CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY MARCH 28, 2016 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 February 22, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the loading zone in front of 224 North Henry Street to 30 minute parking from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday - Saturday.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to restrict U-turns from northbound of Route 1 at the intersection of Route 1 and Potomac Avenue.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install stop sign(s) on the minor approaches of Trinity Drive and Yale Drive, Cloverway and Clovercrest Drive, and Vassar Road and Clovercrest Drive.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove three parking spaces at 4149 Taney Avenue

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

8. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update

9. King Street Complete Streets Project Update

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
ROOM 2000

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, Melissa McMahon, James Lewis and Kevin Beekman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Cole, Elizabeth Jones

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief Traffic, Ravi Rout, Civil Engineer IV, Pierre Holloman, Principal Planner and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.

2. Approval of the February 1, 2016, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No one from the public spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 70 feet of parking spaces in front of the bus stop at 333 North Fairfax Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Collin Lee, and Mr. Dan Hazelwood opposed the request. And Mr. Frank Procaccino expressed concern about buses idling at the bus stop in the early morning.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION:
Ms. McMahon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation to remove 70 feet of parking in front of the bus stop at 333 North Fairfax Street and directed staff to work to find any restricted parking that could be provided back to the community. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Ms. McMahan, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Beekman voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Schuyler voting against the motion.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces on the south side of East Glebe Road at 307 E. Glebe Road to the west of la Vern Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Paula Winchester spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to remove two parking spaces on the south side of East Glebe Road at 307 E. Glebe Road to the west of La Vern Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the hours of the loading zone at 216 South Peyton Street from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM to 9:00 AM -9:30 AM and 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to change the hours of the loading zone at 216 South Peyton Street from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM to 9:00 AM -9:30 AM and 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 150 feet of parking spaces from 7:00 AM -9:00AM on the west side of Yale Drive between Janney's Lane and the first curb cut.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to remove 75 feet of parking from 7:00 AM -9:00AM on the west side of Yale Drive at Janney's Lane.

8. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

Mr. Garbacz informed the Traffic and Parking Board about the Board and Commission training.

Mr. Garbacz updated the Traffic and Parking Board about the Go Green Cab and VIP Cab's status.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 28, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

