

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MARCH 22, 2010**

**DOCKET ITEM:** 4

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to appeal the denial of a curb cut at 104 East Reed Avenue.

**APPLICANT:** Mr. Adam Babin

**LOCATION:** 104 East Reed Avenue

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends denial of the request

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Babin applied for a curb-cut at 104 East Reed Avenue, which is a collector roadway. The application was reviewed by the Construction and Inspections Division of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. The application was denied because there is not sufficient frontage to construct the driveway apron. The proposed access, if constructed, is within the radial return of the adjacent curb cut for the Lincoln Apartments and this will create a safety hazard for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. This decision is based on the City Code Section 5-2-14(c).

Section 5-2-14, *Sidewalk crossovers and curb cuts generally*, of the City Code allows the applicant 15 days to appeal the City Managers decision to the Traffic and Parking Board. In deciding the appeal the Board may affirm, modify, or overturn the Manager's decision only if the Board concludes that the Manager clearly erred in applying the following factors:

- That the location and operation of the curb cut will not interfere unreasonably with vehicular and pedestrian traffic, the demand and necessity for parking spaces, and means of ingress and egress to and from adjacent properties.
- That the health, welfare and safety of the public will not be impaired unreasonably by the curb cut.
- That the curb cut is of adequate width under existing conditions and circumstances.
- That the plans submitted comply with the standard specifications of the City for public work of like character, and that the design of the curb cut has been approved by the director of Transportation and Environmental Services as being in accord with City specifications; provided, however, that the City Manager may grant variances from these specifications when strict application of the specifications will prohibit or unreasonably restrict the use of property.

- That the cost of construction, as estimated by the director of Transportation and Environmental Services, have been paid for by the applicant if the work on the curb cut is to be done by the City or a contractor employed by the City; however, if the applicant for a permit under this section elects to do the work himself or through his own contractor, he or his contractor shall comply with article E of chapter 2 of this title.

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 5

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install short-term (3 hour) motorcoach parking signs on the south side of the 400 block of Swann Avenue for use between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily.

**APPLICANT:** City of Alexandria

**LOCATION:** 400 block of Swann Avenue

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of this request.

**DISCUSSION:** The purpose of this request is to establish new short-term, unreserved tour bus parking on the south side of the 400 block of Swann Avenue. This section of Swann Avenue is within an industrial/warehouse area and does not have any parking restrictions and is currently used for long-term (more than 72 hour) parking by heavy vehicles such as dump trucks and moving vans which should be parked in appropriate, off-street locations.

Converting these existing, on-street spaces to short-term tour bus parking will encourage relocation of these vehicles to more appropriate locations and benefit the city's motorcoach management initiative.

In April the city is implementing a motorcoach parking reservation system that will require buses to register to park in the on-street, short-term parking spaces in Old Town. Staff expects this system to improve efficiency and utilization of the limited, high-demand parking in Old Town. However, during certain peak visitation periods there is a need for overflow bus parking.

The City is requesting to convert the existing spaces on Swann Avenue to short-term (3 hour) motorcoach parking to allow for seasonal overflow. Staff expects the spaces to be used by drivers to layover after they have dropped off passengers in Old Town. There is a nearby convenience store for driver amenities.

Staff anticipates that the spaces will be used as an overflow location and typically only during the peak tour season between April and June but wishes to keep these spaces available year-round.

This request will be addressed at the March 16 Motorcoach Task Force meeting

The full Motorcoach Task Force report as presented to City Council on February 24, 2009 can be found here >> <http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy09/022409rm/di20.pdf>

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 6

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER “ sign on the south side of the 1700 block of Osage Street east of Radford Street.

**APPLICANT:** Mr. Tony Pascual, 1606 West Braddock Road

**LOCATION:** 1700 block Osage Street

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request

**DISCUSSION:** This request was submitted by Mr. Pascual who lives at 1606 West Braddock Road. Mr. Pascual states that the visibility of drivers on Radford Street is blocked by vehicles parked at the Osage Street intersection. In the past five years there has been one reported accident at this location. This accident was not the result of sight distance restrictions but was a result of the driver crashing into a parked car. Parking is very limited in this area so keeping consistent with prior practice, staff is recommending that one parking space be removed.

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 7

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGN restrictions at the driveway on the west side of the 2200 block of De Witt Avenue.

**APPLICANT:** Mrs. Mamie Majors, 222 East Custis Avenue

**LOCATION:** 2200 block De Witt Avenue

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Majors resides at 222 East Custis Avenue where there is no parking on the north side of the street. Ms. Major's driveway is at the rear of the property, in the 2200 block of De Witt Avenue on the west side of the street. Ms. Majors is having problems with vehicles parking too close to the driveway entrance, which is obstructing visibility of oncoming vehicles and making it hard for her to exit the driveway. Signs will be placed at the end of the apron radii to the left and right of the driveway as consistent with prior practice.

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 8

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one existing parking meter space and install one handicapped parking space in the 200 block Reinekers Lane on the west side of the street.

**APPLICANT:** Ms. Makenzie Mazin, PT, Solutions Physical & Sports Medicine  
1725 Duke Street.

**LOCATION:** 200 block Reinekers Lane

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request

**DISCUSSION:** Solutions Physical & Sports Medicine is on 1725 Duke Street and provides rehabilitation services to the residents and commuters of the city. Clients have various orthopedic injuries and some of them require handicap access to the facility. The office is located in the courtyard of 1725 Duke Street (King Street Station) with the closest access to Reinekers Lane. A handicapped parking space on Reinekers Lane will provide a great convenience for clients with disabilities. There is no off street parking.

