

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JULY 27, 2015 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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MONDAY JUNE 22, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
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MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, Elizabeth Jones, James Lewis, Randy Cole and Melissa McMahon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Beekman,

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I, and Hillary Poole, Principal Planner.

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

11. Approval of the May 18, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Ms. McMahon made a motion seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jim Dillon, 330 Third St., spoke to the Traffic and Parking Board about commuters monopolizing parking all day on Third Street and requested Two-Hour Parking restrictions. The Board acknowledged the situation and asked staff to add the item to the July docket.

Mrs. Christine Michaelis, 3976 Seminary Rd., spoke to the Traffic and Parking Board about speeding and safety concerns on Seminary Road. The Board acknowledged the situation and asked staff to work with the community and develop possible short term solutions that could be implemented before the road is resurfaced along with longer term solutions and report to the Board in September.

PUBLIC HEARING:

13. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove five parking spaces at 3640 Wheeler Avenue and continue planned bicycle lane.

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

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Poole presented this item to the Board and indicated that the reason for this request was that Wheeler Avenue was scheduled to be paved this year.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation to remove five parking spaces at 3640 Wheeler Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

14. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to re-configure parking along North Hampton Drive.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Cary Garcia, Mrs. Nancy Porter, and Mr. Rick Murphy supported the project but were opposed to allowing unrestricted parking on North Hampton Drive. They were concerned that unrestricted parking would be an open invitation for commercial vehicles and others from outside the City to park along the street.

Mr. Len Harning supported the project and also supported unrestricted parking along North Hampton Drive. He indicated that there was not enough off-street parking and that allowing unrestricted on-street parking would be a benefit to the residents.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Poole presented this item to the Board and provided details about the plan to reconfigure the parking lanes and add bicycle lanes along North Hampton Drive. She indicated that this project was being done in conjunction with street resurfacing. Several community meetings were held to help define the scope of this project and address the community's concerns. The Board decided that it would be best to retain the existing parking restrictions and allow the new parking areas to be unrestricted as a test. If the unrestricted parking in the new parking areas was successful, the NO PARKING 9 AM – 5 PM restrictions could possibly be modified in the future.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to modify staff's recommendation to retain the current 9 AM- 5 PM NO PARKING section and approve all other aspects of the request and report back to the Board six months after the project is complete. The motion carried unanimously.

15. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking spaces at the intersection of Wilkes Street and South Washington Street.

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

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Poole presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

16. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces on East Howell Avenue at the intersection with Route 1.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Robert Jones and Mr. Davida Kosar opposed the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Mr. Jones and Mr. Kosar from the public opposed the request because they worried about the shortage of parking spaces in the area. The applicant was not present.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to deny staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

17. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

- Mr. Garbacz provided a brief update on the status of the proposed parking meter changes that the Board approved previously.
- Mr. Garbacz provided a brief update on the progress of the West Taylor Run and Duke Street project.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
July 27, 2015

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add two-hour, 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, parking restrictions on south side of the 300 block of Third Street

APPLICANT: Jim Dillon, resident of 330 Third Street

LOCATION: South side of the 300 block of Third Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES adding two-hour, 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, parking restrictions on south side of Third Street.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dillon requested adding two-hour parking restrictions on the south side of Third Street. He indicated that this block of Third Street is monopolized by commuters seeking long-term free parking. The intent of the Printer's Row development was to have short term retail parking on the street. The Printer's Row development was approved with a parking reduction for 8 of 10 retail spaces to be provided on the street. Two retail spaces for employees are provided in the below grade garage.

Printer's Row has an underground parking garage with 47 spaces and an at-grade parking garage with six spaces for a total of 53 spaces. Fifteen parallel parking spaces are also available along the street frontage. By allowing 8 retail spaces on the street, there are still 7 spaces available on the street for other uses.

The Zoning Ordinance requires 44 parking spaces for the residential and 10 spaces for the retail for a total of 54 spaces. The City also required that an additional 15 percent of the residential spaces (7 spaces) be provided for visitors. Therefore the total number of spaces needed for the project is 61 spaces. The current on-site parking consists of 44 spaces for residential, 7 spaces for visitors and 2 spaces for retail employees in the garage for a total of 53 parking spaces. A parking reduction was granted by the City because a large portion of the retail customers are planned to come from the office buildings across the street and nearby residences. Staff also believed that due to the small amount of retail provided and the physical location of the parking garage, which is not directly below the retail space, parking on the street is more convenient for the retail users. To ensure that the parking for the retail users will be available on the street, the residents of the building are ineligible to apply for or receive any residential parking permits.

