

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY MAY 21, 2012, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the minutes from the April 23, 2012, Traffic and Parking Board meeting.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

PUBLIC HEARING:
4. **ISSUE:** Request to install a Loading Zone at 2213 Mount Vernon Avenue
5. **ISSUE:** Request to:
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 2. Remove the three hour parking restrictions in the parking lot in front of the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Center
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7. **ISSUE:** Request to prohibit parking at the western end cap of Wheeler Avenue
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NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 25, 2012

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MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012, 7:30 P.M.
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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

4. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
5. 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.
6. **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 Merezicky and Lee Merezicky 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.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 21, 2012

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Request to install a Loading Zone at 2213 Mount Vernon Avenue

APPLICANT: Del Ray Pizzeria, LLC

LOCATION: 2213 Mount Vernon Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends replacing 50 feet of parking, approximately two spaces, with a loading zone between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

DISCUSSION: The Del Ray Pizzeria, located on the northwest corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and East Del Ray Avenue, is in the process of amending the Special Use Permit (SUP) to operate the restaurant. The City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning has included a condition (#23) to that special use permit that reads as follows: “*The applicant shall apply to the Traffic and Parking Board for approval of a loading zone on Mt. Vernon Avenue.*” The proposed loading zone would be available for other businesses in the area to use as well as the Pizzeria.

The Del Ray Pizzeria is expanding the number of seats in the restaurant without providing additional parking and is submitting a parking reduction SUP. The matter was considered by the Planning Commission in April but deferred until June because of the high number of violations, including adding seats without approval. The docket can be accessed at the following web address:

<http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/icons/pz/bar/pc/cy12/040312/di03.pdf>

Delivery trucks have been a problem sometimes blocking access to the rear parking lot, or double parking on E Del Ray Avenue. Recently there was a complaint about a very large tractor trailer parked on Mount Vernon Avenue in such a way as to block traffic heading north. The restaurant is changing suppliers and will no longer use US Foods with its large trucks. The new supplier will have smaller trucks. The location of this requested loading zone is recommended in the Del Ray Parking Study by Kimley Horn.

Planning staff has heard from businesses that the loading zone approved by the Traffic and Parking Board last October on Mount Vernon Avenue at Oxford Avenue is not working well. Cars are parking within the loading zone so trucks have to use other locations, such as double parking. Section 10-4-18 of the City Code, *Use of loading zones*, states: “No person shall stop or park a vehicle in a loading zone except for the immediate and continuous unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials from or to a truck or of passengers from or to a passenger vehicle during hours when such zones are restricted to parking for loading purposes.”

Land, Carroll & Blair^{PC}



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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April 10, 2012

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SENT BY EMAIL, PDF FILE

Dear Bob:

I am writing on behalf of our client, Del Ray Pizzeria, LLC, to request the establishment of a loading zone in front of 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue, City of Alexandria Tax Map 034.02-12-01. Additionally, the loading zone is needed to alleviate the existing double parking on Mt. Vernon Avenue and East Del Ray Avenue by commercial vehicles making deliveries in that immediate area. Del Ray Pizzeria, located on the northwest corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and East Del Ray Avenue, is in the process of amending its special use permit to operate the restaurant. The City of Alexandria Department of Planning & Zoning has included as a condition to that special use permit that reads in part as follows: "The applicant shall apply to the Traffic & Parking Board for approval of a loading zone on Mt. Vernon Avenue." The proposed loading zone would not only serve the Del Ray Pizzeria, but would also serve other restaurants and commercial uses in the immediate vicinity and ease the burden of delivery truck traffic and double parking of delivery vehicles in the immediate area.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please let me know and please advise me if such an application would be recommended for approval by your division.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DWB' with a stylized flourish.

Duncan W. Blair

DWB:kl\Garbacz-Del Ray Pizzeria
cc: Erik Dorn
Barbara Ross
Nathan Randall



Loading Zone
Approved in October

Proposed Loading Zone



Proposed
Loading Zone

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 21, 2012

DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Request to:
1. Change the parking restrictions in front of Lee Center from three hours to five hours.
2. Remove the three hour parking restrictions in the parking lot in front of the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Center

APPLICANT: James Spengler/Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

LOCATION: 1100 Jefferson Street in front of the Lee Center and Nannie J. Lee Memorial Center

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends: 1) Changing the parking restrictions in front of Lee Center from three hours to five hours and 2) Removing the three hour parking restrictions in the parking lot in front of the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Center.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is attempting to resolve parking issues at the Lee Center and the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Center. The Lee Center houses the Recreation Department Headquarters, the Office on Aging's senior program, the City Human Resources Department Training Center, the Fire Department Training Division and the City's Emergency Operations Center. Staff and city vehicles park off street in the rear of the Lee Center.

