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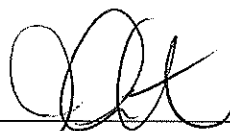
Minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting.

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 Nofle. Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Perisie, resident member Aaron Kraemer and resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega were present.

*Item #1 – Communication of May 5, 2021, from Benjamin Cares of Department of Housing & Community Development, requesting the Commission's approval to implement several measures to revitalize Chelsea's Downtown Broadway Commercial District this spring and summer which affect parking and traffic utilized along Downtown Broadway, Winnisimmet Street and Division Street. The projects are described as outdoor dining parklets, temporary parking zones, roadway murals, creative crosswalks and outdoor events.*

Ben Cares, of Housing and Community Development, briefly explained that some of the attachments in the submission are from last year. He noted that some of the areas are outside of downtown Broadway. He went into detail for each item request. He stated that the parklets were approved last year by the Commission and is hoping that they can be extended until this November again. The parklets for this year will be placed in front of the restaurants. He noted that the parklets will eliminate parking spaces and they will affect traffic but it will create safer dining experiences. He asked the Commission for their approval in delegating the approval of these applications through their department instead of coming to the Commission on an individual basis. He reminded the Commission that their department works with ISD and the Law Department to authorize the applications and will always involve the Fire and Police when necessary. Mimi Graney, the Downtown Coordinator, stated that they followed this procedure last year. Ben Cares went on to discuss the plans for the five minute parking spaces. He would like their department to delegate on these as well. He explained that the Roadway Murals and Creative Crosswalks are part of a mission to cue drivers of the dense, commercial area and to create awareness of the high pedestrian area. His department secured a grant to do so, similar to the project for the city's bicycle lanes efforts. He stated that this project will create visual cues and provide safety improvement. While the request does not require the Commission's approval, he wanted to bring it to their attention. Mimi Graney added that this is similar to the bus stop at Park Street. She stated that this summer the events will take place at Chelsea Square instead of Luther Place. The idea provides for dinner and a show. Ben Cares brought to the Commission's attention that the Second Street event, between Broadway and Winnisimmet Street, will be elevated so that the street/walkway is flush with the curbing and sidewalk. Fidel Maltez asked Ben Cares if the vote is to allow the Housing and Community Development Department the authority to approve the locations, not that the Commission is approving these locations and events. Ben Cares responded yes. He also asked if they will reach out to the Fire and Police Department. Ben Cares responded yes. Alex Train added that their department has an internal process to reach out to the Fire and Police Department for their approval. He mentioned that the five minute parking were popular last year. John Nofle mentioned the forty-eight (48) hour notice required when posting No Parking signs. Mimi Graney explained that the locations do not allow for public parking and it should not be a problem. Richard Perisie made a motion to approve the request by delegating the Department of Housing and Community Development to authorize the parklets, the five (5) minute parking zones and the events in conjunction with the Department of Inspectional Services and the Law Department, including the Police and Fire Department when necessary. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

  
Jeannette Cintron White, Parking Clerk