

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2017 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

D O C K E T

The Traffic and Parking Board will hold a subcommittee work session at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Work Room to discuss the City's review of the 72 hour rule. At this meeting the group will review enforcement data, results from the citywide questionnaire to date, and options that the City will consider through this process. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the November 14, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces from 7AM-9AM, and 4PM-6PM, Monday to Friday on the south side of Jamieson Avenue by Dulany Street.
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 20 feet of parking on the Northwest corner of Mount Vernon Avenue at Luray Avenue.
6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to:
 - Install NO TURN ON RED restrictions for eastbound and westbound West Glebe Road at Mount Vernon Avenue.
 - Install leading pedestrian intervals for the crosswalks crossing Mount Vernon Avenue at West Glebe Road.
 - Install a right turn overlap (green arrow) for the eastbound Glebe Road right turn onto southbound Mount Vernon Avenue.
 - Convert the westbound Glebe Road left turn to a protected only movement.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Randy Cole, Kevin Beekman, Ann Tucker and Casey Kane.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, Katie North, Parking Planner, Ray Hayhurst, Complete Street Coordinator, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: Item number 6 was deferred.
2. Approval of the October 24, 2016, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Joseph Schneider spoke about the speed issue on Fontaine Street. Ms. Carolyn Griglione, Ms. Carol Johnson, Ms. Christine Michaelis, Mr. Jim Durham spoke about the speeding issue on Seminary Road and N. Quaker Lane.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to establish a restricted overnight parking district in Lincolnia Hills.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Eileen Kirwan, Mr. Rich Root spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff's recommendation to establish a restricted overnight parking district in Lincolnia Hills. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to expand an existing restricted overnight parking district on 1100 blocks of N. Pegram Street.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. James Schonberger spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the request to expand an existing restricted overnight parking district on 1100 blocks of North Pegram Street. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install three hour parking restrictions from 8AM -5PM, Monday-Friday on the west side of the 500, 600, and 700 blocks of South Payne Street.

DISCUSSION: Item was deferred.

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove four parking spaces on the 400 block of Second Street for green infrastructure and pedestrian improvements.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to remove four parking spaces on the 400 block of Second Street for green infrastructure and pedestrian improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install all-way stop signs at the intersection of Taney Avenue and North Howard Street.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board, recommending: 1) denial of the request; and, 2) removal of parking along Taney Avenue to improve sight distance at the intersection.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Peter Metz spoke in favor of the staff's recommendation. Ms. Pat Smith spoke in favor of the request of installing All-Way Stop signs.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to remove two parking spaces on both Taney Avenue approaches to the intersection to improve sight distance. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of the Biennial review and public hearing on conditions within the Alexandria taxicab industry.

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Mulualen Desta, Mr. Aluca Asfan, Mr. Mujahid Ahmad, Mr. Christopher Spera, Mr. Chand Dodhy spoke about the challenges facing the industry and the impacts TNCs have had on the taxicab market.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of staff recommendations on the proposed changes to Part II, Title 9, Chapter 12 of the City Code and the City manager Regulations.

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

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

BOARD ACTION:

1. Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to increase the time an authorization can be vacant before termination from 90 days to 18 months. The motion carried unanimously.
 2. Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve to increase the age limit for taxicab vehicles from 8 model years to 10 model years of age in City Code, and to 12 years for hybrid or other alternative fuel vehicles in the City Manager regulations. The motion carried unanimously.
 3. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to retain the industry fees and ask City staff to perform a comprehensive review of industry fees and have those new fees in place by the next billing cycle, February 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
 4. Mr. Schuyler made a motion seconded by Mr. Cole directing staff to engage with state officials to better align state and local regulations to assure TNCs provide better access to the disabled community and improve rider safety through stronger TNC driver background checks. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of staff's recommendations on the proposed taxicab fare rate change.

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

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff's recommendations on the proposed taxicab fare rate change. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of staff's recommendations on the renewal of existing certificates of public convenience and necessity.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board, recommending denial of the request and removal to improve sight distance at the intersection.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation on the renewal of existing certificates of public convenience and necessity. The motion carried with Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Cole, Mr. Beekman and Ms. Tucker voting in support of the motion and Mr. Kane voting in opposition to the motion.

