

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021, 7 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman, William Schuyler, Vice Chair, James Lewis, Jason Osborne, Annie Ebbers, Ann Tucker, Lavonda Bonnard and Casey Kane

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Ryan Knight, Civil Engineering IV, Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineering II, Megan Oleynik, Urban Planner II, Christine Mayeur, Principal Planner and Alex Block, Principal Planner.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the April 26, 2021 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:**
  - a. Dockless Mobility Pilot Program Update
  - b. West End Bikeshare Expansion Update
  - c. N. Patrick Street and Cameron Street Intersection Safety Improvements
  - d. King Russell and Callahan Project Update
  - e. Trolley Update
  - f. Potomac Yard RPP Ballot
  - g. Virtual guest parking permits

**CEDAR STREET UPDATE**

Mr. Garbacz provided an update on the Board's February recommendation to restrict turns from Cedar Street onto Russell Road. He stated that staff was working with the residents to develop a pilot study where a temporary left turn restriction would be in place for 90 days starting this fall, data would be collected, and a new policy developed. Mr. Garbacz indicated that there would be a more formal update in June once the details were worked out and there was agreement in the community. The Board expressed concern over the delay and lack of communication to the Board about not implementing their recommendation. The Board agreed that the Chair would write a letter to Director Lambert expressing the Board's concerns.

4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Mr. Desjardins asked the City to perform engineering studies at the Mt. Vernon Trail crossings with Madison Street, Canal Center Plaza, and Montgomery Street. The purpose of the study would be to analyze which

approaches to the crossing, trail or street, would have stop signs. Mr. Garbacz indicated that staff will be busy this Fall with backlogged studies but would also look at the trail intersections.

## CONSENT ITEMS

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to replace a yield sign to stop sign at East Del Ray and Burke Avenues.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to move item 5 off of the consent item. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board and indicated that the request originated from the Vision Zero Crash Taskforce. The Board suggested adding stop bars and crosswalks at the intersection.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Ms. Tomson indicated that speed coming from Richmond Highway was the main concern and that speed bumps should be a higher priority than the proposed stop sign.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation to replace a yield sign with a stop sign at East Del Ray and Burke Avenues. The motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC HEARING

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to sign two parking spaces for 20-minute loading Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on the west side of the 100 block of S. Alfred Street.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board inquired if regular loading zone signs might be more appropriate than 20-minute loading zone signs.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Ms. Zappia and Mr. Winger, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Milone, Ms. Vantine and Ms. Nunan were concerned that the proposed 20-minute loading zone might be abused because it could encourage patrons to stop for longer periods and run errands.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve staff's recommendation to sign two parking spaces for 20-minute loading Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on the west side of the 100 block of S. Alfred Street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of an administrative procedure to standardize inconsistent on-street parking restrictions along a block.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board wanted to make sure that proper notice would be given to impacted residents before any future changes to standardize parking restrictions were made.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Milone indicated that any restriction revisions should be based on the most restrictive of the two restrictions being considered on a block.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers to approve an administrative procedure to standardize inconsistent on-street parking restrictions along a block. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to sign approximately 33 parking spaces No Parking on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. along N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue for access to the dumpsters for the Foxchase apartments.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board had concerns about the lack of public outreach and that the requestor was not present to answer the Board's questions.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke about this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to defer staff's request to sign approximately 33 parking spaces No Parking on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. along N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue for access to the dumpsters for the Foxchase apartments. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. STAFF UPDATES:**

- Ms. Mayeur provided an update on the speed mitigation program.
- Mr. Kane provided an update on the Transportation Commission