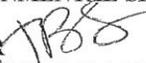
The Lee Center and Nannie J. Lee Memorial Center receive hundreds of customers daily. Customers visit to register for programs, participate in programs, attend a City training session or to attend a meeting or special event. The current three-hour parking restrictions in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street impact the use of both centers because most of the programs, training sessions and other events are more than three hours. Many of the daytime customers are seniors or parents of toddlers attending classes and programs who find the parking restrictions difficult and challenging because they must move their car every three hours to avoid getting a ticket.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 20, 2012

TO: RICH BAIER, DIRECTOR
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

FROM: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR 
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARKING AT LEE CENTER & NANNIE J. LEE MEMORIAL CENTER

We are working to resolve issues related to the lack of parking at the Lee Center and the Nannie Lee Center on weekdays during normal business hours. Lee Center houses the Recreation Department Headquarters, the Office on Aging's senior program, the City Human Resources Department Training Center, the Fire Department Training Division and the City's Emergency Operations Center. Our parking is limited to the off street parking at the rear of the Lee Center. We use the off street parking at the rear of Lee Center for staff parking and for City vehicles assigned to RPCA and the Fire Department.

The Department receives hundreds of customers daily at the Lee Center and Nannie Lee Center. Our customers may be taxpayers, citizens, residents, participants, partners, visitors or other staff members. Customers generally visit Lee Center or Nannie Lee Center to register for programs, participate in programs, attend a City HR or Fire Department training session or to attend a meeting or special event. The current 3-hour parking restrictions in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street impact the use of both centers by our customers. Most City training classes held at the Lee Center are more than three hours, which results in class participants having to leave class to move their cars to avoid parking tickets. This is also the case for customers who attend daytime programs or rent space for daytime events. Moreover, many of our daytime customers are seniors and parents of toddlers attending classes and programs who find it difficult and challenging for multiple reasons to have to leave a program in these facilities to move their cars to avoid getting parking tickets. This is not consistent with our customer service guarantee, which I have included below in addition to the recommendations I am proposing to resolve this problem.

RPCA's Customer Service Guarantee

We are committed to delivering a consistently superior customer experience to all who participate in our programs or visit our parks and facilities.

Recommendations

- **Signs in front of Lee Center**
Parking signs in front of the Lee Center currently restricts parking to three hours. We recommend extending the time to five hours.

- **Parking Lot in front of the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Center**

