

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

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Katye North, Parking Planner, Megan Oleynik, Urban Planner III, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the October 22, 2018 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Keith expressed concern about the approval process for the proposed curb cut at 506 Cathedral Drive and the lack of communication. The Board asked staff to review the sightlines and see if any parking would need to be removed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to recommend to the Director of T&ES to approve the consent item. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to designate a disability parking space at 1737 Preston Road.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **ISSUE:** Biennial Taxicab Review

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. He explained that a taxi fare change was no longer being contemplated and that the fees charged to the industry would be evaluated during the FY 2020 budget cycle.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Osborne to consider and adopt staff recommendations as follows:

1. Reduce the number of taxicabs authorized by 101.
2. Retain the current taxicab fares and charges.
3. Evaluate during the FY 2020 budget cycle the fees the City charges to the taxicab industry and the cost the City incurs.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove approximately four parking spaces on Princeton Boulevard at Trinity Drive and on Dartmouth Road at Princeton Boulevard to provide safe sightlines for two new crosswalks.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. He explained the parking situation in the community and the need of safe sight distance for pedestrians at the crosswalks.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Conlan spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the request to remove approximately four parking spaces on Princeton Boulevard at Trinity Drive and on Dartmouth Road at Princeton Boulevard to provide safe sightlines for two new crosswalks. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove four on-street parking spaces to alleviate navigational constraints on E. Howell Avenue, E. Custis Avenue, and Swann Avenue in Potomac Yard.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. She explained the maneuvering concern on these streets.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Capin spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Aboud and Ms. Klotz opposed the request to remove parking on E. Howell Avenue and E. Custis Avenue.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Osborne made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve the request to remove four on-street parking spaces to alleviate navigational constraints on East Howell Avenue, East Custis Avenue, and Swann Avenue. The motion failed with Mr. Osborne, Ms. Tucker and Mr. Schuyler voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Lewis, Mr. Kane, Mr. Beekman, Mr. Cole voting in opposition.

Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to remove one parking space on the north side of 600 block of Swan Avenue; and direct staff to work with the Parks Department concerning the parking at East Howell Avenue and East Custis Avenue and bring back to the Board if needed. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to amend the City Code related to Traffic and Parking Board roles and responsibilities and other traffic and parking issues.

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

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to amend the City Code related to Traffic and Parking Board roles and responsibilities and other traffic and parking issues with the following provisions:

1. Section 5-8-93(c) – delete the last sentence about the convenience fee since it will be included in the resolution.
2. Section 5-8-94 – add a reference to “identified on the map” since the locations are no longer listed in the code.
3. Section 5-8-160 – delete “lessen congestion” and replace “vehicular traffic” with “all road users” to be more consistent with Complete Streets and Vision Zero.
4. Section 10-4-45 – (1) delete “for the exclusive use of bicycles” to be silent in this section on who can use the bike lane (addresses a concern about scooters using the bike lanes), (2) add “the vehicle” before “entering or exiting adjacent property” to ensure that people exiting from a car (e.g. Uber or cab) to enter the property must do so outside of the bike lane, (3) delete the last sentence about driving in a bike lane for more than 100 feet, since the bike lanes already have the dashed lines indicating where it’s appropriate to enter a lane for the purpose of turning.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install all-way Stop signs at the intersection of Cameron Mills Road and Monticello Boulevard/Summit Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. He explained the condition of the intersection of Cameron Mills Road and Monticello Boulevard/ Summit Avenue. Battalion Chief Cross expressed the Fire Department’s concern that queueing traffic from the proposed all-way stop signs will impact fire trucks exiting the fire station.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Riloy, Ms. Martsching, Ms. Cavender, Ms. Roberson spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request to install all-way Stop signs at the intersection of Cameron Mills Road and Monticello Boulevard/Summit Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.