

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY MARCH 25, 2013, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, Larry Ruggiero, Gregory Cota, William Schuyler, Mary White, and Kevin Posey.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None were absent.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ron Kagawa, Division Chief, Parks and Recreation Planning, Ravi Raut, Traffic Studies Engineer, James Maslanka, Capital Projects Manager, Faye Dastgheib, Principal Parking Planner, Matt Melkerson, Plan Review Engineer, Transportation, Chris Dowling, Transportation Coordinator.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: No items were deferred or withdrawn.
2. Approval of the minutes from the February 25, 2012, Traffic and Parking Board Meeting: Mr. Ruggiero made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. White. The Traffic and Parking Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2012 Traffic and Parking Board meeting.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** Mr. Garbacz updated the Board on the Quaker Lane speed study indicating that the speeds in Quaker Lane have not increased since the Board approved the new speed limits.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to place “NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS” signs on both sides of a service alley entrance at 43 East Rosemont Avenue where no such signs exist today.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: James Hubbell, Virginia Grevett, Jennifer Brinker, Chris Johnson, and Stan Protigedl spoke against the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero to install “No Parking Between Signs,” signs at the ends of both radii of the service alley curb-cuts and to recommend to the recycling contractor to use a spotter when conducting sharp turns and to investigate using smaller recycling trucks. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking on the west side of Diagonal Road for the King Street Station improvement project.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: There were no speakers from the public on this item.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota to approve the request to remove parking on the west side of Diagonal Road and to study solutions for the illegal pedestrian crossing issue at the intersection of Daingerfield and King Street, south side. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” sign on the south side of Madison Street before the intersection of Madison Street and Snowden Hollowell Way.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: There were no speakers from the public on this item.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to approve the request to install a “No Parking Here To Corner” sign on the south side of Madison Street before the intersection of Madison Street and Snowden Hollowell Way. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to reduce the speed limit on Sanger Avenue from 25 mph to 15 mph during school arrival and dismissal at William H. Ramsey Elementary School.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: There were no speakers from the public on this item.

BOARD ACTION: Ron Kagawa, Division Chief of Parks and Recreation Planning for the Department of Transportation of Environmental Services Division made the correction that the crosswalk would be installed in front of the Ramsey Recreation Center and not the Nature Center on Sanger Avenue. Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero, to recommend to the City Manager to approve the request to reduce the speed limit on Sanger Avenue from 25 mph to 15 mph during school arrival and dismissal and to approve the removal of necessary parking in order to install a crosswalk in front of the Ramsey Recreation Center. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change parking restrictions for four of the six spaces in front of Dos Amigos restaurant on the 500 block of East Braddock Road from “20 Minute Parking, Mon-Sat 7am – 9pm” to “2 Hour Parking, Mon-Sat 7am – 9pm.”

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Tom Van Wagner spoke against the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey to change the restrictions of four of the six spaces in front of Dos Amigos from “20 Minute Parking, Mon-Sat, 7am – 9pm” to “2 Hour Parking, Mon-Sat 7am – 9pm,” and to approve pavement markings that delineate each of the six parking spaces in front of Dos Amigos. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to extend the Residential Parking Permit restriction from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the south side of the 1600 block of Prince Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: There were no speakers from the public on this item.

BOARD ACTION: Faye Dastgheib, Principal Parking Planner, presented information to the board for this item. Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero to approve the request to extend the Residential Parking Permit restriction from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the south side of the 1600 block of Prince Street. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **ISSUE:** Request to restrict left turns at the intersection of King Street and Union Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Van Van Fleet, Mr. Errol de Montille, and Ms. Beth G. spoke against the request.

BOARD ACTION: Matt Melkerson, Plan Review Engineer, presented the board with information on the item. Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey, for Staff to conduct a follow-up study of the Council decision to implement a no left turn program at the foot of King Street, to specifically look at the impacts and unintended consequences of the program, including without limitation the impacts on Lee, Prince, Fairfax, Duke, Cameron, and Queen Street, both as to cars and delivery trucks, and that the Board grant Staff authority to cease the pilot program without the Board’s consent, should circumstances dictate, and that said study be presented to the Board in July of 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 22, 2013