DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 120 feet of parking and replace with NO PARKING restrictions on the south side of the 100 block of Dove Street across from the driveways in front of 100 Dove Street.

APPLICANT: J & H Aitcheson, 100 Dove Street

LOCATION: 100 block of Dove Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request.

DISCUSSION: J & H Aitcheson has been located at 100 Dove Street since 1971. Currently, parking is restricted at all times on the north side of the street fronting the property. On the south side of Dove Street, there is no parking allowed between 5:00 P.M and 6:00 A.M., but daytime parking is not restricted. Vehicles have been observed parking to capacity along the south side of Dove Street during the allowed hours. This restricts the maneuverability of the tractor trailers used for delivery of goods to the business.

Removal of 120 feet of parking, which includes 30 feet for an existing fire hydrant, across from the two driveway entrances to the two stockyards between 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. will allow the tractor trailers to safely maneuver for deliveries. Trucks are unable to follow a drive-through pattern on the property due to the grade change behind the facilities, necessitating movement on the street. Employee and customer parking is provided on-site, and neighboring businesses also have on-site parking for employees and customers. Removal of on-street parking will not place undue burden on other businesses in the vicinity.
DOCKET ITEM: 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.

APPLICANT: Alexandria Academy, 620 Wolfe Street

LOCATION: 600 block of Wolfe Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by the Alexandria Academy which is opening in September as a private independent school. The Academy’s administration office will be located at 620 Wolfe Street. Alexandria Academy classes will be held at the Campagna Center located at 418 South Washington Street. Wolfe Street will be used for student drop off and pick up because of the parking restrictions in the HOV lane on South Washington Street from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Monday through Friday.
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DOCKET ITEM: 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.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: City Wide

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the City Council that the taxicab working group proposed recommendations be adopted into city code.

DISCUSSION: The current taxi ordinance was adopted in 2005. Since adoption of the ordinance two main issues of concern have surfaced in the taxi industry. First, several of the companies are having trouble meeting the two dispatch calls per driver per day requirement and are in jeopardy of being shut down. One company, Columbus Cab, was already shut down by the City. Second, the company’s meeting the dispatch requirements are loosing drivers through the driver transfer process and are having trouble maintaining operations due to the lack of drivers. As a result of these problems, a taxicab working group consisting of company owners, members of the Traffic and Parking Board and city staff was formed to investigate opportunities to resolve these issues. The working group has been meeting since November and has developed the recommendations below. In developing these recommendations a survey was handed out to the drivers to gain input on what was important to the drivers. A consensus was reached by the work group to bring these recommendations forward. On July 19, 2010 the City of Alexandria held a public meeting for the taxicab drivers and informed them of the proposed Taxicab ordinance.