

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY MARCH 26, 2018 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
ROOM 2000**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, William Schuyler, Vice Chair, James Lewis, Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole, and Casey Kane.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Tucker, Jason Osborne.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Yon Lambert, Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineer, Katye North, Parking Planner, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Nominations and election of officers: Mr. Schuyler opened the floor for Chairman nominations. Mr. Lewis nominated Mr. Schuyler to be the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cole. No further nominations were received so by unanimous consent Mr. Schuyler closed the floor to any further nominations. Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to accept Mr. Schuyler as Chairman by acclimation. There was unanimous consent, so the Board declared Mr. Schuyler as the new Chairman by acclimation.

Mr. Schuyler opened the floor for Vice Chairman nominations. Mr. Cole nominated Mr. Lewis to be the Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kane. No further nominations were received so by unanimous consent Mr. Schuyler closed the floor to any further nominations. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to accept Mr. Lewis as Vice Chairman by acclimation. There was unanimous consent, so the Board declared Mr. Lewis as the new Vice Chairman by acclimation.

2. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.

3. Approval of the February 26, 2018 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Matyas spoke about parking issues related to the transition from retail to restaurant along King Street in Old Town and the impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Matyas believed that alternatives to the residential pay as you go parking program are needed. For example, restrict parking to residents only between 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. within a couple of blocks of King Street; or, after 6:00 p.m. start charging \$15 to \$20 per hour on the pay-n-go app to move parkers out of the residential areas and into the garages.

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to amend and add parking restrictions to Calhoun Avenue

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board and indicated that Calhoun Avenue is being used for overflow parking from Skyline. She indicated that the street was not designed for on-street parking because there is no curb and gutter, so vehicles must park on resident's lawns. The survey found that most of the cars parked on Calhoun Drive were not City of Alexandria residents.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Gary Bohigian, George Lowrey, and Bonnie Lowrey spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request to extend the two-hour parking restrictions until 6PM, and; to restrict parking from 6PM to 8AM, every day. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- 100 and 200 blocks of Cameron Street
- 500 block of Prince Street
- 200 block of South Pitt Street
- 200 and 600 blocks of Wolfe Street

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board and stated that a flyer was sent out in February to all the eligible blocks which sparked a lot more interest in the program. She briefed the Board on the eligibility requirements and answered the Board's questions. The Board expressed concern that some of the proposed blocks may not have pay stations located near enough to be convenient. The Board also inquired about enforcement efforts.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Scott Leaf, Stephen Thayer, Francis Ayer, Colleen Smith, Chris Hubbard, Ronald Cooper, Phillip Matyas and Traci Patina spoke in favor of the request. Bert Ely opposed the request.

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

- 100 and 200 blocks of Cameron Street
- 500 block of Prince Street
- 200 block of South Pitt Street
- 200 and 600 blocks of Wolfe Street

The Board directed staff to pay close attention to 200 block of Wolfe Street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add a valet parking stand at 1725 Duke Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board and indicated that the Board would be approving the designated area but that the Planning Commission would need to approve the operation of the Valet. The Board asked about the possibility of including a loading zone in this area for the other businesses.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Zak Droigugue was in neutral, the applicant, Troy Thorpe, spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to add valet parking stand at 1725 Duke Street. The Board asked staff to bring a loading zone request for Board consideration at the April meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces on South Union Street at the Wilkes Street Bikeway

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Philip Matyas opposed the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request to remove one parking space on each side on South Union Street at the Wilkes Street Bikeway. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Ms. North indicated that staff would like to hold a work session with the Board to go over the Charter and possible updates to the City Code to clarify the Board's responsibilities. The Board agreed to hold the work session at 6:30 p.m. immediately before the April Traffic and Parking Board meeting.