Staff performed a parking survey and found that 50 percent of the vehicles parked longer than two hours or were from outside the area.

May 5, 2015

Traffic and Parking Board,

I am requesting 2 hour parking be placed along Third Street in North Old Town Alexandria. Printers Row is a 21 unit community in North Old Town, uniquely positioned at the corners of North Fairfax, Third Street, and North Royal Street. For years a quiet street it has seen an increase in traffic over the past few years as North Old Town continues to expand.

Our community is just south of Abaca Imports, Metro Stage, and Bistrot Royal, and we are flanked to the east by many office buildings.

We are requesting 2 hour parking, Monday – Friday from 8AM to 5PM be added to reduce the commuter traffic from parking along our residential street. These commuters line our streets, encroach on our parking garage entrance and block signage and cross walks. This situation makes it difficult for the residents of our community to exit our parking garage safely as the overflow of parking inhibits our sight lines from oncoming traffic, the jammed parking does not allow for deliveries without blocking the roadway, and the excessive parking makes it difficult to enjoy the normal comforts of our neighborhood such as walking a dog without squeezing through traffic to cross the street.

I, as well as the community, as voted on at our recent Annual Meeting on April 30th, request 2 hour parking signs be added to the street, in addition, we request no parking signs be added near our parking garage entrance and at cross walks as to keep cars from hanging over the allowed parking curbs.

Please let me know what additional information is need to have these necessary signs added.

Thank you,

Jim Dillon

703.832.6533

Printers Row Board Member

Third Street – 9:00AM May 5th 2015 (Not one vehicle is a resident of Printers Row)





Tue 7/14/2015 7:38 PM

Joe Teague <jteaguervp@yahoo.com>

RE: Approval Required - RE: Parking and Street Light Update, and other stuff

To DILLON, JAMES R

Jim:

I favor the installation of parking signs on Third St. Thanks for reaching out.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

At Jul 14, 2015, 12:06:54 PM, DILLON, JAMES R wrote:

Good afternoon Joe,

Just wanted to circle with you regarding your support of the parking signs on Third Street.

Your email approval will make it 5 for 5 from the Board for adding the signs.

I need to confirm our Community approval with the City.

Thanks,

Jim



Thu 7/9/2015 10:31 AM

Brittany Patterson <britt@pattersonrealestategroup.com>

Re: Approval Required - RE: Parking and Street Light Update, and other stuff

To Sean Brown

Cc DILLON, JAMES R; <jteaguervp@yahoo.com>; Vanessa Ridely

You replied to this message on 7/14/2015 12:06 PM.

Message image003.jpg (4 KB)

Hi Jim,

I support the 2 hour parking signs Monday- Friday 8 am to 5 pm on third street.

Thank you,

Brittany Patterson,
VP, TTR Sothebys International Realty
Patterson Real Estate Group
7035170630
Sent from my iPhone



Thu 7/9/2015 10:17 AM

Sean Brown <sbrown@projection.com>

RE: Approval Required - RE: Parking and Street Light Update, and other stuff

To DILLON, JAMES R; Britt@pattersonrealestategroup.com; jteaguervp@yahoo.com; 'Vanessa Ridely'

You replied to this message on 7/9/2015 10:19 AM.

Hi Jim,

I support the 2 hour parking signs Monday-Friday 8a-5p on Third St...

Sean D. Brown, CTS

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Thu 7/9/2015 9:59 AM

Ridley-Gray, Vanessa <VRidley-Gray@gategourmet.com>

RE: Approval Required - RE: Parking and Street Light Update, and other stuff

To DILLON, JAMES R; Britt@pattersonrealestategroup.com; sbrown@projection.com; jteaguervp@yahoo.com

You replied to this message on 7/9/2015 10:00 AM.

Good morning James,

I support the addition of 2 hour parking signs on Third Street, M-F, from 8 AM – 5PM.

Have a wonderful day!