FROM: T&ES STAFF

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 4

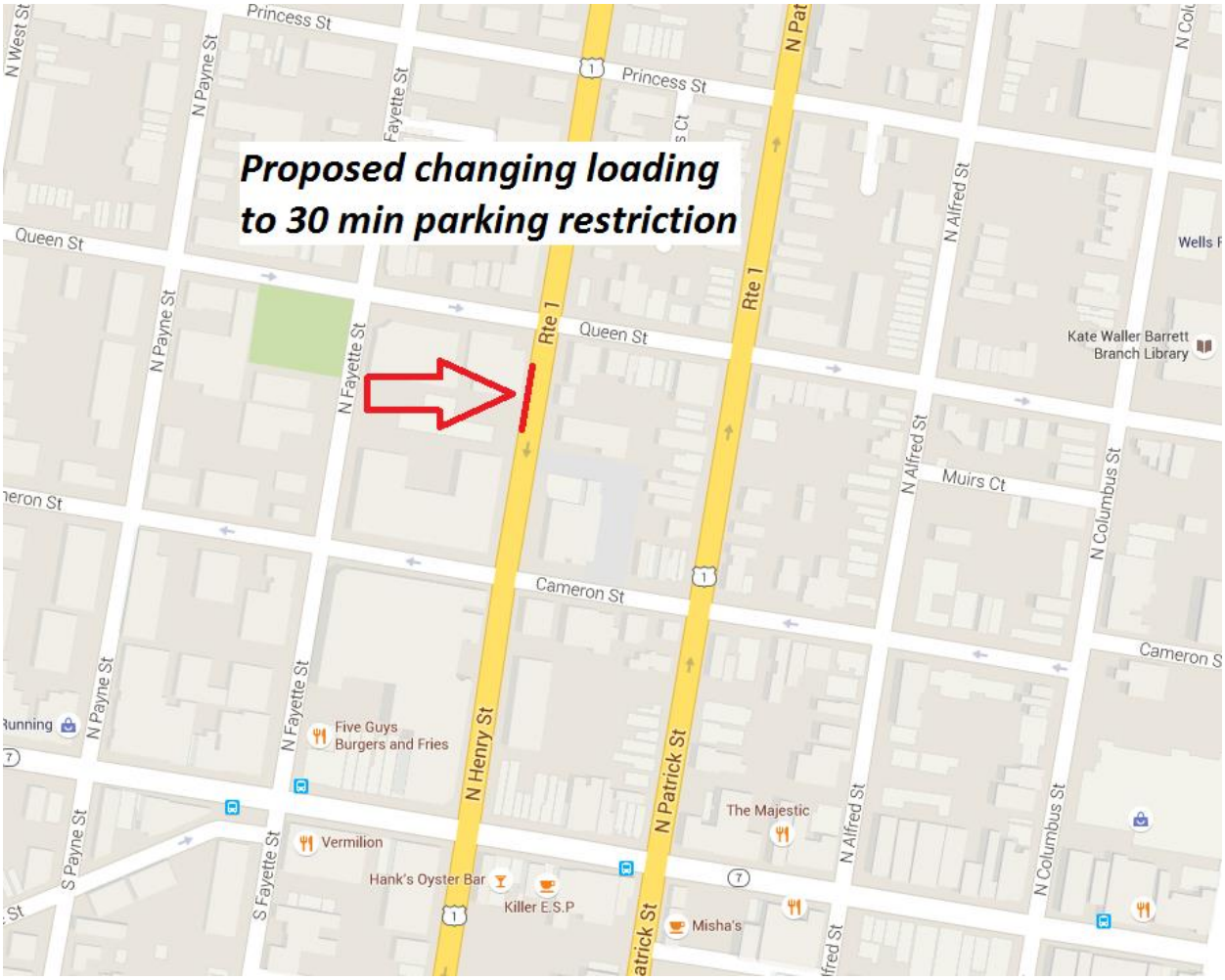
ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the loading zone in front of 224 North Henry Street to 30 minute parking from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday - Saturday.

APPLICANT: Kelly Matthews, Owner of Body Shop Fitness by Design LLC.

LOCATION: 224 North Henry Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES changing the loading zone in front of 224 North Henry Street to 30 Minute Parking from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday - Saturday.

DISCUSSION: Kelly Matthews, Owner of Body Shop Fitness by Design initiated this request to better serve her cliental. The existing loading zone was left over from a previous business at this location and is no longer needed. This proposal would extend the current 30 minute parking in front of Liberation Books, the adjoining neighbor, to in front of Ms. Matthews' business. Ms. Matthews indicated that the proposed 30 minute parking restrictions would serve the need of her customers. Residents in the surrounding area are experiencing on-street parking shortages. Patrons from the surrounding businesses are parking in the residential areas making conditions difficult for residents to find convenient parking. This proposal will help reduce the pressures on the residential parking by converting the loading zone into two on-street parking spaces.


Proposed changing loading
to 30 min parking restriction
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N Alfred St
Kate Waller Barrett
Branch Library
Muirs Ct
N Columbus St
Cameron St
Cameron St
N Payne St
N Fayette St
Five Guys
Burgers and Fries
N Henry St
N Patrick St
The Majestic
N Alfred St
N Columbus St
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S Fayette St
Vermilion
Hank's Oyster Bar
Killer E.S.P
Misha's

From: Kelly Matthews [mailto:mrskellymatthews@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 4:58 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Subject: Removal of Loading Zone 224 N. Henry Street

Mr. Garbacz,

Consider this written request to have our loading zone changed to a 30 minute parking zone so that our clients will no longer be ticketed when frequenting our business.

Thank you for all your help, please don't hesitate to contact me should you need further information.