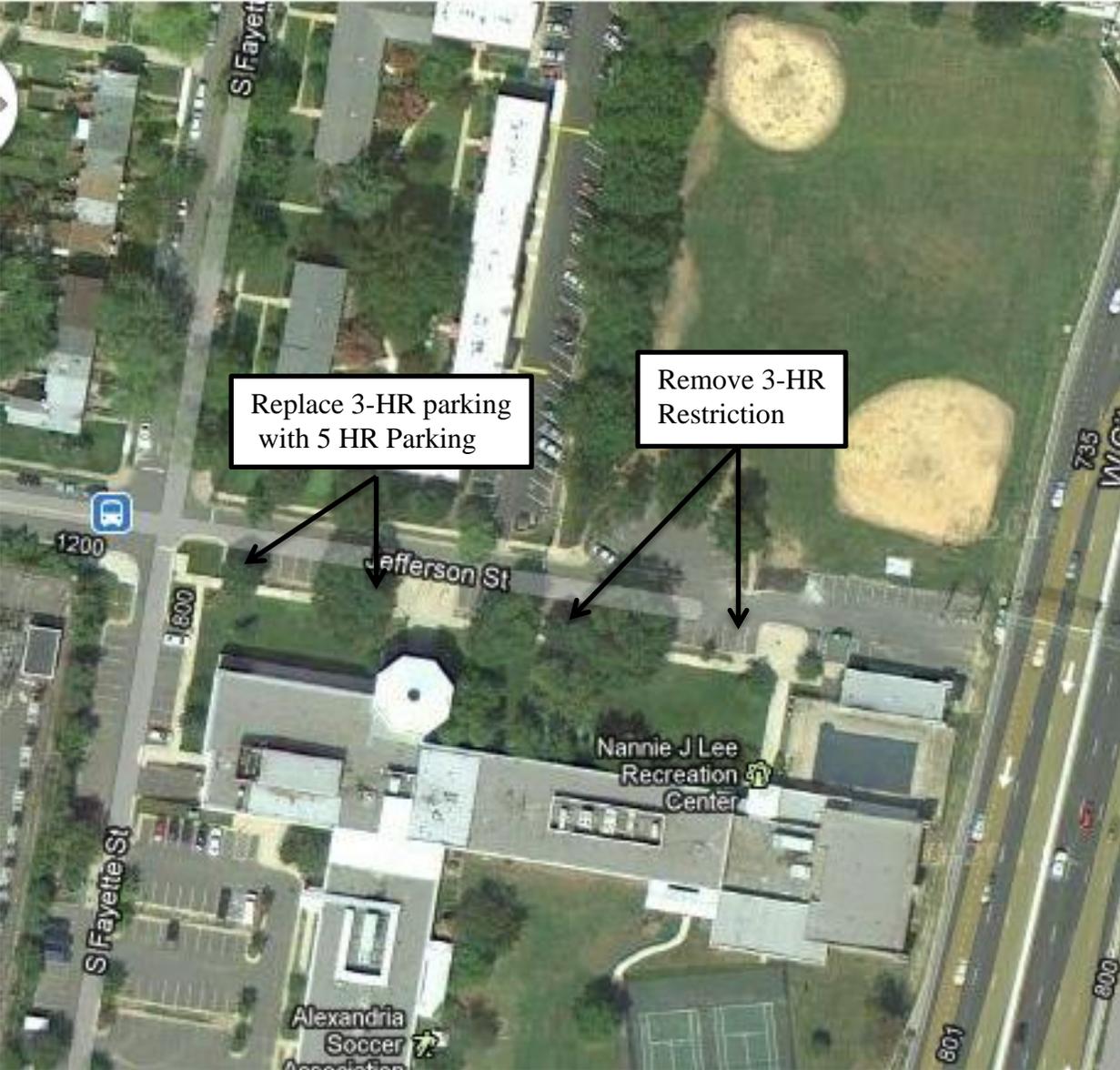
The signage currently allows for only (3) hours. We recommend removal of the signs.

We think the alcove like space located immediately in front of the Nannie J. Lee

Center should be reserved and signed as a parking area for the Nannie J. Lee Center.

I am hopeful that we can arrive at a quick resolution to this matter so that I can report to the customers I have met with in recent weeks our collective resolution of this problem.

cc: William Chesley, Deputy Director, RPCA
McKenya Dilworth Abdallah, Recreation Manager II,
Paula Dade, Management Analyst



Replace 3-HR parking
with 5 HR Parking

Remove 3-HR
Restriction

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DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Request to remove one parking space to the left of the Mount Nebo Pentecostal Church driveway.

APPLICANT: Mount Nebo Pentecostal Church

LOCATION: 2300 Burke Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends removing one parking space to the south of the Mount Nebo Pentecostal Church driveway from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Sundays.

DISCUSSION: Deacon W. B. Posey and Trustee Bernard Posey submitted this request. Vehicles parked close to the driveway make maneuvering in and out of the driveway difficult because of the narrow roadway. Burke Street is very narrow only 22 feet wide. When cars are parked on both sides of the street the travel-way is less than nine feet wide. Exiting the church driveway is difficult when cars are parked directly across from the driveway or adjacent to the driveway because of the narrow width of the street. There is only one parking space between the church driveway and Del Ray Avenue.

At the Boards May 23, 2011 meeting the Board approved a loading zone from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Sundays in front of the church on the opposite side of the driveway. This was a difficult issue because of the high demand for parking on the street. Staff is recommending prohibiting parking on Sundays only between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. because of the high demand for parking.

