CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Amy Slack, Kevin Posey, Gregory Cota, Vishal Aswani

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair, Larry Ruggiero, Mary White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Abi Lerner, Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Ravi Raut, Studies Engineer, Carrie Sanders, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Planner, Faye Dastgheib, Parking Planner

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.

2. Approval of the minutes from the February 27, 2012 Traffic and Parking Board meeting: Ms. Slack made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Cota. The Traffic and Parking Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 Traffic and Parking Board meeting.

3. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:
   Mr. Garbacz requested volunteers to serve as the Board’s representative to the Taxicab Review Committee. Mr. Johnson indicated that the Board would get back with staff at the May meeting on this issue.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove the first two parking spaces on the west side of North St Asaph Street immediately north of Pendleton Street and replace with a bikeshare station.

   PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public provided testimony on this issue.

   BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion seconded by Mr. Aswani to remove the first two parking spaces on the west side of North St Asaph Street, immediately north of Pendleton Street, and replace them with a bikeshare station. The motion carried unanimously.
5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to replace the NO TURN ON RED 6 A.M. - 9 A.M. restrictions on eastbound West Abingdon Drive at Slater’s Lane with NO TURN ON RED, all times, restrictions.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Michael Hagerty explained that the existing NO TURN ON RED restrictions were posted to help motorists exiting the Potomac Crossing property.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Slack made a motion to leave the NO TURN ON RED 6 A.M. TO 9 A.M. restrictions in place and to install a regulatory sign requiring motorists to yield to pedestrians, this motion was not seconded. Mr. Posey made a motion seconded by Mr. Cota to defer this issue to allow staff to reach out to the Potomac Crossing community to gain a better understanding of the issues. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ISSUE Consideration of a request to remove one metered parking space and replace it with a carshare space at the following locations:
1. 1920 Ballenger Avenue, south side of the street;
2. 2000 Ballenger Avenue, south side of the street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Sandee Tuccio, Janet Gregor, Jay Neiditch and Ellice Perez spoke in support of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion seconded by Mr. Aswani to remove one metered parking space and replace it with a carshare space at the following locations:
1. 1920 Ballenger Avenue, south side of the street;
2. 2000 Ballenger Avenue, south side of the street.
The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Posey, Mr. Cota and Mr. Aswani voting for the motion and Ms. Slack abstaining.

7. ISSUE Consideration of a request to remove one parking space to the north of Gretna Green Court on Valley Forge Drive.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Frank Merecicky and Lee Merecicky spoke in support of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Slack made a motion seconded by Mr. Aswani to post a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign at the Gretna Green Court radius. Mr. Posey made a friendly amendment to have staff report back to the Board in six months on how well the intersection functions with the new restrictions. Ms. Slack and Mr. Aswani agreed to the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.
8. ISSUE  Consideration of an ordinance to adopt and ordain a new City Code section 5-8-97 and amend and reordain sections 10-4-22, 10-4-25, 10-4-29, and 3-2-354 of the City Code to regulate the use of parking pay stations.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public provided testimony on this issue.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cota made a motion seconded by Mr. Aswani to recommend to City Council the approval the proposed ordinance adopting and ordaining a new City Code section and amending and reordaining sections of the City Code to regulate the use of parking pay stations and increase the penalties for uncontested citations related to parking meter and pay station violations from $35 to $40. The motion carried unanimously.