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Traffic and Parking Commission

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Alex Train  
Director of Community & Housing Development  
Aaron Kraemer  
Resident Member  
Carolyn P. Boumila-Vega  
Resident Member

**Minutes of the June 1, 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 6:01 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofhle. Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train, resident members Aaron Kraemer and Carolyn Boumila-Vega were present. Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie was absent.

*Item #2 - Approval of the minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #3 - Approval of the minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting.*

Alex Train made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. Fidel Maltez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #4 - Communication of July 14, 2020 from resident Joseph Perlatonda, requesting to look into placing speed bumps to slow down traffic on Clinton Street.*

Alex Train stated that since the Commission's last meeting, he has met with the traffic consultant who performed a traffic study on Clinton Street. They have come up with a conceptual plan to slow down speeding and to address the safety concerns from the residents. The modifications will include pavement markings, enhanced signage, replacing crosswalks and defined parking. They believe this will slow the rate of traffic, increase visibility and provide safety to pedestrians. He stated that he considers this issued addressed and presently there is no need for any further action. Alex Train made a motion to deny this request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #5 - Public Hearing to receive comment regarding a request to change the two parking meters in front of E-911 from two hour maximum to ten hour maximum.*

Fidel Maltez stated that this is a continuance from a request to remove two 10 hour metered parking spaces for an electric vehicle charging station on City Hall Avenue. He stated that he would like to replace the two 2 hour metered parking spaces with two 10 hour spaces, similar to the ones that were removed from City Hall Avenue. Alex Train stated that his department strongly supports this request. Carolyn Boumila-Vega made a motion to accept this request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #6 - Communication of March 8, 2021, from resident Jillian Jenkins, requesting to install a blinking red light at the corner of Parker Street and Clark Avenue.*

Alex Train stated that he is in the process of working on a traffic calming plan with the Transportation Engineer now that they have completed a traffic study of the intersection. He noted the recommendations are under review. They are looking into adding pavement markings, sidewalk replacement and other traffic calming measures. Alex Train made a motion to table this request until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #7 - Public Hearing to receive comment regarding a request for the Commission's approval to consolidate two bus stops at Cary Square.*

Alex Train stated that the request comes from the MBTA to consolidate the two bus stops at Cary Square. Ben Cares stated that the request stems from concerns of the business owners and residents in the area due to the idling



and exhaust of the buses. He stated there were also concerns with the crosswalks and other public safety concerns for pedestrians. If granted, he stated that there would be a loss of two parking spaces. Alex Train stated that his office has been fielding complaints from residents on the idling issues. He stated that the relocation will pull the buses further away from the heavily populated area and move more into the square. Fidel Maltez stated that a gentleman from the MBTA had been present at the last meeting but was not able to attend this meeting. He stated that the MBTA has shared their concerns about the safety issues and feel this would be safer for all riders. He stated that he strongly approves this request. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve this request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #8 - Communication of April 6, 2021 from Paul Koolloian of E-911, requesting to rename the street abutting the senior center known as Riley Way to another street name.*

Fidel Maltez stated that Paul Koolloian shared his frustration on two streets named the same. He stated to change the name of a street you must start the process with the Assessor's Office. He stated that the Commission is not disregarding the request but it must start at the Assessor's Office. He stated that he will forward the information to the Assessor's Office. Fidel Maltez made a motion to deny this request. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #9 - Handicap sign application of April 29, 2021 from John Carron, at 131 Spencer Avenue.*

Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that there was currently a handicap sign at this location but it is going to be removed because the applicant passed away. Alex Train made a motion to approve the request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #10 - Handicap sign application of April 30, 2021 from Leticia Prudencio Chavez, at 46 Orange Street.*

Fidel Maltez stated that the area is very condense and parking is difficult. Alex Train stated that the Commission should table this request to get clarification from the applicant on her need for the sign. Rosa Santiago Melendez stated that there is currently a sign at this address but she will investigate whether or not the applicant has moved. Alex Train made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #11 - Handicap sign application of May 11, 2021 from Claudio Mojica, at 156 Bellingham Street.*

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

*Item #12 - Communication of May 19, 2021 from Argelia Sanitzo of Chelsea Dental Assoc., requesting multiple hearings on parking spaces at 109 Washington Avenue.*

Rosa Santiago-Melendez stated she spoke with Dr. Kumaraguru of Chelsea Dental Association and was informed that he was unable to attend the meeting. He asked if the Commission can table the item until the next meeting. Fidel Maltez made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #13 - Communication of May 19, 2021 from Paul Nowicki, of the Chelsea Housing Authority, requesting a discussion on traffic concerns at the intersection of Locke Street and Webster Avenue.*

