

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2012, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair, Jay Johnson.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Sandra Marks, Acting Deputy Director, Ravi Raut, Studies Engineer, Chris Dowling, Transportation Coordinator, Christopher Spera, City Attorney.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: Docket item number 5, the John Adams Elementary School left-hand turn requested removal was be deferred.
2. Approval of the minutes from the October 22, 2012, Traffic and Parking Board Meeting: Mr. Posey noted that his name was misspelled on Issue 9. Mr. Posey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Aswani. The Traffic and Parking Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2012 Traffic and Parking Board meeting.

3. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of an appeal to install a 24 foot curb-cut at 3700 Fort Worth Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Bateman spoke in favor of the appeal against the curb-cut. Richard G. Frank, Buck Coates, John Renner, Marriane Coates, Kathleen Chadbourne, and Jeanne Jacob, spoke against the appeal and in favor of the curb-cut.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to deny the appeal and grant the approval of the curb-cut. The motion carried five to one with all in favor except Vishal Aswani.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to restrict left-hand turns out of John Adams Elementary School onto Rayburn Avenue, Monday through Friday, 7:30-8:00 A.M. and 2:30-3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on behalf of this request as it was deferred to the January meeting.

BOARD ACTION: No action was taken. The issue has been deferred.

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Please see testimonies below for issues 7 and 8.

BOARD ACTION: Please see each respective board action below for issues 7 and 8 dealing with the conditions within the Alexandria taxicab industry.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of recommendations on the renewal of existing certificates of public convenience and necessity.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Gant Redmon and Abdul Karim spoke in favor of granting 15 more certificates to King Cab. Surafel Bekele and Daniel Woldegiorgis spoke in favor of no increase in number of taxicabs in the City. Ken Aggrey spoke in favor of no increase in number of taxicabs and withdrew his initial request of eight additional taxicabs for White Top. Spencer Kimball spoke in favor of seven additional certificates for Yellow Cab when the drivers with grandfathered certificates retire from the industry. Ahmad Latif of White Top Cabs, spoke in favor of making grandfathered certificates able to be passed down to another driver.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey, to: 1) renew the 17 grandfathered certificates; 2) renew the six company certificates at their current number of cabs; and, 3) docket for Board action when the parent company requests replacement of retiring grandfathered certificates. The motion carried, five in favor with Mr. Aswani abstaining.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of Staff recommendations on the proposed taxicab fare rate change.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Kyle Summers spoke in favor of the increased taxicab rates. Chand Dodhy spoke in favor of the increased taxicabs rates, but suggested there be a handling fee for luggage, should the taxicab driver be asked to help load the cab.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to approve staff's recommended fare changes with a \$0.50 per bag luggage fee if

handled by the driver with a \$5.00 maximum. The motion carried, five in favor with Mr. Aswani abstaining. The approved Fares are listed below.

Approved Fares

Charge	Fare
Drop	\$3.00
Mileage	\$2.16/mile
Waiting	\$25.00/hr
Passengers	\$1.25/person
Luggage	\$0.50/handled bag Max. \$5.00
Snow	\$5.00