10. **Staff reports and updates:**

- Update on Reduced Speed Limits on Seminary Road and Quaker Lane.

Discussion: Mr. Hayhurst presented the update to the Board.

Board Action: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to ask staff to provide educational short and long term solution to reduce speed

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2017
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces from 7AM-9AM, and 4PM-6PM, Monday to Friday on the south side of eastbound Jamieson Avenue at Dulany Street.

APPLICANT: Janet Gregor

LOCATION: South side of eastbound Jamieson Avenue at Dulany Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove two parking spaces, at all times, on the south side of eastbound Jamieson Avenue at Dulany Street.

DISCUSSION: At the September 26, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting, the Board approved All-Way Stop signs at the intersection of Jamieson Avenue and Englehardt Lane. The Board requested staff to evaluate the intersection of Courthouse Square and Jamieson Avenue for All-Way Stop signs as well and evaluate the section of Jamieson Avenue between Dulany Street and Courthouse Square for traffic issues.

In response to the Board's request to evaluate the intersection of Courthouse Square and Jamieson Avenue for All-Way Stop signs, staff reviewed crash records and found that in the past five years there have only been two crashes at this intersection. Only one of those crashes would have been preventable an All-Way Stop signs. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) recommends at least five crashes per year before consideration be given to installing All-Way stop signs. The MUTCD also recommends a traffic volume on the main street of at least 300 vehicles per hour for eight hours and a side street volume of 200 vehicles per hour for the same eight hours with an average side street delay of 30 seconds per vehicle. Traffic is far below the recommended threshold and the average side street delay is well below 30 seconds per vehicle. As a result, staff does not recommend stop sign installation at the intersection of Jamieson Avenue and Courthouse Square.

In response to the Board's request for staff to evaluate the section of Jamieson Avenue between Dulany Streets and Courthouse Square for traffic issues, staff analysis revealed that a high volume of left turning traffic from eastbound Jamieson Avenue to Dulany Street blocks through traffic and the resulting queue of traffic spills back to Englehardt Lane. To relieve some of this

congestion, staff is proposing removing two parking spaces to allow room for through traffic to pass by left turning traffic. Staff is recommending that the parking spaces be eliminated rather than allow parking at certain times of the day, as requested, to prevent parking during the restricted hours.

-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Gregor [mailto:jgregor@carlylecouncil.com]

Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2016 11:15 AM

To: Bob Garbacz

Cc: Carol Goodart

Subject: Parking spaces by Jamieson and Dulany

Hi Bob, The CCC Board discussed the idea of eliminating two parking spaces on the south side of Jamieson by Dulany. The Board's consensus was that removing them would be okay, but wanted to know if it is possible for it to be no parking during rush hour periods, with signs indicating that, but allowing for parking evenings, weekends and non-rush hour times.

Also, Lee Hernly, a CCC Board member, again raised concerns about the timing of the lights at Dulany and Jamieson and how during rush hour, this exacerbates the back up.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Carol Goodart (copied here) or me. Thanks much and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Janet Gregor



Proposed removal
of 2 parking spaces

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2017
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 5