Paul Nowicki stated that it is very difficult to exit from Locke Street onto Webster Avenue. He stated that vehicles coming down Webster Avenue towards Route 16 block the intersection of Locke Street when the traffic light is red. Also, it is dangerous when the traffic coming from Route 16 up Webster Avenue at a high speed and vehicles are exiting Locke Street onto Webster Avenue. He stated he is asking the Commission to look into different traffic calming plans to slow down the vehicles and not block the intersection. Alex Train stated that the Commission could have the transportation engineer conduct a study of the area and propose a plan. Fidel Maltez informed the members that there have been areas where DPW has marked the ground with a box and posted signs at similar intersections to avoid vehicles from stopping and blocking the intersection. He stated that they could also post speed limit signs. Fidel Maltez made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



*Item #14 - Communication of May 19, 2021 from Katie Moulton, from the MBTA, requesting approval for a bus stop improvement at Park Street and Hawthorne Street.*

Katie Moulton, of WSP an engineering firm of Boston, stated that they are conducting a safety improvement project of the bus stops in Massachusetts. She stated that the intent of the project is to improve customer safety, accessibility and to make all bus stops ADA compliant. She stated that they have concerns with one bus stop in Chelsea located at Hawthorn Street/Park Street. She stated that the bus stop at that location is not compliant. She stated that the current handicap ramps are not compliant with ADA they are currently at 14% and should be 7%. She stated that in order to make this bus stop compliant they would need to install a raised crosswalk across Park Street, replace the brick sidewalks, and add pavement markings on the street. She stated that there should be a six inch road pavement and the easiest way to do that would be raising the crosswalk. She stated that they would need to make the bus stop one hundred feet in order to be in compliance. She stated that in order to complete all of the work to make the bus stop compliant it would be taking away sixty feet of parking in the area. She stated once completed it would create an accessible and customer safety bus stop. She stated the completion of the project would be in the fall of 2021. Alex Train stated that he was strongly supportive of this project and the strategy to improve safety. He stated that the loss of parking would have to be moved to a public hearing. Fidel Maltez stated that this is the intersection at the Early Learning Center and it is a high traffic area. He stated by raising the crosswalks would help and create a safer crossing for students and parents. He stated that he has been in contact with the police department and fire department and they are in agreement with the project. Alex Train stated that this would improve safety and reduce accidents. Fidel Maltez made a motion to move this request for the loss of parking to a public hearing. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #15 - Communication of May 20, 2021 from Benjamin Cares, of Department of Housing and Community Development, requesting the elimination of one parking spot along Second Street between Broadway and Winnisimmet Street due to a refurbishment project at Chelsea Square and Second Street.*

Ben Cares stated that the Department of Housing and Community Development has received a grant to do a refurbishment project at Chelsea Square. He stated that they would be elevating the curb on Second Street which is not compliant with MA state guidelines. He stated in order to complete this project they would need to eliminate one parking space on Second Street. Alex Train stated that he strongly supportive of this project. He stated that in the coming months the city will be opening up parking lots under the Route one which is in walking distance. He stated that this will give the city one hundred and fifty parking spaces. Fidel Maltez stated that the area has become a gathering space for city events and this will make it more conducive. He stated that there are also lots of restaurants in the area. Alex Train made a motion to move this request to a public hearing. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #16 - Communication of May 26, 2021 from Benjamin Cares, of Department of Housing and Community Development, requesting the approval of the temporary shutdown of Second Street between Broadway and Winnisimmet Street.*

Ben Cares noted that this section is a short stretch of Second Street. He stated that the request is so that they can install a fixture on Second Street. He stated that he is proposing the temporary shutdown will take around eight weeks. He noted that the City Manager is supportive of this request. He stated that the fixture will be one part seating and one part public shade sculpture. He stated that it will benefit the public and bring more foot traffic into the area. He stated that it will bring more people to city events and be an economic benefit to the businesses in the area. Alex Train stated the fixture is really exceptionally designed and will offer a great creative addition. He stated that the design will offer recreational use for all families. Fidel Maltez stated that the city had this street shut down during Covid for a long period. He stated that it will impact some residents but was not a major concern. He stated that this summer the city is hoping this brings other art to the area. He stated the city is trying to improve the downtown area. John Nofle stated his concern would be what would be used to block off the street. Ben Cares stated that they will use a combination of jersey barriers and planters. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve this request. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #17 - Handicap sign application of May 27, 2021 from Wanda Muniz, at 135 Chestnut Street.*

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



Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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

Rosa Santiago Melendez, Assistant Parking Clerk