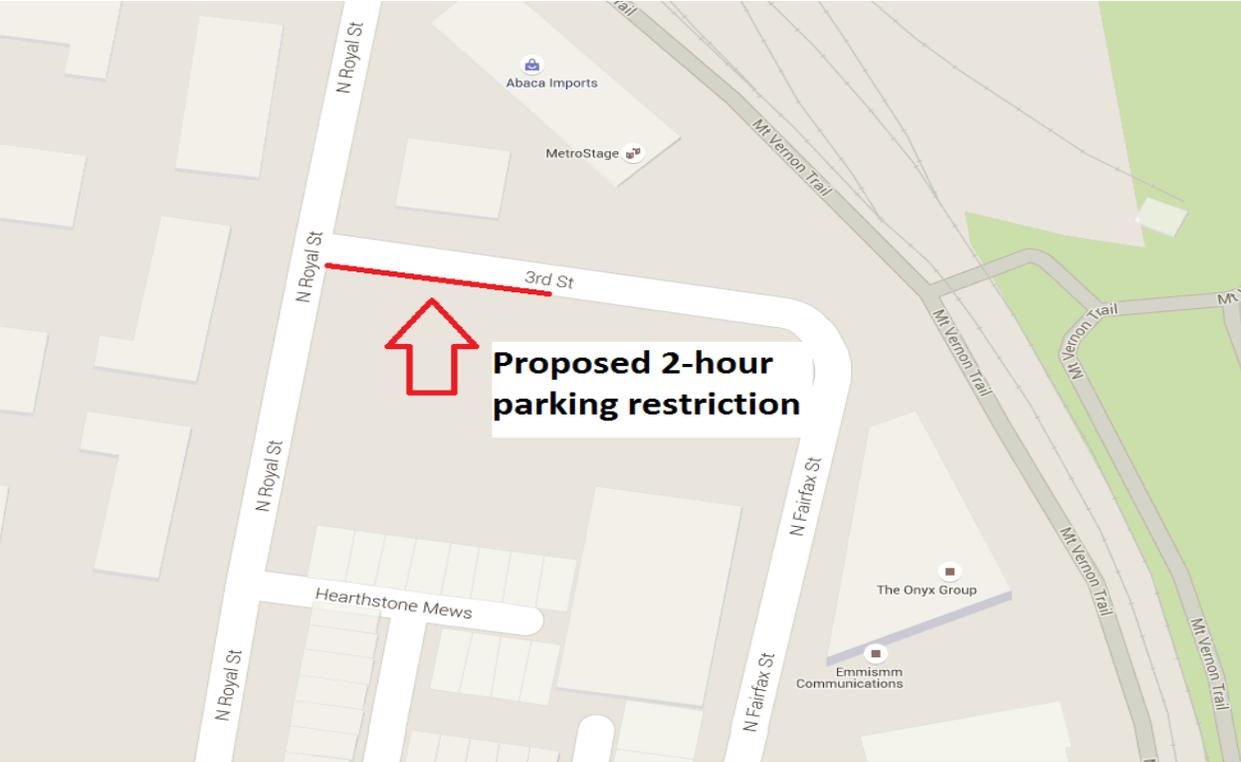
-VRG

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
July 27, 2015

DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add two parking spaces, one on each side of the street, on East La Grande Avenue at East Bellefonte Avenue.