Bob Garbacz

From: Mount Nebo Pentecostal <mtnebofaithwalk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 6:55 AM
To: Bob Garbacz
Subject: FW: Parking Space @ 2300 Burke Ave

Mr. Garbacz,

Please see the below message.

From: mtnebofaithwalk@hotmail.com
To: bob.garbacz@alexandria.va.gov
Subject: Parking Space @ 2300 Burke Ave
Date: Sat, 7 Apr 2012 09:52:54 -0400

Mount Nebo Pentecostal Church
2300 Burke Ave
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-683-2590

Mailing address: P. O. Box 5615, Fredericksburg, VA 22403

Mr. Garbacz,

This note is to ask your office to please review this request to remove the parking space to the left of the church driveway facing the church. Our members and friends can not safely use the driveway when vehicles are parked at this location.

Sincerely,
Deacon W. B. Posey or Trustee Bernard Posey
cell: 571-330-2675 cell: 540-229-2310

visit our web site: www.mtnebonva.org



Remove
Parking Space

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Remove Parking Space



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DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Request to prohibit parking at the western end cap of Wheeler Avenue

APPLICANT: Douglas McPherson

LOCATION: 4400 Wheeler Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends prohibiting parking at the western end cap of Wheeler Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Full sized tractor trailers are parking on the western end cap of Wheeler Avenue impeding access to the rear of the 4415 building. When longer vehicles park in the end cap the front loading docks at 4415 – 4417 are also blocked. Mr. McPherson indicated that vehicles parking at this location may impede emergency vehicle ingress to the rear of the building. This section of Wheeler Avenue is a commercial/industrial area so many larger commercial vehicles park in this area. Commercial vehicle parking along Wheeler Avenue has been an ongoing issue. Several fleet operators as well as independent truckers park/garage their trucks on Wheeler Avenue. There is nothing in code that prevents this.

Bob Garbacz

From: Douglas McPherson <f_13@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 12:23 AM
To: Bob Garbacz
Cc: Malcolm Mitchell; Alex Medellin; Mary Barron
Subject: Parking- extreme Western terminus of Wheeler avenue adjacent to 4415 &16 Wheeler