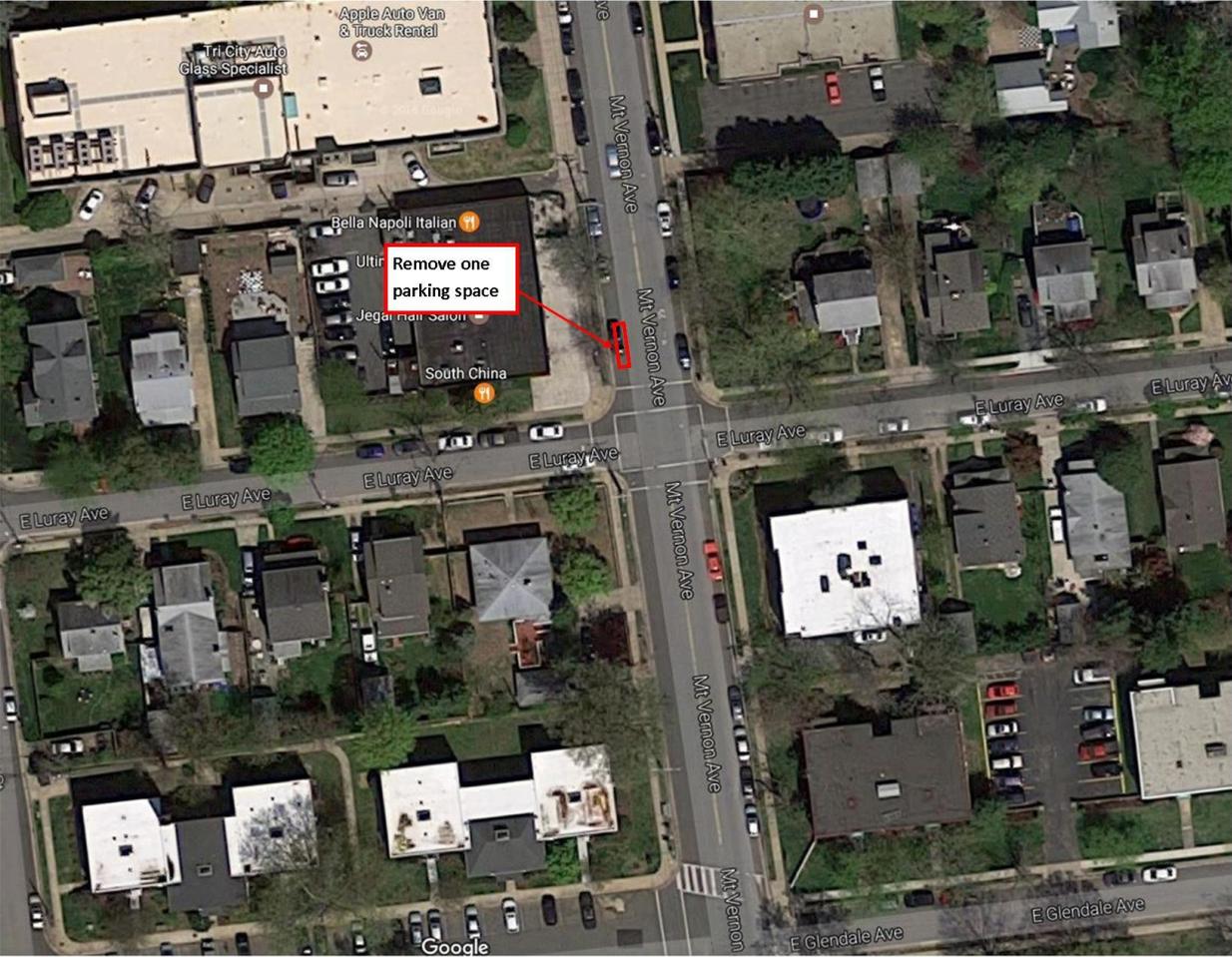
ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space, 25 feet of parking, on the north side Luray Avenue at the Northwest corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and Luray Avenue.

APPLICANT: Dana Lawhorne

LOCATION: Northwest corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue by Luray Avenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove one parking space, 25 feet of parking, on the west side of Mount Vernon Avenue on the northwest corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and Luray Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Sheriff Dana Lawhorne is requesting that one parking space be removed from the north side of Luray Avenue at Mount Vernon Avenue to improve safety. Vehicles parking in the subject parking space block the visibility of southbound Mount Vernon Avenue traffic from motorists on eastbound Luray Avenue. Over the past five years there have been four reported angle crashes at this intersection. This averages to less than one crash per year. By way of comparison both adjacent Mount Vernon Avenue intersections, Alexandria Avenue and Glendale Avenue, have had the same number of crashes during the same time period. Since all of the crashes at Mount Vernon Avenue and Luray Avenue have been angle crashes, the proposed parking removal should improve the safety of this intersection.