Kindest regards,

Kelly Matthews
Owner/Master Trainer
Body Shop Fitness by Design llc.
bodyshopva.com
703.965.1598

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 28, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

FROM: T&ES STAFF

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 5

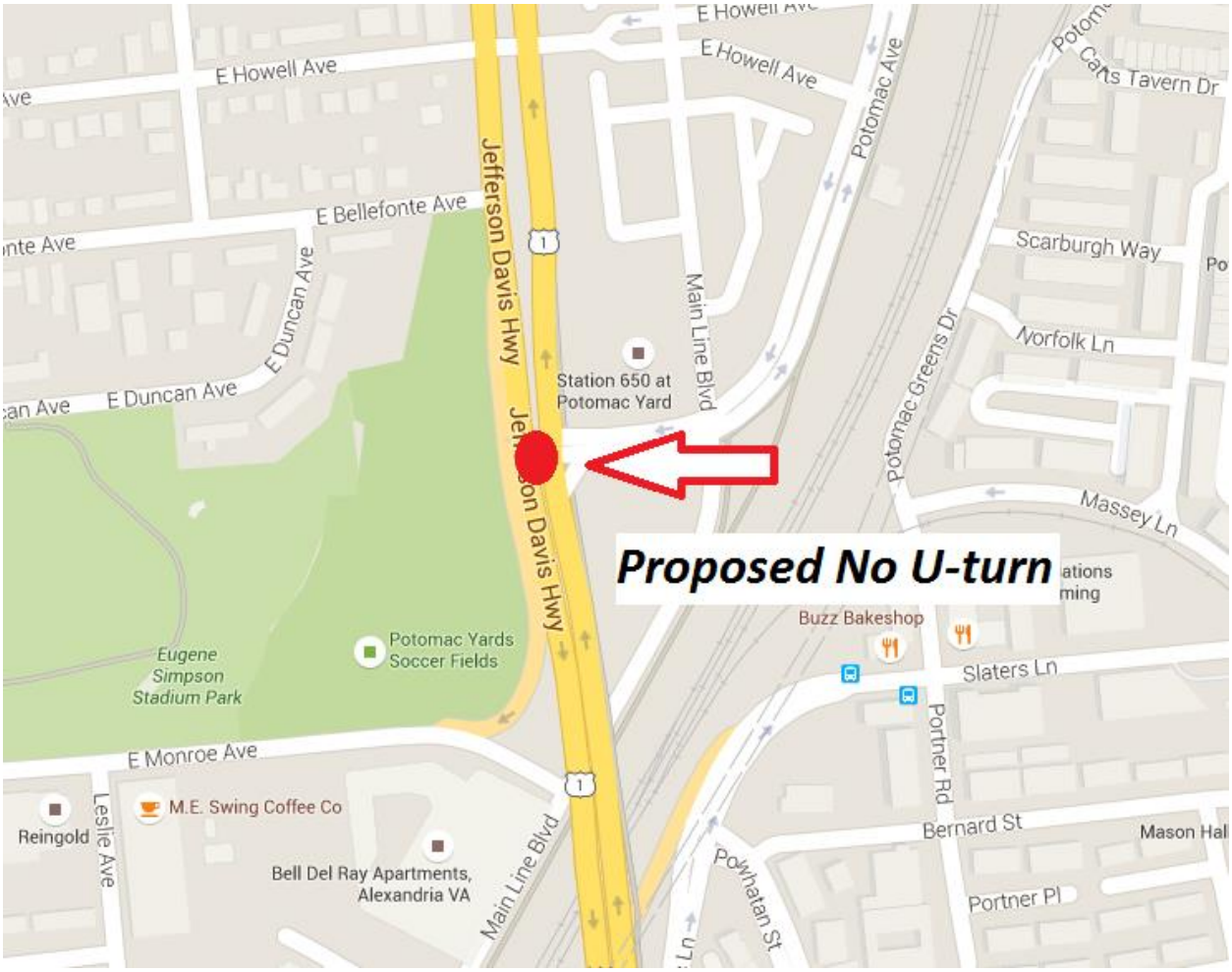
ISSUE: Consideration of a request to restrict U-turns from northbound Route 1 at the intersection of Route 1 and Potomac Avenue.

