

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, William Schuyler, Vice Chair, James Lewis, Jason Osborne, Kevin Beekman, Ann Tucker and Casey Kane

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Ryan Knight, Civil Engineering IV, Katye North, Division Chief of Mobility Services, Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineering II, Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner, Lieutenant Mike May, Alexandria Police Department and Hayley Burton, Intern.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None
2. Approval of the January 27, 2020 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kane asked staff to add Ms. Tucker to the Board Members Present section of the minutes.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Traffic and Parking Board meeting as amended by Mr. Kane to include Ms. Tucker to the Board Members Present section of the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Written Staff Updates:
 - A. Capital Bikeshare Update,
 - B. City Garage Management Changes

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beekman clarified that Capital Bikeshare expansion bikes were not true dockless bikes. Although the bikes don't require a docking station they would need to be locked to a fixed object when not in use.

The Board inquired about the new garage management contractor implementing new technologies, such as, an app and if the new contractor would be responsible for bike parking in garages.

4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Mr. Lawhorne spoke about the intersection of King Street, Callahan Drive and Russell Road. He indicated that the Russell Road approach to the intersection needed a longer greenlight because the light is only 22 seconds, resulting in backups on Russell Road.

Mr. Lawhorne indicated that it takes 40 minutes to get from Maury School to King Street during the evening peak. Mr. Lawhorne requested the light be extended by eight seconds for a total green time of 30 seconds.

Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Ms. Tucker directing staff to provide the Board with an update on the timing of the intersection both in the present and future including the current timing and the logic behind the current timing. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a pilot program allowing businesses to apply for a "parklet" permit which converts curb-space into public space.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Burton presented this item to the Board. The Board expressed the following:

- There may need to be limits placed on the number of parklets per block
- The Board believed there should have been outreach to residents, not just the businesses
- There may need to be some protection to ensure the parklet does not become an extension of the sponsoring business
- Concern that the parklets and or landscaping won't be maintained
- The impacts to local businesses should be measured
- The Board wanted to see the response from staff's outreach effort
- Concern about the impact to people living on the second floor above the first-floor businesses
- The Board expressed concern about the lack of public process in the proposed parklet application procedure
- The Board asked for and received assurances from staff that if a parklet is significantly controversial, the City would bring it to the Traffic and Parking Board for approval.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Callahan and Mr. Milone opposed the request and spoke about public outreach process

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to allow the parklet permit to go forward, but placing a limit of 6 parklet spaces; if more than 6, the application must be brought to the Board for a public hearing. The motion carried with Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Kane, Ms. Tucker and Mr. Beekman voting in support; and Mr. Osborne voting in opposition.

STAFF UPDATES:

- Don't Block the Box Campaign

- Transportation Commission Updates – Casey Kane