

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Johnson, Chairman, Amy Slack, Kevin Posey, Gregory Cota, E. Jon Sargeant, Anthony Norwood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT; Larry Ruggiero

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Abraham Lerner, Deputy Director/Transportation; Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Transportation; Ravi Raut, Transportation Studies Engineer, Transportation; Andrea Wilkinson, Principal Transportation Planner, Transportation; Christopher Spera, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney Office

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the minutes from the June 28, 2010, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. Ms. Slack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2010, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the from the June 28, 2010 Traffic and parking Board meeting.

3. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 120 feet of parking and install No Parking restrictions on the south side of the 100 block of Dove Street across from the driveways in front of 100 Dove Street.

BOARD ACTION: Andrea Wilkinson, Principal Transportation Planner Transportation spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey to approve Staff recommendation. The Board voted unanimously to approve staff recommendation.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove three parking spaces and install No Parking School Days 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday in front of 620 Wolfe Street.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Richard E. Seltzer spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Norwood to approve the request on the contingent that the special Use Permit (SUP) is approved and to limit the time for evening parking to 5:30 p.m.. The Board voted 5 to 1 to approve the motion. Ms. Slack voted No.

6. **ISSUE:** Recommendation to the City Council on proposed changes to the Taxicab Ordinance, Title 9, Chapter 12 Section 9-12-32 C *Requirements for certificate holders.*

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jane Kine Chair, Commission on Aging, Ms. Margaret Gray, Mr. Douglas Copp, Mr. Gus Duda, and Ms. Janice Corell spoke on the importance of having companies that provide reliable service to the elderly and disabled.

Mr. Jim Williams spoke on reducing the number of authorizations, increasing competition, supporting dispatch companies and the importance of cabs that accept credit cards.

Mr. Tim Santos, Vice President of Taxi Booking Applications, spoke on his companies software that allows booking of cabs online, the use of smartphones and the importance of having companies with good dispatch service to support this technology.

Mr. Tim Sites, Alexandria Yellow Cab, spoke of encouraging dialogue with industry reps, City Staff and citizens.

Mr. Randy Stephen stated the city is not providing a free market system; Need a volume of complaints to prove the public that is not being served; City doesn't have the legal authority to manage cab companies.

Mr. Sayed Hassain promises to serve the city's seniors for 50% off rates.

Mr. Surafel Woldenaiin had an issue with the two calls/day metric and ability to transfer.

Mr. Sebry Aden his remarks did not address the code.

Mr. Berhanu Suitaye stated the two calls/day metric should not be an issue.

Mr. Eyeb Abay stated he does not support the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Waqar Umer stated City doesn't need more authorizations; believes the drivers should 'own' the certificate.

Mr. Ken Aggrey; General Mgr, White Top supports the proposal except Section 9-12-34(c). Spoke about how White Top handles credit card fares and reimbursement to driver

Ms. Latasha Williams, Alexandria Union Cab, stated two calls/day cannot be achieved and should be lowered, No to credit cards.

Mr. Daniel Woldegiorgous, President Union Cab Company, stated the proposed code changes hurt the drivers.

Mr. Omar Haji stated that two calls per day is difficult to do, and he lost money on bad credit cards.

Mr. Francis Sambu stated that the City doesn't protect drivers; Should count return trips as a separate call.

Mr. James Kanu stated that credit card reimbursement from companies is too slow; Two calls/ day metric should be removed.

Ms. Zari Karimian owner of VIP Cab Company states they can dispatch a driver who accepts credit cards; have a line @ the airport for credit card customers; Request lowering 2 calls/day to 1 call/day.

Mr. Fikrce Amdemeskel stated that the two calls/day metric doesn't work; drivers should have the right to transfer; Accepting credit cards should be optional.

Mr. Chand Dodhy stated that the two calls/day metric should be eliminated; it abuses drivers. Credit cards should not be imposed by the City.

Ms. Joyce Woodson; consultant, Union Company, stated that she has issues with a) mobility, b) back fills, c) credit cards, d) legal remedy, and e) service.

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NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 27, 2010