeding around the corner from Washington Avenue onto Jefferson Avenue. She stated that there is currently a soft corner and the vehicles speeding around the corner are not cognizant of pedestrians crossing. She believes that if a hard corner were installed that it would slow down the vehicles making the turn. She thought that a speed table was going to be installed but it never was. She asked if any kind of a study could be performed in the area. Alex Train asked if the Commission could table this request to allow his department to make an assessment of the area. Alex Train made a motion to table the request pending a traffic study. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #9 - Handicap sign application of November 18, 2021 from Lynn Daner, at 7 Park Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #10 - Handicap sign application of November 18, 2021 from Dulce Martinez, at 40 Carter Street.*

Carolyn Boumila-Vega stated that the application was for 40 Carmel Street, not 40 Carter Street. Rosa Santiago Melendez apologized for the error and she confirmed that the request is for 40 Carmel Street. Alex Train made a motion to approve the application for 40 Carmel Street. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #11 - Handicap sign application of November 18, 2021 from Alfonso Chavez, at 65 Crescent Avenue.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #12 - Communication of November 23, 2021 from Emely Calixto, requesting to remove the handicap sign at 125 Willow Street.*

Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

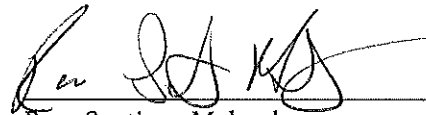
*Item #13 - Communication of December 1, 2021 from Matthew Blackerby, the Project Manager of Bald Hill Builders LLC, requesting the approval of a construction site plan for The Cathedral project located at 157-163 Chestnut Street.*

Matthew Blackerby stated that Bald Hill Builders are currently working on a projected at 157-163 Chestnut Street. He stated that they would be converting the building into condominiums. He stated that the rectory is going to be demolished in the next couple of days. He stated that the original request was for fifteen parking spaces but he pushed it back to four spaces. He stated that the construction site needs a large area for trucks to allow them to load and unload deliveries. He stated that the project was going to take up to thirteen months to complete. He stated that it is a struggles now to get materials delivered. He stated that the parking spaces would only be needed Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm. He noted that the residents will be able to park in the spaces in the



evenings. He stated that there are public safety concerns and he would like to install a temporary crosswalk at the end of Chestnut Street. He noted that a crosswalk exists at the corner of Chestnut and Third Street. He stated that they will post proper signage. He stated that the crosswalks at both ends of construction site will keep pedestrians away from the front of the construction site. Alex Train stated that this is a very dense area. He stated that there is not a lot of off-street parking in that area and he would prefer to approve four to five spaces just along the curb-side. He stated that the installation of temporary crosswalks for pedestrians are needed and he has no issues with the hours for the designated parking spaces. He stated that all signage and crosswalks will need to meet ADA compliance. Steven Purcell stated that he was at the construction site doing a walk through and he saw that it was a very tight area. He stated that he had no issues as long as the fencing on the sidewalk is not too far out to block the street. Matthew Blackerby stated that they will be sure to have all the appropriate signage at the temporary parking and they will notify abutters. John Nofle stated that Matthew Blackerby will need to reach out to Captain Dunn for any necessary police details. Alex Train made a motion to approve five parking spaces along the frontage of the construction site Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm for the duration of the project and to install a temporary crosswalk. Steven Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

  
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Rosa Santiago Melendez  
Assistant Parking Clerk