APPLICANT: Jim Bender

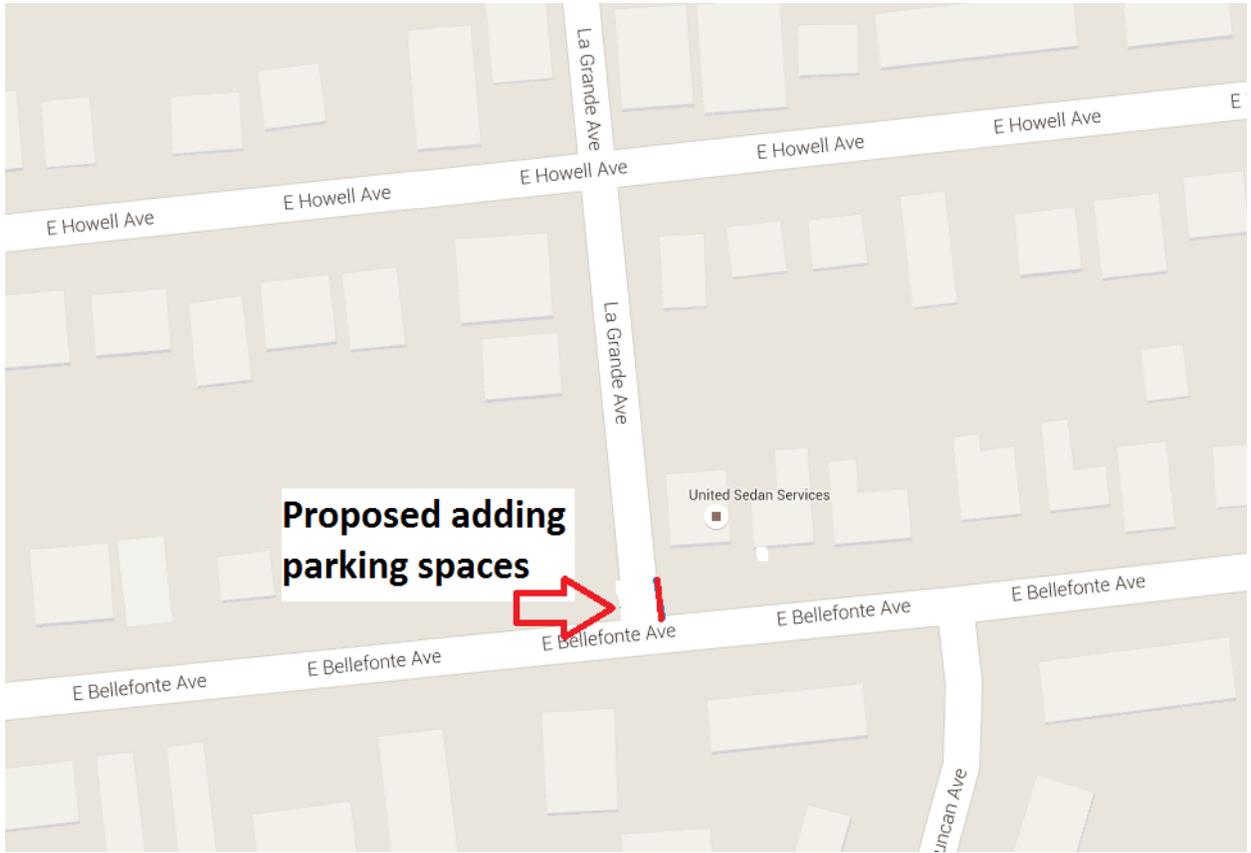
LOCATION: Intersection of E. La Grande and E. Howell.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommends to the Director of T&ES to add 25 feet of parking on the east side of East La Grande Avenue at the intersection with East Bellefonte Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Bender requested adding 25 feet of parking on the east and west sides of East La Grande Avenue. Mr. Bender indicated that these spaces were removed many years ago because there was a need for turning space for a bus coming to pick up a disabled child who lived at the intersection of East La Grande Avenue and East Bellefonte Avenue. The child no longer resides in this neighborhood. La Grande Avenue is 20 feet wide which is narrow but typical for the area. Staff is concerned that allowing the parking on both sides of the street will make negotiating turns difficult for larger vehicles and so is only recommending parking on the east side of the street. East La Grande Avenue is a residential street that is not expected to get many larger vehicles. It should be pointed out that many of the other intersections in this area allow parking on both sides of the street. However, staff does not recommend this because of the difficulty for larger vehicles to turn.



TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

July 27, 2015

DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the west side of Mount Vernon Avenue at the southwest corner of the intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and Alexandria Avenue

