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Minutes of the February 7, 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 6:01 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Noffle, Director of Housing and Community Alex Train, Fire Department Deputy Chief Stephen Purcell, Public Works Field Operations Manager James Caron, and resident member, Aaron Kramer were present. Members absent resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega and Maura Garrity.

Item #2 - Approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2022 meeting

Aaron Kramer made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2022 meeting. Stephen Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 - Approval of the minutes from the January 3, 2023 meeting

Approval of the minutes of the January 3, 2022 meeting will be moved to the next meeting of March 7, 2023.

Item #4- Communication of May 13, 2022 from Esdras Freitas, requesting the Commission to look into issues with parking on Fremont Street that affects his property.

Alex Train stated the Public Works has inspected the area and has determined a course of action. He noted that the vehicles parked on the side of the fence are doing so because there are no sidewalks along that side of the street. Alex Train stated that there is a plan to install sidewalks on that side of the street. Alex Train continued to explain that the opposite sides of Fremont Ave do have sidewalk, just this particular section does not have a sidewalk. Alex Train stated that the Department of Public Works will be installing sidewalks this upcoming season to pull the vehicles away from the fence line and have them park curved side. Alex Train made a motion to approve the installation of sidewalk on that particular section of Fremont Avenue. Stephen Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5- Handicap sign application of September 7, 2022 from Maria M. Rodriguez Gonzalez, of 232 Walnut Street.

Alex Train made a motion to table the request to inform the applicant of the idea of a "10 Minute" parking space to ensure that is compatible with their needs. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Communication of September 9, 2022 from the Department of Housing and Community Development, requesting the approval of a second vehicular A.M. peak lane on Everett Avenue southbound.

Alex Train explain that this request pertains to the addition of a morning rush hour vehicular lane, that would operate where the current parking is along where the kayem property is, He stated that there are meter parking adjacent to the sidewalk. Due to rush hour traffic at times it's difficult for drivers to access the Route One on ramp going into town. Alex Train stated to propose to add a restrictive lane that will only operate between 5:00 AM - 10:00 AM Monday through Friday, after 10:00 AM it would operate as on street parking like it currently does today. Alex Train noted that the transportation consultant did examined this to determine whether there would be any adverse impacts and they have concluded that there wouldn't be any negative impacts. Stephen Purcell made a motion to approve this request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 - Communication of September 28, 2022 from former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, requesting a public hearing to make permanent the current Bus/Bike Lane on Broadway

Alex Train stated that the goal is to make the current Bus/Bike Lane permanent. Alex Train explained that the city Commission did a study in which the results demonstrated that there was no adverse impacts and it improved safety in the downtown area, as a result the Administration is recommending that it becomes permanent as well as



intergrading this into the redesign of infrastructure in Downtown. Aaron Kramer made a motion to approve this request. Stephen Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 - Communication of January 3, 2023 from Cate Lent-Fox on behalf of Worldwide Perishables, requesting the approval of a "No Parking" sign on the edge of their Bellingham Street parking lot entrance for approximately 15 feet westward.

Alex Train explained that this request originated from an industrial property owner that owns a business on this property. He added that due to the on street parking there is a very tight turning radius into the parking, so they are proposing to remove about roughly one one and half parking spaces that exist along that side of the street by adding the "No Parking" sign". Alex Train made a motion to table this request to seek clarification from the business owner regarding the necessity of the request giving the limited use of the space for on street parking. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 - Handicap sign application of January 3, 2023 from Pedro O. Meda, of 93 Essex Street.

Alex Train made motion to approve this request. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10 - Communication of February 3, 2023 from Craig Moore, requesting to make Clark Avenue in the southwest a one-way direction between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue.

Alex Train explained that this request was submitted by a resident to make Clark Avenue which currently functions as a two-way between Webster and Stockton into a One Way. Alex Train stated that due to the fact that this involves the direction of the street and traffic circulation this request would be tabled in order to examine the operation and safety impacts. Alex Train proposed to relate this request to the Traffic Engineer to look into it to make sure it wouldn't have any negative impacts. Aaron Kramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.