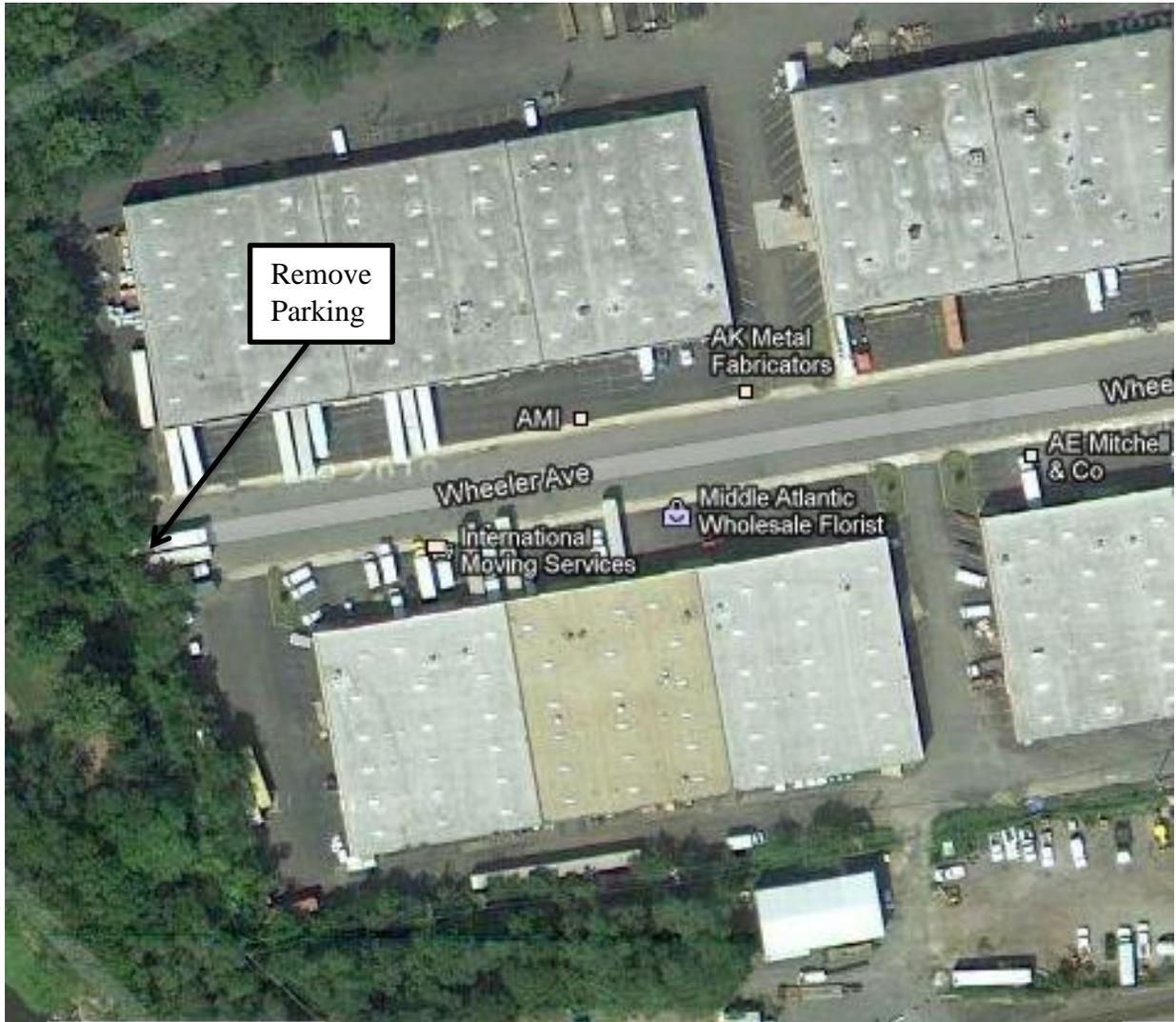
Dear Mr. Garbacz,

I believe that you have spoken in more detail about this matter with our Property Manager, Alex Medellin. He relates that you require a written request in order to consider taking action, thus:

Please grant our request that City of Alexandria "NO PARKING " signs be placed so as to prohibit any 'on-street' parking in the "end-cap" at the location noted above. The now habitual parking of full sized tractor-trailer trailers in that space impedes the access to the rear of the 4415 building for personnel, visitors, etc.. Perhaps even more importantly I believe it impedes emergency vehicle access. It also impedes the access to the front loading docks at 4415-7 Wheeler when longer vehicles or trailers are parked in the referenced location. I appreciate your consideration of this important request at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Douglas McPherson
President
Duke-Shirley LLC
(Landlords)



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Parking

Wheeler Ave

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AK Metal
Fabricators

International
Moving Services

Middle Atlantic
Wholesale Florist

AE Mitchell
& Co

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DOCKET ITEM: 8

ISSUE: Request to allow parking on both sides of the Maris Avenue approach to Van Dorn Street

APPLICANT: Mark J. Benedict, Vice President, Parkside at Alexandria Board of Directors

LOCATION: 5300 Maris Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends allowing parking on the north side of Maris Avenue to within 50 feet of Van Dorn Street.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by Mark Benedict, Vice President of the Parkside at Alexandria Board of Directors. Parkside has 378 units and 478 off street parking spaces. The overflow parking is accommodated on-street along Van Dorn Street and Maris Avenue. Currently parking is prohibited 75 feet east from the Van Dorn intersection on both sides of the street. Maris Avenue is a dead end street that only serves Parkside and the Alexandria Overlook condominiums. As the Maris Avenue extends east past Van Dorn Street there are two curves in the alignment. These curves make turning maneuvers from Van Dorn Street to Maris Avenue challenging for large trucks. The Fire Department was contacted to ensure that proper egress and ingress for emergency equipment would be maintained if the proposed parking were added.

Staff is recommending against allowing parking on the south side of Maris Avenue because the parked vehicles would block the visibility of motorists exiting the driveway of the first condominium building on the south-east corner. Staff is recommending that parking be allowed to within 50 feet of the intersection. This will allow enough maneuvering space for larger vehicles as well as provide stacking space for queuing vehicles at the intersection.

