

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2017 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
ROOM 2000**

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Kevin Beekman, Ann Tucker and Casey Kane.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Cole.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Melkerson, Acting Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, David Sores, Civil Engineer IV, Katye North, Parking Planner and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None

2. Approval of the September 25, 2017 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to add the link to the King Street Complete Streets presentation to the minutes and to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Peter Squire and Mark Orr spoke and requested an all-way Stop sign at the intersection of Wilkes Street and South Payne Street. The speakers indicated that there are a lot of young children in the neighborhood and that traffic is increasing as well as speeding through the intersection. The speakers noted that this intersection is on a bike route and is one of the few intersections that do not have all-way Stop signs. Chairman Johnson requested staff to perform a warrant analysis for this intersection and make a recommendation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to place a temporary taxicab stand on the 1800 block of Cameron Street.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane expressed concerns about the impacts the proposed cab stand would have on the bike lanes and the bike merge. Ms. Tucker expressed concerns about the curve and suggested placing pylons to protect the cab stand from traffic going around the corner. Mr. Beekman suggested removing the existing arrows on the pavement.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to place a temporary taxicab stand on the 1800 block of Cameron Street and direct staff to design the cab stand to enhance safety for bicyclist at the end of the bike lane. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove three parking spaces on the east side of Potomac Greens Drive, south of Catts Tavern Drive.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Soares presented the item to the Board. Ms. Tucker expressed concern that the removal of three parking spaces seemed excessive. Mr. Kane suggested that the Police Department could deploy the speed boards to slow the speed of traffic on Potomac Greens Drive to address some of the speakers concerns about speed.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Kendall, Mr. Roek, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Mainzer opposed the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to: 1) deny the request to remove three parking spaces on the east side of Potomac Greens Drive, south of Catts Tavern Drive; 2) have staff to work with the Police Department to increase speed enforcement or deploy a speed board; and, 3) bring a speed mitigation proposal back to the Board if additional action is needed to reduce the speeds. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to implement the residential pay by phone program on the following blocks:

- 100 block of Duke Street
- 200 block of S. Lee Street
- 300 block of S. Lee Street

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board. Mr. Schuyler asked about the outreach effort and if there would be guest passes available for visitors. Ms. North described the outreach and indicated that residents would be able to print guest permits and that each resident would be issued 10 free self-validating permits as well. The self-validating permits could also be purchased for \$1.00 each. The City is working with Payngo to see if visitors can be accommodated on their app as well. Ms. North indicated that the existing section of the pilot on Prince Street was working well, parking occupancy was slightly down, there have been no complaints and a good number of citations have been issued. Mr. Johnson expressed concern about Payngo allowing parkers to start a new parking session within 30 minutes which might lead to longer term parking. Ms. North stated that she is working with Payngo to lengthen the refresh period. Mr. Beekman asked if there was any before and after data for citations issued on the 100 block of Prince Street. Since the Police have recently migrated to a new system that data was not available. Ms. Tucker noted the importance of collecting before and after data so that a good evaluation can be made at the end of the pilot. Mr. Lewis noted that 30 percent of the people do not have a smart phone and that this might limit their ability to

park on these streets. Mr. Schuyler inquired about the process of changing to the code to allow a one-hour parking regulation and Ms. Tucker asked about resident only parking. Mr. Schuyler inquired about residents who signed the petition and later changed their minds. Ms. North indicated that even if the two residents in question withdrew their signatures from the petition, there would still be enough signatures on the petition to meet the minimum criteria. Mr. Schuyler noted that the 300 block of Lee Street did not meet the pay by phone criteria because it was not adjacent to an existing pay by phone block. Ms. North indicated that the Board could take separate actions on each block.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Horne, Mr. Negron, Mr. Boteller, and Mr. Gibney spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Callahan, Mr. Mainzer, Ms. Devine, Ms. Grisbung, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Lowen opposed the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the request to implement the residential pay by phone program on the following blocks:

- 100 block of Duke Street
- 200 block of S. Lee Street
- 300 block of S. Lee Street

The motion carried with Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Beekman, Mr. Kane and Ms. Tucker voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lewis voting against the motion.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Commercial Parking Standards Study

City of Alexandria Truck Restriction Policy