



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
Traffic and Parking Commission

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Minutes of the January 4, 2022 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, Assistant City Engineer Rebecca Wright and resident member Aaron Kraemer were present. Resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega was absent.

Item #2 - Approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting.

Alex Train made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 - 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.

Alex Train stated that a traffic study had been conducted by the city's traffic consultant, of The Engineering Corporation. He recommended that three-inch speed humps and pedestrian signage be installed. He stated that it was also proposed to elevate the intersection of Marlboro and Highland Street. He stated that after conferring with the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department, the elevation of the intersection will inhibit the movement of the fire trucks. He stated that only the smaller speed humps, the pavement markings and the pedestrian signage were agreed on. He stated that they would install stop signs and signage with flashing lights at dawn to warn drivers after dusk. He noted that if this were passed by City Council, the implementation will happen in the spring. Councilor Enio Lopez stated that he would like the Commission to consider his request because of the speeding vehicles and the children in the area. Alex Train stated that the Commission discussed the recommendation issued by the traffic consultant and that he will give him a quick recap of the recommendations. Aaron Kraemer made a motion to approve the proposed plan with the restriping of the crosswalk, rebuilding of the imprint asphalt and the installing of new signage, but eliminating the elevated intersection at Highland and Marlboro Street. Alex Train seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 - 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 at the last meeting she was told that the Traffic and Parking Commission would be performing a traffic study of the intersection and was looking to see if any recommendations were made. She noted that there was a car accident after the last meeting. She feels that making the corner a sharp turn would alleviate the vehicles from making a fast turn. Alex Train stated that his department, along with the Department of Public Works, were in the process of conducting a study at the intersection in order to access traffic calming measures. He stated that it takes two to three months to complete the study. They hope to present the findings at the next meeting. Alex Train made a motion to table the request until February pending the recommendations of the traffic study. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 - Handicap sign application of December 10, 2021 from Emma Martin-Newberry, at 145 Orange Street.

Alex Train noted that the vehicle is not registered to the applicant. Rosa Santiago-Melendez stated that some applicants are unable to drive and will provide registrations of caretakers. This vehicle is registered to their caregiver that lives with them. Steven Purcell questioned the fact that the vehicle is registered to the property owner. Alex Train proposed that the Commission reach out to the applicant to verify the vehicle registration. Alex Train



made a motion to table the item until the next meeting pending further investigation. Steven Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Communication of December 21, 2021 from Juan Alvarado, of 53 Bloomingdale Street, requesting the Commission to restrict parking in the space located in front of 53 Bloomingdale Street.

Rebecca Wright stated that her department visited the location to measure the parking space. She stated that the space measured eleven feet from the driveway to the corner. She stated the city regulations are nine by eighteen. She stated that the Department of Public Works will post a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign and they will paint hash marks to mitigate cars from parking there in the spring. Rebecca Wright made a motion to approve the request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.