

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA**

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 7:30 P.M.**

**301 KING STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Converse West, Chairman, Larry Ruggieo , Amy Slack, Jay Johnson, Randy Cole, Kevin Posey

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patrick Warren

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Culpepper, Deputy Director, Transportation & Environmental Service; Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Transportation; Sandra Marks, Traffic Calming Coordinator, Transportation; Leroy Baker, Traffic Survey Technician, Transportation; Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney Office; Marlo Ford, Urban Planning I, Planning and Zoning Department; Monte Rosson, Hack Inspector, Alexandria Police Department; Richard Garcia, Hack Inspector, Alexandria Police Department

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals. Item was deferred, Hearing on a appeal by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Dawit Alambo's public drivers ( permit #117) be suspended for 2 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-57(L) refusal to carry passenger(s)  
Item #5 was withdrawn, Hearing on a request by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Ghulam Rabani's public drivers (permit #246) be suspended for 7 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-60(a)(8) Failure to serve public adequately, Section 9-12-60(a)(13) Rude or discourteous conduct towards passenger, and Section 9-12-57(L) Refusal to carry passenger.  
Item #6 was withdrawn, Hearing on a appeal by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Ghulam Rabani's public drivers (permit #246) be suspended for 2 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-60(a)(4) Failure to keep a taxicab in good order or safe repair, Section 9-12-41 Operating a taxicab for hire without a Driver Permit, and Section 9-12-71 Operating a taxicab for hire without a Vehicle Permit.
2. Approval of the minutes from the July 23 2007, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. Ms. Slack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2007, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2007, Traffic and Parking Board meeting.

**3. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

**TAXI CAB HEARING:**

4. Hearing on a appeal by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Dawit Alambo public driver's ( permit #117) be suspended for 2 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-57(L) refusal to carry passenger(s)

**BOARD ACTION: DEFERRED**

5. Hearing on a request by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Ghulam Rabani public driver's (permit #246) be suspended for 7 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-60(a)(8) Failure to serve public adequately, Section 9-12-60(a)(13) Rude or discourteous conduct towards passenger, and Section 9-12-57(L) Refusal to carry passenger.

**BOARD ACTION: WITHDRAWN**

6. Hearing on a appeal by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Ghulam Rabani public driver's (permit #246) be suspended for 2 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-60(a)(4) Failure to keep a taxicab in good order or safe repair, Section 9-12-41 Operating a taxicab for hire without a Driver Permit, and Section 9-12-71 Operating a taxicab for hire without a Vehicle Permit.

**BOARD ACTION: WITHDRAWN**

7. Hearing on a appeal by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Bogale Getahum public driver's (permit #413) be suspended for 3 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-56(b) Manifest Violation, Section 9-12-41 Operating a taxicab for hire without a Driver Permit, Section 9-12-71 Operating a taxicab for hire without a Vehicle Permit, and Section 9-12-81(k) Radio not in working order.

**BOARD ACTION:** Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Bogale Getahum spoke in his defense. Ms. Slack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to deny the appeal, and that Mr. Getahum public driver's (permit #413) be suspended for 3 days. The Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal, and that Mr. Getahum public driver's (permit #413) be suspended for 3 days.

8. Hearing on appeal by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Ali Mohamed public driver's (permit # 666) be suspended 3 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-56(b) Manifest Violation.

**BOARD ACTION:** Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Ali Mohamed spoke in his defense. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Slack to deny the appeal, And that Mr. Mohamed public driver's (permit # 666) be suspended for 3 days. The Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal, and that Mr. Mohamed public driver's (permit # 666) be suspended for 3 days.

9. Hearing on a appeal by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Najeeb A. Qureshi public driver's (permit # 1048) be suspended for 2 days for violation of Cit Code Section 9-12-56(b) Manifest Violation, Section 9-12-41 Operating a taxicab for hire without a Driver Permit, and Section 9-12-71 Operating a taxicab for hire without a Vehicle Permit.

**BOARD ACTION:** Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Najeeb A. Qureshi spoke in his defense. Ms. Slack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson to deny the appeal, and that Mr. Qureshi public driver's (permit # 1048) be suspended for one day. The Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal, and that Mr. Qureshi public driver's (permit # 1048) be suspended for one day.

10. Hearing on a appeal by the Hack Inspector's Office that the Board recommend to the City manager that Mr. Hafiz M. Imran public driver's (permit #802) be suspended for 4 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-56(b) Manifest Violation, and 9-12-60(a)(4) Failure to keep a taxicab in good order or safe repair.

**BOARD ACTION:** Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Hafiz M. Imran spoke in his defense. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to deny the appeal, and that Mr. Imran public driver's (permit #802) be suspended for 4 days. The Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal, and that Mr. Imran public driver's (permit #802) be suspended for 4 days.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

11. **ISSUE:** Consideration of an appeal on a driveway curb-cut at 1219 Hillside Terrace.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Marlo Ford, Urban Planning 1, Planning and Zoning Department gave a summary of the request. Mr. Paul Filios and Ms. Mary Thomas spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Anne Milem spoke against the request. Ms. Slack made a motion to approve the new curb-cut on Hillside Terrace and to remove the existing curb-cut on Page Terrace. Ms. Slack motion was not seconded. Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to grant the appeal (approve the new curb-cut on Hillside Terrace) provided that the improvements proposed by the applicant (on the Plat Plan) be made in a timely fashion. The Board voted 5 to 1 in favor of the motion with Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Cole, Mr. West, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Posey voting in favor of the motion, and Ms. Slack

Voting against the motion.

**TRAFFIC CALMING:**

- 12. ISSUE:** Consideration of a traffic calming request to construct intersection improvements at the intersection of North Pegram and North Pickett Streets.

**BOARD ACTION:** Sandra Marks, Traffic Calming Coordinator, Transportation, gave a summary of the request. Ms. Kathleen Burns and Mr. Petnivnas spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Posey made a motion to approve the request , seconded by Mr. Ruggiero to approve the traffic calming plan. The Board voted unanimously

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**NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 22, 2007**