



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
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Minutes of the April 4, 2023 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 6:02 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Director of Housing and Community Alex Train, Fire Department Deputy Chief Stephen Purcell, Public Works Field Operations Manager James Caron, and resident members Aaron Kramer, Maura Garrity, and Carolyn Boumila-Vega were present. All members were present.

Item #2 - Approval of the minutes from the March 7, 2023

Stephen Purcell made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 - Public hearing regarding the review and the approval of five (5) parking spaces for one (1) year at the Shawmut entrance to the Garden Cemetery.

Alex Train stated that this request pertains to the usage of five (5) parking spaces along the frontage of Garden Cemetery for approximately one (1) year, in association with a renovation project the city is carrying out to restore the cemetery. Alex Train continued to explain that the five (5) spaces will be fenced in as a construction staging area where equipment materials will be stored through the course of the project. Alex Train made a motion to approve this request. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4- Handicap sign application of September 7, 2022 from Maria M. Rodriguez Gonzalez, of 232 Walnut Street.

Maria M. Rodriguez Gonzalez was not in attendance. Secretary Elsa Quesada stated that when she spoke with her daughter, Kelyn Gonzalez, she explained that the Commission is considering a ten (10) minute parking space instead of a handicap sign at this location. Kelyn Gonzalez informed Elsa Quesada that she was finding parking and believes that drivers would not respect the recommended time limit space. James Caron made a motion to deny the request due to three existing handicap signs in the vicinity. Stephen Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item # 5 - Communication of December 22, 2022 from Councilor Norieliz De Jesus, requesting the review of a speed bump at the corner of Clinton and Washburn Street.

Alex Train stated speeding is a frequent occurrence along Clinton Street. He commented on a subsequent request regarding the proposed placement of speed bumps in order to show vehicular speeding in the neighborhood in order to enhance pedestrian safety. Alex Train stated that this was reviewed with no operational concerns at this location. He added that if the speed bump were to be implemented; it could be instituted without negatively affecting drainage or roadway operations. James Caron asked if the speed bump were to be placed would the city be liable if something fatal were to happen when the firetruck or ambulance is going 45 MPH. Stephen Purcell confirmed that there has been accidents in the past on Washington Avenue when the speed bumps were recently added and had not been marked. James Caron suggested to have more police enforcement on streets where there seems to be a problem. John Nofle



stated that there was a speed recorder placed on Clinton Street a few years ago and the data results did not indicate speed is a factor. Alex Train proposed to enhance enforcement. Alex Train made a motion to enhance enforcement and to revisit this request in two months once there is more data available. James Caron second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Communication of December 22, 2022 from Councilor Norieliz De Jesus, requesting the review of a speed bump at the Clinton Street intersection, that connects with Crescent Avenue.

James Caron stated that there is a 'Stop' sign at the intersection of Clinton Street and Crescent Avenue and there is no need for a speed bump. Alex Train stated that if the Commission is going to propose anything in the intersection, he recommends that the engineer consultant to evaluate their options. Alex Train proposed to start out with enforcement collecting some data to see if that improves perception or results in additional measures. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 - Communication of December 22, 2022 from Councilor Enio Lopez, requesting the removal of a "Stop" sign at the top of Highland and Marlboro Street.

Councilor Enio Lopez stated that he has received complaints from people regarding the 'Stop' sign on Highland and Marlboro Street. James Caron stated that he agrees with Councilor Lopez, that if you stop during an ice storm you will slide down. Alex Train stated that he has witnessed it. Alex Train proposed to move this into a public Hearing in order to collect resident feedback. Stephen Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 - Communication of February 3, 2023 from resident Craig Moore of 948 Broadway, requesting to make Clark Avenue a one-way street, in the southwest direction, between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue.

Alex Train stated that the Department of Public Works and the Housing and Community Development Department collected data on crashes along this segment of Clark Avenue and assessed operations. Alex Train explained that when reviewing the data from narrow streets, they look for sideswipes, parked vehicles being hit and other types of crashes. Alex Train added that there was nothing that stood out in terms of crash data. He stated that they have also begun canvassing neighbors to collect feedback on benefits and drawbacks of converting the road to a one-way. Alex Train made a motion to move the item to a public hearing. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 - Communication of March 10, 2023 from resident Theodore Bisbicos of 184 Chestnut Street, requesting parking restrictions between Third and Fourth Street.

Alex Train stated that the Commission is in support of the request. Alex Train made a motion to move the request to a public hearing. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10 - Communication of March 22, 2023 from Mohammed Lamaallem of Al-Huda Society, requesting the approval of parking relief during Ramadan at Willow Street area.

Alex Train stated that Al-Huda Society makes an annual request for parking relief. Alex Train made a motion to approve this request. Maura Garrity seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11 - Communication of March 23, 2023 from Councilor Giovanni Recuperero, requesting the Commission to reconsider installing a "Stop" sign at the corner of Pearl and Essex Street.

Alex Train noted that the City is in process of wholly redesigning the intersection, but it will not be implemented for a few more years Alex Train made a motion to post signage and stripping and to increase enforcement. Maura Garrity seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Item #12 - Communication of March 23, 2023 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting the installation of a speed bump in the middle of Essex Street, between Shawmut and Lynn Street.

Alex Train made a motion to approve a small speed bump, at a max height of 2-3 inches, on Shawmut and Lynn Street, and to deny a second speed bump at the corner of Essex and Lynn Street. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #13 - Communication of March 23, 2023 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting the Commission to reconsider installing a speed bump at the corner of Essex and Lynn Street after the "Stop" sign.

Alex Train made a motion to deny this request as there is a 'Stop' sign on Essex and Lynn Street. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #14 - Communication of March 23, 2023 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting the Commission to notify Council with actions taken during or prior to Traffic and Parking meeting to allow ample time for the Council to review and make an informed decision.

Councilor Giovanni Recupero stated that the Council receives notification of the approvals from Traffic and Parking Commission. He stated that the notices are being sent late, and he is requesting for the approvals to be sent to the Council secretary as soon as a decision is made. Alex Train stated that we can work with the Clerk's office to share an update that these were the options taken that were not confirm. Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo stated that there should be clarification or an explanation on the agenda for resident transparency. Jeannette Cintron White clarified the situation in regards to the issues Councilor Recupero was addressing. She stated that the mistakes stem from the Parking Department. She explained that the approvals from the Traffic and Parking Commission meeting have not been sent accordingly due to new staff in the office. She stated that they will do better. Jeannette Cintron White apologized on behalf of her office as the Council should be receiving the approvals a week later or so. John Noffle stated that there will be no action on this item as it is an internal administrative matter. No vote taken.

Item #15 - Communication of March 23, 2023 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting the City Manager and the Commission to look into implementing handicap parking spaces in the business district on Broadway.

Councilor Giovanni Recupero stated that there are no handicap spots for any disabled persons. He added that it is very hard to find parking and suggested to add some handicap spots in the middle. Alex Train made a motion to table this request until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #16 - Communication of March 27, 2023 from Jeff Kotzen of JW Lopes, requesting "No Parking" signs on the Catalent Pharma side of Carter Street, from the entrance of the commuter rail to Vale Street, and on Fourth Street, between Carter Street and slightly past Elm Street.

Alex Train made a motion to move the item to a public hearing. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.