CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JULY 28TH, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

M I N U T E S

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary White and Elizabeth Jones

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Traffic Studies Engineer, Faye Dastgheib, Principal Parking Planner, Hillary Poole, Complete Street Coordinator and Chris Dowling, Traffic Engineer I.

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

2. Nomination of Vice Chair: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman, to elect Mr. Schuyler as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the June 23, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman, to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES: Hillary Poole updated the Board on Complete Streets projects, including the City’s pavement plan for FY2015.

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on Reed Avenue at the southwest corner of Reed Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this issue.

DISCUSSION: Hillary Poole presented this issue to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to remove one parking space on Reed Avenue to provide for an ADA compliant bus stop. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to reserve 10 parking spaces along the west side of Reinekers Lane for vendors of the Upper King Street Farmers Market. A “No Parking, Vendors Only, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursdays,” restriction would be installed for the 10 spaces during the months of June through October.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Kathy Murphy spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz and Faye Dastgheib presented the item to the Board.
BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to approve the request to reserve 10 parking spaces along the west side of Reinekers Lane for vendors of the Upper King Street Farmers Market. A “No Parking, Vendors Only, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursdays,” restriction would be installed for the 10 spaces during the months of June through October, and encouraged City staff to look into installing permanent or temporary signage at this location. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a 70 foot, “No Parking, Loading Zone, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday through Friday,” restriction in front of Del Ray Pizzeria at 2218 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Sean Snyder of Del Ray Pizzeria spoke in favor of the request but asked the Board to approve the loading zone for 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

DISCUSSION: Faye Dastgheib presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman, to install the loading zone from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, in front of Del Ray Pizzeria and to reach out to the community to ensure that there are no issues with starting the loading zone restriction at 7 a.m. instead of 11 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to relocate two Zipcar parking spaces from 1600 block of Prince Street to the corner of Daingerfield Road and Diagonal Road, as well as from the 700 block of Jefferson Street to the City’s metered parking lot on the 900 block of King Street

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this issue.

DISCUSSION: Faye Dastgheib presented this issue to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve staff’s recommendation to relocate the two Zipcar spaces. The motion carried unanimously.