Remove one parking space



-----Original Message-----

From: Dana Lawhorne

Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2016 3:43 PM

To: Bob Garbacz

Cc: Liz Johnson; Jay Johnson

Subject: Mt. Vernon Ave. at E. Luray Avenue

Hi Bob,

When you go east on Luray and stop at my Vernon Avenue, you can't see southbound traffic on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Cars are allowed to park on the corner in front of the South China Restaurant and they block your view. The request is to not allow parking 20 feet from the corner in order to allow a driver to see if a car is coming south. As you can see from the pictures, you have to pull out into the intersection in order to see. Liz Johnson lives on Luray and joins me in this request. She is cc'd on the email. Please let us know if you can get it on the agenda for the Parking Board. Thank-you.

Dana

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2017
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:

1. Install NO TURN ON RED restrictions for eastbound and westbound West Glebe Road at Mount Vernon Avenue.
2. Install leading pedestrian intervals for the crosswalks crossing Mount Vernon Avenue at West Glebe Road.
3. Install a right turn overlap (green arrow) for the eastbound Glebe Road right turn onto southbound Mount Vernon Avenue.
4. Convert the westbound Glebe Road left turn to a protected only movement.

APPLICANT: T&ES Staff

LOCATION: The intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and Glebe Road

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the following:

1. Install NO TURN ON RED restrictions for eastbound and westbound West Glebe Road at Mount Vernon Avenue.
2. Install leading pedestrian intervals for the crosswalks crossing Mount Vernon Avenue at West Glebe Road.
3. Install a right turn overlap (green arrow) for the eastbound Glebe Road right turn onto southbound Mount Vernon Avenue.
4. Convert the westbound Glebe Road left turn to a protected only movement.

DISCUSSION: The intersection of Glebe Road and Mount Vernon Avenue is a skewed intersection with crosswalks crossing all four legs of the intersection. There are also a number of busy driveways in close proximity to the intersection. On December 4, 2016 at about 5:30 PM, Rosemarie Cruz was in the crosswalk crossing the south leg of Mount Vernon Avenue and was struck by a car turning right from eastbound Glebe Road. Ms. Cruz was crossing with a WALK

signal and the right turning vehicle entered the intersection on a green light. This is the typical way traffic signals operate across the country. Under this type of operation, the right turning motorist is required to yield to the pedestrian.

To enhance safety, staff is proposing several improvements. Because some of the improvements require equipment installation and work to the traffic signal, staff has already begun implementation of the improvements. The first improvement is the conversion of the westbound Glebe Road left turning movement to a left turn on green arrow only (protected turn). This will not only eliminate the distraction to drivers of left turning vehicles that may have contributed to the crash above, but will also remove the left turning conflict with pedestrians in the crosswalk. Second, provide a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) to provide a five to seven second advance WALK light to pedestrians before right turning Glebe Road traffic gets a green light. This will help establish pedestrians in the crosswalk so drivers can better see them. In conjunction with the LPI, NO TURN ON RED restrictions must be posted on Glebe Road to prevent right turning traffic from turning during the WALK interval. Staff evaluated the turning movements and determined that the volume of right turning traffic is too high to be accommodated with the proposed right turn on red restriction. Therefore, a right turn green arrow (overlap) is proposed. This right turn green arrow would run concurrently with the northbound Mount Vernon Avenue left turn movement. The green arrow is expected to be able to service nearly half of the right turning demand. The remaining traffic would be able to turn right when Glebe Road has a green light.

In addition to the above improvements, the bushes on the southwest corner of the intersection will be trimmed back. The above immediate improvements will enhance pedestrian safety at this intersection in the short term, however, in the long term, reduction on the number of driveways (which are located on private property) adjacent to the intersection are necessary to also improve pedestrian safety. As properties redevelop, there will be an opportunity to reduce the number of driveways adjacent to the intersection to improve safety.

Mount Vernon Avenue is scheduled to be resurfaced in calendar year 2019. Consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy, staff will evaluate with the community Complete Streets improvements along Mount Vernon Avenue. Funding for improvements is limited, currently at \$80,000 for the corridor in the adopted FY 2017 budget. Additional funding would be necessary through a future budget process to make improvements beyond minor crosswalk striping and sign installation.

Proposed NO TURN ON RED restrictions