APPLICANT: Laura Macone

LOCATION: Route 1 and Potomac Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend that the Director of T&ES restrict U-turns from northbound Route 1 at the intersection of Route 1 and Potomac Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Macone is requesting that U-turns from northbound Route 1 be prohibited at Potomac Avenue to improve safety. There is no dedicated left turn lane for northbound Route 1 at this location so U-turning traffic must execute U-turns from the through lane. Not only does this impede traffic, but jeopardizes safety due to the limited sight distance of traffic cresting the peak of the bridge behind the U-turning vehicle. At this location, traffic transitions from a speed limit of 25 mph to a 35 mph speed limit.. Over the past five years there have been 8 rear end collisions on Route 1 at this intersection. None of these collisions involved U-turning vehicles, but the high number does indicate the potential for a collision with a U-turning vehicle.


Proposed No U-turn
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E Bellefonte Ave
E Duncan Ave
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Jefferson Davis Hwy
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Main Line Blvd
Main Line Blvd
Station 650 at Potomac Yard
Potomac Ave
Potomac Greens Dr
Cans Tavern Dr
Scarburgh Way
Norfolk Ln
Massey Ln
Buzz Bakeshop
Slaters Ln
Portner Rd
Bernard St
Portner Pl
Polyhatan St
Eugene Simpson Stadium Park
Potomac Yards Soccer Fields
E Monroe Ave
M.E. Swing Coffee Co
Reingold
Leslie Ave
Bell Del Ray Apartments, Alexandria VA

Proposed No U-turn
US-1
ONLY

From: Laura Macone [mailto:laura.macone@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 6:48 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Subject: Issue for Traffic and Parking Board

Dear Mr. Garbacz:

I would like to ask the Traffic and Parking Board to consider the following request. Hillary Orr referred me to you and said that you may be able to put it on the docket for this Board.

I would like to propose a No U-Turn sign on Northbound Route 1 at the traffic light where the dedicated bus lanes begin. I have noticed a few times that cars have been stopping here to make u-turns (perhaps trying to get to Monroe?). At that point, cars are naturally accelerating as they come down the hill, while also navigating a sharp S in the road. When a car stops there to make a U-Turn, it is unexpected, as cars are going straight through the green light, and braking there is very abrupt and difficult. It has happened to me a few times in this situation that cars behind me have come close to hitting me (they have not, thankfully). I think that it is a dangerous situation, and one that could be mitigated relatively easily by adding a No U-Turn sign.

Thank you for your and the Board's consideration.

Laura Macone

408 E. Custis Ave.

Alexandria, VA 22301

703-850-9089

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 28, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

FROM: T&ES STAFF

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install stop sign(s) on the minor approaches of the following intersections:

1. Trinity Drive and Yale Drive
2. Cloverway and Clovercrest Drive
3. Vassar Road and Clovercrest Drive

APPLICANT: Melissa Yeardon, President Clover College Park Civic Association

LOCATION: Clover College Park

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to install stop signs on the minor approaches at the following intersections:

1. Trinity Drive and Yale Drive
2. Cloverway and Clovercrest Drive
3. Vassar Road and Clovercrest Drive

DISCUSSION: This request was made by Melissa Yeardon the President of Clover College Park Civic Association as part of a Complete Streets request. This neighborhood experiences significant traffic because of MacArthur Elementary School and Bishop Ireton High School. In addition to the school traffic there is considerable commuter cut through traffic. The City still has many intersections which have no controls that operate satisfactorily. There have been no reported crashes at any of the three above intersections over the past five years, however, staff believes that installing the requested stop signs would help traffic flow more orderly and provide an enhanced level of safety. There are a number of school children who must use these intersections when walking to MacArthur Elementary School every day.

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) recommends installing a stop sign at an intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law. Staff believes the above three intersections meet these criteria. The MUTCD also recommends installing stop signs on the minor intersection approaches as recommended above.

Proposed Stop Sign Locations
(minor street only)
Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
Y-12 Investments
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter...
Janneys Ln
Taylor Run
Bryan St
Bryan Pl
E Taylor Run Pkwy
Yale Dr
Cambridge Rd
Coverway Dr
Skyhill Rd
Crown View Dr
Vassar Rd
Trinity Dr
FSI Renovations
Clovercrest Dr
Dartmouth Rd
Ellsworth St
Quaker Hill Dr
Angel Park
Seminary Walk Condominiums
Bishop Ireton High School
Viewpoint Rd
Giant

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 28, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

FROM: T&ES & RPCA STAFF

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove three parking spaces at 4149 Taney Avenue

APPLICANT: Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs

LOCATION: 4149 Taney Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES the removal of three parking spaces at adjacent to Taney Avenue Park at 4149 Taney Ave.

