



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA  
Traffic and Parking Commission

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**Minutes of the October 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 6:05 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle, Fire Deputy Chief John Quatieri, Public Works Commissioner Lou Mammolette and resident members Carolyn Boumila-Vega and Aaron Kraemer were present. Members absent were the Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train and resident member Maura Garrity.

*Item #2- Approval of the minutes from the August 30, 2022 meeting.*

Aaron Kraemer made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 30, 2022 meeting. Lou Mammolette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #3 - Communication of March 2, 2022 from Councilor Vega Maldonado and Councilor Vidot, requesting the Commission look into the placement of speed tables to be located near 32 Franklin Avenue.*

Lou Mammolette stated that due to Alex Train's absence, he would like to table the item as the Department Housing and Community Development has been handling the evaluations pertaining to this request. Lou Mammolette made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #4 - Communication of April 14, 2022 from Councilor Tanairi Garcia, regarding the placement of a 'Stop' sign on the corner of Parker Street and Clark Avenue and Cary and Clark Avenue.*

Lou Mammolette stated that the item has not been evaluated as of yet. He asked for more time with this request. Lou Mammolette made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #5 - Communication of May 13, 2022 from Esdras Freitas, requesting the Commission look into issues with parking on Fremont Street that affects her property.*

Lou Mammolette updated the Commission on his observations. Lou Mammolette stated the city has narrow streets, and the layout of the streets historically predates the idea of bigger homes with multiple cars. He went on to explain that the city has not changed the width of the roads and it continues to be a challenge. Lou Mammolette also stated that we have to find a way to have more parking and convert two way streets into one way and zooming into this particular area on Fremont Street. He explained that the area it's in a hill and the roads are laid sort of parallel with the slope coming down the hill. The backyards cut in perpendicular to the slope. Lou Mammolette explained that this area requires a retaining wall to keep the road from falling into the backyards. He stated that this particular area already suffers from a misplacement of its layout. He continued to add that one solution might be to construct a sidewalk, to reconnect the pedestrian pathway and allowing parking inside of the curb just like any other sidewalk with parking on any side of the street and to convert the street to one way travel. He concluded that he would like to collaborate with Alex Train Director of Housing and Community Development.

Resident Esdras Freitas stated that the fence is broken due to the vehicles parked and snow being pushed towards the fence. He continued to state that he has try to fix the fence and due to a gate that cannot be open he was unable to fix it. Resident Esdras Freitas also added that when pedestrians walk in that area they have to walk on the street. Lou Mammolette made a motion to table the request and evaluate it further. John Quatieri seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #6 - Handicap sign application of June 13, 2022 from Gladys Martinez, of 309 Spruce Street.*



John Nofle verified that there are two handicaps signs located at 251 and 256 Spruce Street. John Nofle noted that the two signs are distant from 309 Spruce Street. John Quatieri made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #7 – Handicap sign application of July 12, 2022 from Raissa Muniz, of 78 Chester Avenue.*

John Nofle verified that there is one handicap sign located at 48 Chester Avenue. John Quatieri made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #8 – Handicap sign application of July 15, 2022 from Emerson Umana, of 850 Broadway.*

John Nofle verified that there is one handicap sign located at 855 Broadway across from 850 Broadway. John Quatieri made a motion to table the application pending clarification from the applicant. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #9– Handicap sign application of July 19, 2022 from Hector R. Zelaya, of 47 Orange Street.*

Thelma Zelaya spoke on behalf of her father, Hector Zelaya. She stated that there are two handicap signs with four residents with handicap placards. She stated that the area is crowded due to the Housing Authority Building in front of the residency. Thelma Zelaya also added that the applicant does not have access to a driveway. John Quatieri made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #10– Handicap sign application of August 1, 2022 from Mirna G. Lopez, of 237 Walnut Street.*

John Nofle verified the nearest handicap sign located at 230 Walnut Street. John Quatieri made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #11– Handicap sign application of September 7, 2022 from Maria M. Rodriguez Gonzalez, of 232 Walnut Street.*

John Nofle verified that there are two handicap sign on 230 Walnut Street. Secretary Elsa Quesada stated that one of the signs has not been posted as of yet because the City council had approved it the night before. John Nofle noted that there will be additional signage as they were relocated due to construction. Carolyn Boumila-Vega suggested to table the application until next month as there will be a new sign going up in a couple of days. John Quatieri made a motion to table the application. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #12– 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.*

Lou Mammolette read the communication. He stated that this is an ongoing problem and this is certainly one way to solve it, as this will relieve congestion and alleviate parking. John Nofle stated that this might impact surrounded business. John Quatieri made a motion to move the item to a public hearing at the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #13– Communication of September 27, 2022 from Olivia Jarvis, requesting special consideration on residential permits and visitor passes for military families.*

John Nofle stated that once someone resides in Massachusetts that the vehicle must be registered in Massachusetts. He stated that there could be a military exception but he would have look into it. John Quatieri made a motion to table the request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #14– Communication of September 27, 2022 from Edwin Barrientos, requesting solutions for an ongoing sidewalk parking issue at 39 Cherry Street.*

Carolyn Boumila-Vega read an email sent by Edwin Barrientos, which stated issues of vehicles parking on the sidewalk of Chery Street. It stated that they are blocking the entrance to his parking lot. John Nofle stated that he would assign specific officers to deal with the problem. He noted that they will ticket but if that does not work, they will enforce by towing. No vote taken.



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*Item #15- Communication of September 28, 2022 from City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, requesting a public hearing to make permanent the current Bus/Bike Lane on Broadway.*

Lou Mammolette made a motion to move the item to a public hearing at the next meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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