APPLICANT: Emily Penrose, resident of 1316 Mount Vernon Avenue

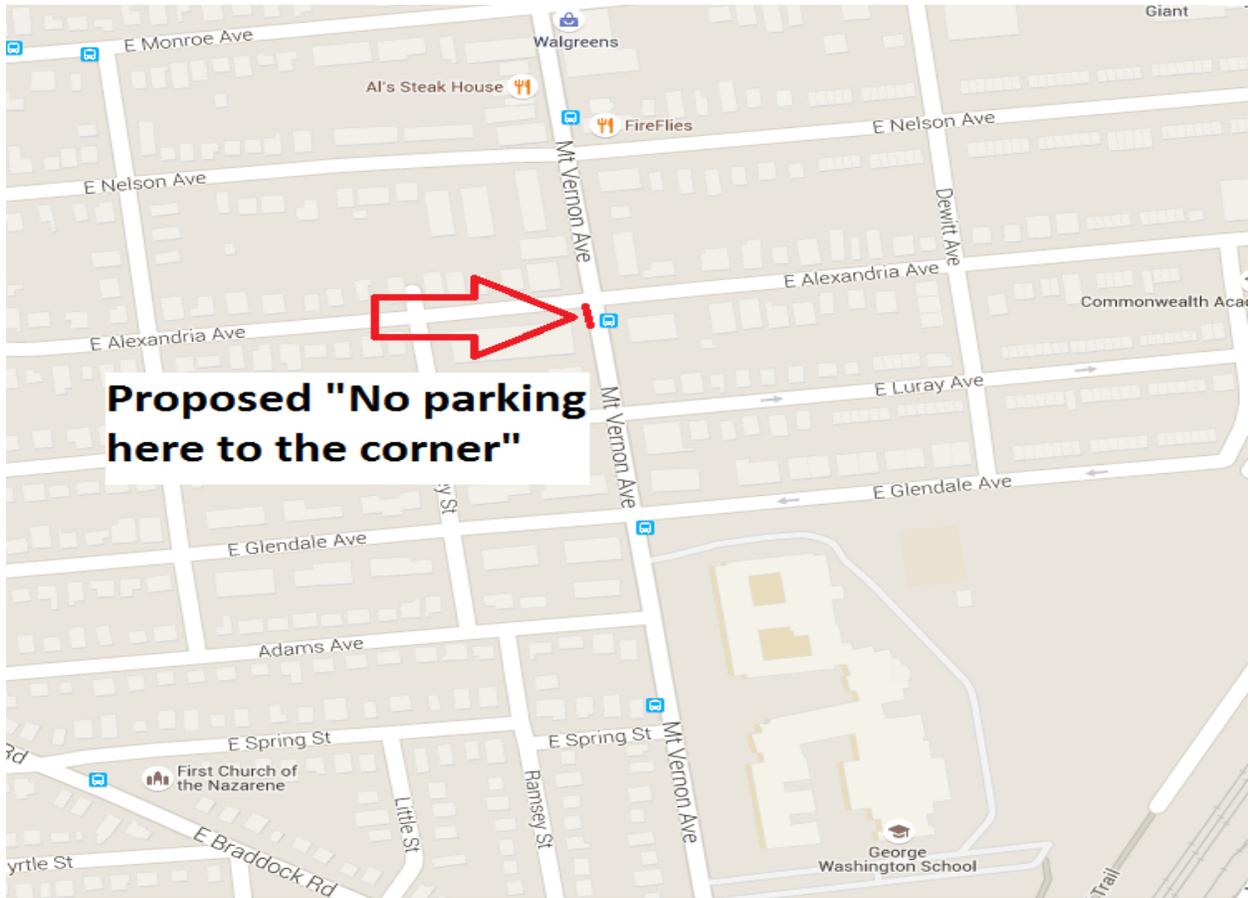
LOCATION: Mt. Vernon Avenue and Alexandria Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommends to the Director of T&ES removing one parking space on the west side of Mt Vernon Avenue at the southwest corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Alexandria Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Penrose submitted the call.click.connect request to add a “No parking here to corner” sign at the southwest corner of the Mount Vernon Avenue and Alexandria Avenue. Staff investigated this request in the field and found that site distance on the corner is very constrained for drivers on Alexandria Avenue looking to the south down Mount Vernon Avenue. When larger vehicles park on the corner the visibility is very constrained. There are similar signs installed at the other three corners. Over the past five years there have been four reported crashes at this intersection. One of these crashes was related to the sight distance at this corner.



TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

July 27, 2015

DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the south side of East Monroe Avenue immediately to east of Leslie Avenue

APPLICANT: Mark Warmuth, M.E. Swing Coffee Company

LOCATION: Intersection of East Monroe Avenue and Leslie Avenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommends to the Director of T&ES removing one parking space on the south side of Monroe Avenue immediately east of Leslie Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Staff has received a number of requests to remove the first parking space on the south side of East Monroe Avenue to the east of Leslie Avenue. The rationale behind this request is to provide maneuvering space for traffic turning right onto Monroe Avenue from Leslie Avenue. The eastbound lane on Monroe Avenue is only 16 feet wide and Leslie Avenue is only 28 feet wide. The challenge for turning traffic is that the volume of westbound Monroe Avenue traffic is large enough that motorists do not feel comfortable encroaching into the westbound travel lane when turning as they might do on a lower volume residential street. Often times, due to the popularity of the coffee shop, patrons will park a little too close to the intersection making conditions difficult for traffic exiting Leslie Avenue. This intersection has a good safety record and over the past five years there have been no accidents at this intersection.