DISCUSSION: On November 19, 2015, the Park and Recreation Department endorsed the Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan, which includes a plan for Taney Avenue Park, located adjacent to the Foxchase Apartment complex. Taney Avenue dead ends at the park and there is no space for personal or park maintenance vehicles to turn-around. This is also a concern for emergency vehicles that need to use this space to turn around. The spaces also interfere with a planned widening of the adjacent four-foot trail. During the park planning process community members also noted that they often observe the spaces being used by vehicles conducting illegal activity because they are located at a dead end street with little light or surveillance.

The Taney Avenue Park Plan recommends removing the last two spaces for cars to address these concerns. Additionally, vehicles illegally park as shown in Figure 1 and 2 at the end of Taney Avenue further blocking turn around access. No Parking signs would be installed at the foot of Taney Avenue eliminating parking 20 feet from the end of the road as well as at the actual foot of the street.

In Fall 2014, staff collected community feedback to understand how the Park is used and how it could be improved in the future. The park plan summarizes what was heard through an online survey, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, ten of which were specific to Taney Avenue Park. Staff used the collected information to develop draft park plans, which recommended the removal of the parking spaces.

Figure 1
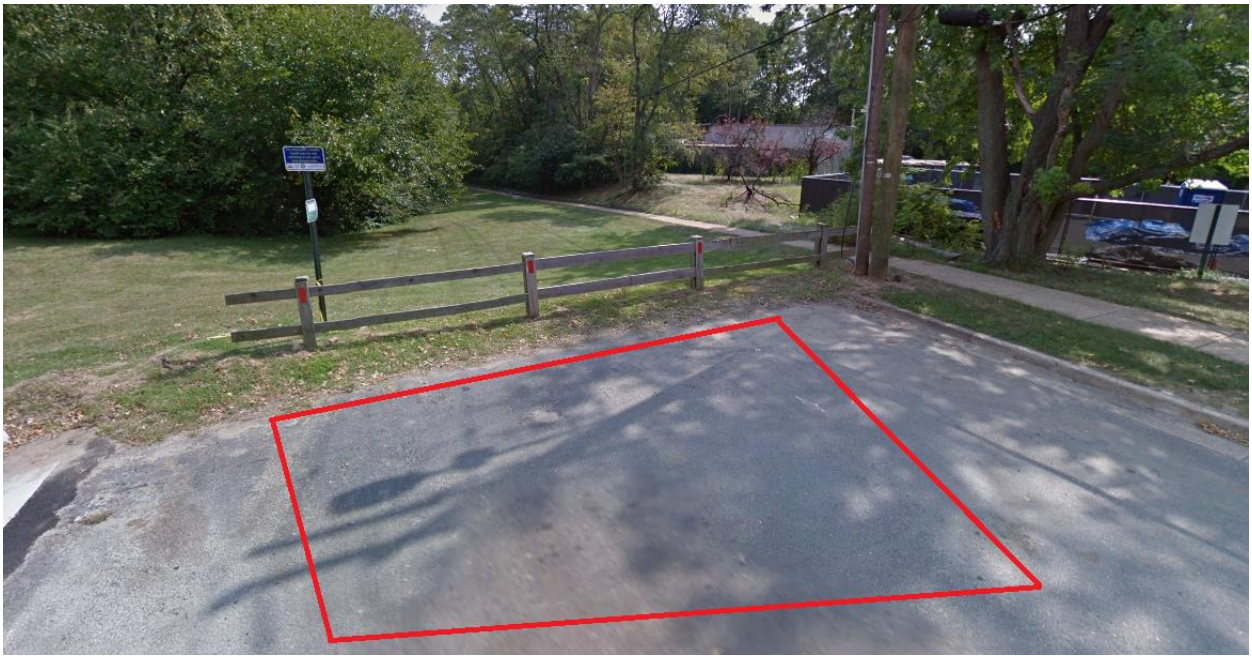
Figure 2