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TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 25, 2011

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to designate accessible (Handicapped) parking spaces at the following locations:

1. On the 800 block of West Street in front of the NIB building on the east side of the street.
2. On the 700 block of West Street in front of the Braddock Road Metro station on the west side of the street near the ZIP Car space.

APPLICANT: Carolyn B. Sowdon

LOCATION: 700 and 800 blocks of West Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of one ADA parking space on the west block face of the 700 block of West Street in front of the Braddock Road Metro station.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by Ms. Carolyn B. Sowdon who lives at 801 North Howard Street. Ms. Sowdon is requesting these two handicapped parking spaces in accordance with the program access provisions of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). On-street parking is not covered under the ADA, except that there are standards to be followed in the case of designing an on-street space to be accessible. She further indicated that within the past two years the City has removed two handicapped spaces adjacent to the Braddock Road Metro Station. As a point of clarification, these spaces were installed at the request of specific residents who have passed away and so the spaces have been removed.

The ADA parking space that is being requested in front of the NIB building is on a private street. Therefore the City does not have jurisdiction to reserve this space. The parking space that is being requested on the west side of West Street in front of the Braddock Road Metro station is in a regular Two-Hour parking zone.

Staff originally recommended denial of this request because there was a staff misunderstanding concerning the need being addressed. However, Ms. Sowdon has clarified the request to address staff's concerns. Specifically the new request indicated that the intent of the proposed ADA spaces was to serve the local businesses and greater community, not just the subway station.

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DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove two Metered Parking Spaces and install Two Handicapped Parking Spaces on the west side of the 100 block of South Alfred Street north of the alley.

APPLICANT: Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington,
900 King Street

LOCATION: 100 block of South Alfred Street on the west side of the street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that 20 feet of the existing loading zone be converted to a handicapped parking space and that the loading zone be lengthened by 15 feet with the removal of the NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington (POB) located at 900 King Street. The Low Vision Learning Center states that many of those using the center are elderly and/or handicapped and finding parking close to the center is difficult. Converting the two existing metered parking spaces to handicapped parking on the 100 block of South Alfred Street will help alleviate the problem. This block face currently has a 30 foot long loading zone and two metered parking spaces. The loading zone is primarily used for drop offs to the Prevention of Blindness Thrift Shop. If these two metered spaces are converted to handicapped spaces, as requested, this block face will have no open parking. Therefore, staff is recommending that 20 feet of the existing loading zone be converted to a handicapped space and that the loading zone be lengthened by 15 feet with the removal of the NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign. This will leave 25 feet for the actual loading zone. The NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign was posted to keep cars from parking between the loading zone and the corner. This will no longer be a problem if the loading zone is extended.

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DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:

1. Install NO PARKING restrictions on the 1000 block of Madison Street on the north side of the street for street cleaning from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Mondays.
2. Install NO PARKING restrictions on the 1000 block of Montgomery Street on the north side of the street for street cleaning from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Mondays and the south side from Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M..
3. Install NO PARKING restrictions on the 1300 block of Wythe Street on the north side of the street for street cleaning from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Mondays.

APPLICANT: Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority (ARHA)

LOCATION: 1000 block of Madison Street on the north side of the street,
1000 block of Montgomery Street, 1200 and 1300 block of Wythe Street
on the north side of the street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority (ARHA). The City has received complaints concerning the buildup of debris along these sections of roads and would like to place them on the street sweeping schedule to address this issue. The reason for this request is to remove parked vehicles during selected time periods on Mondays and Tuesdays so the City's street sweeping equipment can clean these streets weekly.

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DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the insignia on VIP Cab Company's fleet of taxi vehicles.

APPLICANT: VIP Cab Company
85 South Bragg Street, Suite 502
Alexandria, VA. 22312

LOCATION: City Wide

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

DISCUSSION: VIP Cab Company is requesting permission to change the insignia on their fleet of taxicabs. This change is being made to improve the look of the company's fleet of taxicabs. The old insignia had the company information in two places: the telephone number on the front door and the cab company and number on the back door. The new design will consolidate all of the information into one place.