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Traffic and Parking Commission

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Minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting.

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the conference room, 500 Broadway Chelsea, Massachusetts. The meeting opened at 6:03 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle, Fire Department Deputy Chief Stephen Purcell, Public Works Field Operations Manager James Caron, and resident members Maura Garrity and Aaron Kramer were present. Members absent were the resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega and the Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train.

Item #1 - Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Item #2 - Public Hearing regarding the review and approval of the installation of curbing and sidewalk on Fremont Avenue behind 75 Harvard Street.

John Dunn, of 81 Fremont Avenue, stated that he does not agree with the request and believes that he residents on 75 Harvard are causing the problem. John Dunn stated that the residents of 75 Harvard have overgrown trees and the garbage is the result of their parties. He went on to say that if there is a sidewalk added on Fremont Avenue, there will be six parking spaces taken away. Richard Lederman, of 29 Fremont Avenue, stated that the street is too narrow and that cars will not be able to pass each other. He also added they cannot loose parking spaces. Aaron Kraemer made a motion to table this request. Stephen Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 - Public Hearing regarding the review and approval of a 10-minute short-term parking zone at the end of Walnut Street.

John Nofle stated that the Commission is receiving many handicap sign applications and it is becoming a problem. He went on to say that, people who have a handicap sign never move their vehicles and so other handicap people cannot get into a space. He stated that the City cannot have handicap signs all over the street and they are trying to find a solution to not take away regular parking spaces. Henry Cordero, of 231 Walnut Street, does not agree with this request. He added that this street is congested. Aaron Kraemer made a motion to table this request. Maura Garrity seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4- Public Hearing regarding the review and approval of a second vehicular A.M peak lane on Everett Avenue southbound.

Aaron Kraemer stated that the bike lane needs to be reviewed. Aaron Kraemer made a motion to revisit this request at the next meeting. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5- Public Hearing regarding the review and approval of the permanent changes to the BUS/BIKE lane on Broadway.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino stated that this Bus/Bike lane was established back in November of 2020 and that this lane was studied before and after COVID. He added that it has had major safety improvements. Thomas Ambrosino asserted that this is a federal project run by the MASS DOT. He also added that the city is advocating to the Traffic and Parking Commission to make the lane permanent. Maria Belen Power, from Green Roots, stated that she supports the approval of the Bus/Bike lane as it gets riders to downtown in minutes. Sara Arma, of 50 Garfield Avenue, stated that the Bus/Bike helps riders shop locally and it helps riders get to downtown quicker. Resident Maria Romero stated the Bus/Bike lane helps during rush hour and that residents rather ride the bus. Resident Amelia Elias stated that she approves of the Bus/Bike lane. Aaron Kraemer made a motion to table this request until the next meeting. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 - Approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2022 meeting



A quorum from the November 1, 2022 meeting was not present. Aaron Kraemer made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 - Approval of the minutes from the December 6, 2022 meeting

Aaron Kraemer made a motion to accept the minutes. James Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 - Communication of November 18, 2022 from Councilor Giovanni Recupero, requesting the Commission to look into placing a Stop sign on Essex and Pearl Street.

James Caron stated that this would cause traffic to back up from Pearl Street all the way to Williams Street and further cause backups at the traffic lights. He also stated that cars coming from East Boston, over Meridian Street Bridge, would be severely impacted. James Caron made a motion to deny the request. Stephen Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 - Handicap sign application of November 30, 2022 from Kimberly Radek, of 2 Albion Place.

James Caron made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10 - Communication of December 19, 2022 from Julia Bennett requesting two (2) additional handicap spaces in the Grant Bennett Jr. Parking Lot located on Chestnut Street to accommodate the handicap residents on the block.

James Caron stated that there are currently thirty-two (32) parking spaces and two of those spaces are handicap. John Nofle stated that if there are residents who need one, they should apply for it in order to have it documented. James Caron made a motion to deny the request. Stephen Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11 - Communication of December 22, 2022 from Linda Pendergraph looking for solutions on abuse of handicap parking on 322 Chestnut Street.

John Nofle explained that if the people parking on the handicap space have a handicap placard they are not parking illegally. He added that if they are parking illegally with no handicap placard they should call the police, and the police will have it towed. James Caron made a motion to deny the request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #12 - Communication of December 29, 2022 from Meenu Ghai, requesting a "15 MINUTE PARKING" sign at 383C Washington Avenue.

James Caron made a motion to approve the request. Maura Garrity seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #13 - Communication of December 29, 2022 from Cate Fox-Lent on behalf of Cali Corp., contracted by the City to perform work at the Garden Cemetery, is requesting five (5) parking spots of one (1) year at the Shawmut entrance to the cemetery. The plan to put up concrete barriers and fencing around the spots and across the sidewalk to block off access to the cemetery.

James Caron made a motion to move this request to a public hearing. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.



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