

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 26, 2009**

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove parking in the 5100 block of Dawes Avenue for a new bus stop as follows:

- 1) Remove five parking spaces on the north side of Dawes Avenue just west of East Campus Drive.
- 2) Remove five parking spaces on the north side of Dawes Avenue just west of West Campus Drive.

APPLICANT: City Of Alexandria, Transit Division

LOCATION: 5100 block Dawes Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this request is to establish a new bus stop on Dawes Avenue. Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) is experiencing enrollment increases and is trying to make public transit more attractive to their students. This section of Dawes Avenue has Four-Hour parking restrictions from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays to help facilitate parking turn-over for the students. Parking demand is very high and one of the goals of this request is to reduce the number of cars parked on streets adjacent to the campus by providing a transit alternative.

NVCC, WMATA, and the City rerouted Metrobus routes 25A and 25B from Fillmore Avenue to operate through the campus of NVCC – Alexandria Campus along Dawes Avenue and East Campus Drive and West Campus Drive between Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street, and establish two bus stop zones for the NVCC students, faculty, and staff. Both locations where the bus stop has been installed currently experience heavy pedestrian traffic during the day and evening.

This parking must be removed to ensure the bus stops are handicapped accessible and to allow the bus to get out of the travel-way when loading and unloading passengers. The City has already installed six feet by eight feet concrete bus passenger loading pads at both locations along Dawes Avenue. In addition, the City has already removed the parking on an interim basis until this matter could be taken before the Traffic and Parking Board so that the new bus route could operate.

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DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS restrictions ten feet back from both sides of the Centennial Row Condominium driveway entrance on the east side of the 200 block of South Payne Street.

APPLICANT: Dolores B. Vieham, 1306 Prince Street

LOCATION: 200 block South Payne Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Dolores B. Vieham is a resident of 1306 Prince Street and a member of the Centennial Row Homeowners Association. The Centennial Row Condominiums have off street parking which they access from the 200 block of South Payne Street between Prince Street and Duke Street. They are having a problem with vehicles parking to close to the driveway entrance, which is obstructing visibility of oncoming vehicles on either side of the driveway.

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DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to allow parking on the west side of the 300 block of Buchanan Street from Boyle Street to the handicapped ramp.

APPLICANT: Donald J. Walsh, 323 Buchanan Street

LOCATION: 300 block Buchanan Street west side of the street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends denial of this request

DISCUSSION: Mr. Donald Walsh states that parking supply is very limited in this area and that allowing parking on the west side of Buchanan Street would provide more parking for residents. Parking along this section of Buchanan Street was removed at the request of the Fire Marshall when the Metro was installed about thirty years ago. There is some confusion because this location is very close to the King Street Metro Station and commuters have been known from time to time to remove these signs. Apparently, these signs disappeared several years ago and were recently reinstalled. Unfortunately many had been using this side of the street for parking and can no longer do so. Buchanan Street varies between 29 feet to 37 feet wide along this section. If this parking is allowed the travel way will be between 13 feet to 21 feet wide. Section 5-8-161 of the City Code requires a minimum travel way of 24 feet when parking is allowed on both sides of the street.

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DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to ALL-WAY STOP signs at the intersection of Polk Avenue and Latham Street

APPLICANT: Donald J. Walsh, 323 Buchanan Street

LOCATION: The intersection of Polk Avenue and Latham Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends

DISCUSSION: The applicant states that this intersection is very dangerous for pedestrians and especially children. This intersection is located adjacent to Patrick Henry Elementary School and some students may use this intersection when walking to school. Staff performed an Engineering Study at this intersection and found that in the past five years there have been no accidents. The traffic volumes were _____. Based on this