Bob Garbacz

From: Benedict, Mark - FSIS <Mark.Benedict@fsis.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 3:16 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Subject: RE: Parkside request regarding relocation of No Parking Beyond this Point signs on Maris Avenue

Good afternoon

In an effort to safely maximize the number of surface parking spaces located along both sides of Maris Avenue where it makes a T intersection with Van Dorn Street, Parkside at Alexandria condominiums Board and Association is asking to extend the parking along both sides of Maris to within 30 feet of the intersection with Van Dorn.

Thank you.

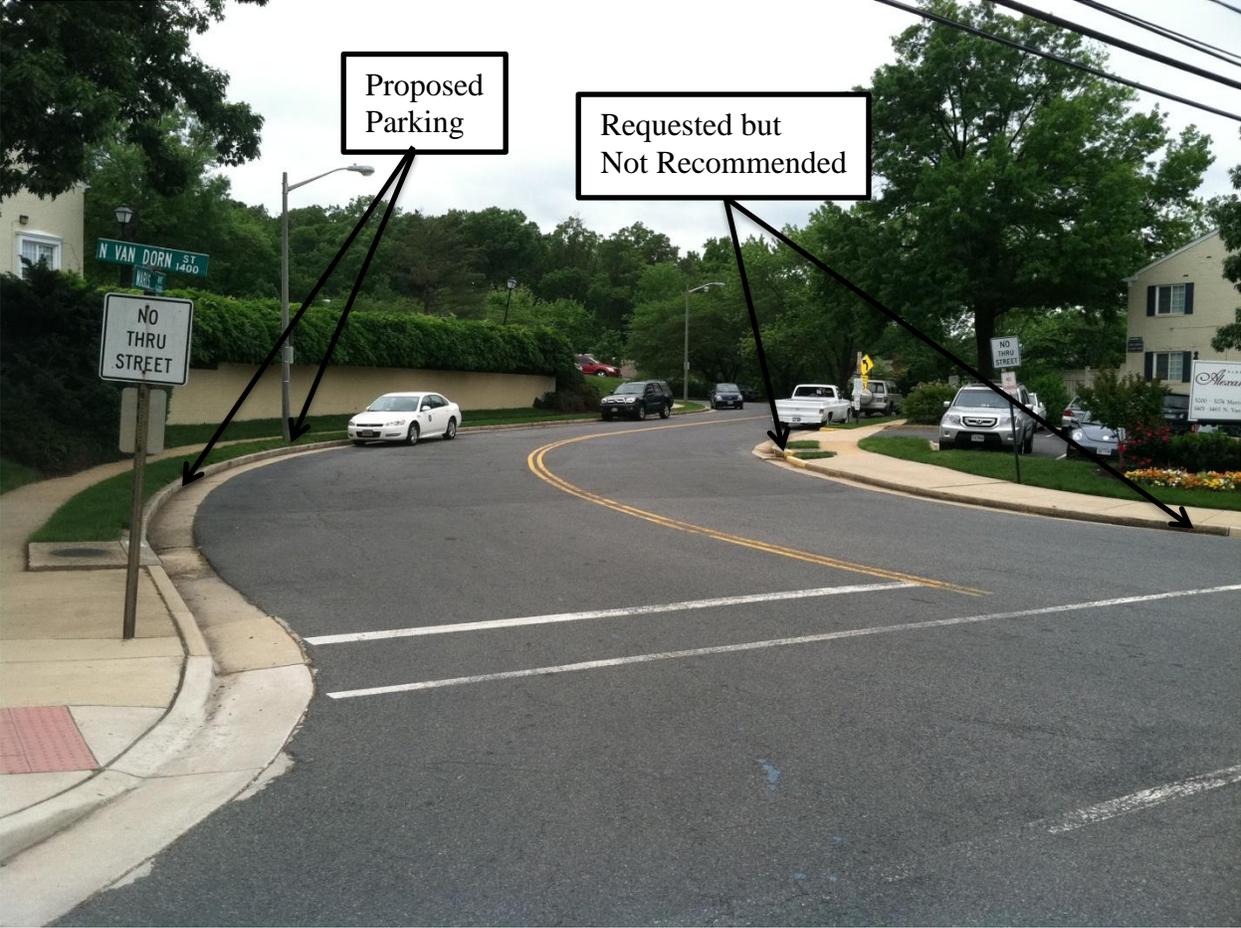
Mark J Benedict, J.D. – Vice President
Parkside at Alexandria Board of Directors

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