CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2007 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2ND FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

M I N U T E S

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Ruggiero, Patrick Warren

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Culpepper, Deputy Director, Transportation & Environmental Service; Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Transportation; Mitchell Bernstein, P.E., Civil Engineer IV, Construction and Inspection; Leroy Baker, Traffic Survey Technician, Transportation; Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney Office; LT. Paul Story, Alexandria Police Department; Monte Rosson, Hack Inspector, Alexandria Police Department; Richard Garcia, Hack Inspector, Alexandria Police Department

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.

2. Approval of the minutes from the September 24, 2007, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. Ms. Slack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2007, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2007, Traffic and Parking Board meeting.

3. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

TAXICAB HEARING:

4. Appeal of a suspension by the Hack Inspector’s Office of Mr. Dawit Alambo’s public driver’s permit #117 for 2 days for violation of City Code Section 9-12-57(L) refusal to carry passenger(s)

BOARD ACTION: Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney’s Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Dawit Alambo spoke in his own defense. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Slack to deny the appeal, and that Mr. Alambo’s public Driver’s permit #117 be suspended for 2 days. The Board voted 3 to 2 to deny Mr. Alambo the appeal. Mr. West, Ms. Slack, and Mr. Posey voted to deny the appeal, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Cole vote against denying the appeal.

5. Recommendation by the Hack Inspector’s Office that the Board recommend to the City Manager that Mr. Waqas J. Ahmed public driver’s permit #219 be suspended for 14 days for violation of City Code section 9-12-6 allowing his taxicab to be driven by brother Mr. Awais J. Ahmed without vehicle insurance coverage.

BOARD ACTION: Christopher Spera, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney’s Office represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Waqas J. Ahmed public driver’s permit #219 spoke in his own defense. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Slack to suspend Mr. Ahmed’s public driver’s permit #219 for 14 days for violation of City Code section 9-12-6.
The Board voted unanimously to suspend Mr. Ahmed's public driver’s permit #219 for 14 days for violation of City Code section 9-12-6.

PUBLIC HEARING:

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to prohibit through truck traffic on West Taylor Run Parkway between Janneys Lane and Duke Street.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. William Faudree, and Mr. Thomas Signer spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Slack to recommend to City Council that through truck traffic be prohibited on West Taylor Run Parkway between Janneys Lane and Duke Street. The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a Taxi Cab Stand on Ballenger Avenue at the Westin Hotels and Resorts, 400 Courthouse Square.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lee Hernly made a recommendation that the Taxi Cab Stand be limited to two or three spaces. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey to approve the request. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of an appeal on a driveway curb-cut at 11 Clifford Avenue.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Luis Alquinta the applicant spoke in favor of the request. Mitchell Bernstein, P.E., Civil Engineer IV, Construction and Inspection, represented the City of Alexandria. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Slack to deny the appeal. The Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal.

9. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install bus layovers for Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) at the following locations:
   1. 6100 block of Lincolnia Road on the south side of the street East of Breckinridge Place in front of 6130 Lincolnia Road.
   2. 4600 block of Kenmore Avenue in front 4641 Kenmore Avenue.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Al Himes, Director of Planning & Development Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Slack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

10. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS restrictions in front of the driveway at 213 South Columbus Street.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request. The Board voted 4 to 1 to approve the request. Mr. West, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Posey voted Yes and Ms. Slack voted NO.

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