**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 27, 2015**

DOCKET ITEM: 8

ISSUE: Consideration of a request for three new on-street carshare parking spaces

APPLICANT: Zipcar

LOCATION: 100 block of Daingerfield Road (east side) – 1 additional space

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to approve new carshare space on the 100 block of Daingerfield Road (east side).

DISCUSSION:

In January 2013, the City Council approved a resolution establishing an on-street carshare policy that guides staff in the process of siting new carshare spaces on City streets (see Attachment #1). Carshare spaces are limited to a maximum of two spaces per block. Vendors are required to sign a license agreement with the City for these spaces which is valid for a minimum of two years. In exchange for dedicated use of these spaces, carshare companies pay an annual fee to the City. In 2013, the annual rate was set at \$2,300 for spaces in Old Town and \$1,500 for spaces in Carlyle. These fees are anticipated to be updated annually based on meter revenues.

In addition, pursuant to this policy, all requests from carshare companies must be reviewed by the Traffic and Parking Board for a recommendation to the Director of T&ES for a final decision. Since the adoption of this policy, the Traffic and Parking Board has approved seven carshare spaces in the following locations:

1. 1900 block of Ballenger Ave (south side) – originally Hertz, license expired and space is now vacant
2. 2000 block of Ballenger Ave (south side) – originally Hertz, license expired and space is now vacant
3. 600 Block of Madison (north side) - Zipcar
4. 700 Block of Montgomery (south side) - Zipcar
5. 700 block of Wilkes Street (south side) - Zipcar
6. 100 block of Daingerfield Road (east side) - Zipcar
7. 900 block of King Street (Misha's lot) - Zipcar

The license for the five spaces Zipcar currently leases will expire on September 30, 2015. Zipcar is interested in signing a new license to maintain those existing spaces, as well as add an additional space on Daingerfield Road behind the existing space. If approved by the Traffic and Parking Board, this space would be added to the new license for another two year period.

The vehicle in the current space on Daingerfield Road is very well used with a utilization rate of 55-60% (Zipcar typically considers 35-40% good utilization). This space is located closest to the intersection of Diagonal Road on the east side of the street. Office buildings are located on either side of the Daingerfield Road and the King Street Metro is one block away. Parking on

this block is 2 hour metered parking from 8am to 9pm Monday to Saturday. Given the high usage of the vehicle at this location, Zipcar has requested approval of a second carshare space on this street. The new space would be located directly behind the current space (see Pictures 1 and 2).

Staff is supportive of this request since the usage of the current vehicle indicates a demand for an additional vehicle at this location. Informal occupancy surveys of the block on multiple days and times confirmed there are typically 4-7 on-street parking spaces available on this 11 space block. There are several garages in the area to provide parking for office employees. Furthermore, the location one block from the King Street Metro provides a good option for transit riders without personal vehicles. Staff notified the King Street Station property manager and the president of the Upper King Street Neighborhood Association about this request. In general, the feedback received about the new space was positive; however, staff did receive one email from a resident with concerns about the loss of an additional space (see Attachment #2).

Picture 1



Picture 2



Attachment #1 – Carshare Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 2540

RESOLUTION ESTABLISH A CITY-WIDE ON-STREET CARSHARE POLICY

WHEREAS, The City of Alexandria's Local Motion program provides support and options to reduce reliance on the private automobile and promotes transportation alternatives such as transit, bicycling, walking, carpooling programs; and

WHEREAS, Carsharing is a Transportation Demand Management tool that is being used to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicle travel and is a component of Local Motion's overall effort to promote multimodal transportation options and enhance mobility throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Presently all carshare spaces within the city are either proffered by land-owners and are located on private property, or are located on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's property; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to make car sharing more accessible to residents through introduction of an On-Street Carshare Policy that would allow on-street parking spaces throughout the City to be designated as carshare spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager to proceed with steps necessary to implement the Citywide On-Street Carshare Policy set forth herein;

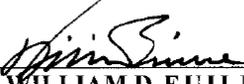
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the City Council endorses introduction of a Citywide On-Street Carshare program that would allow reserving on-street parking spaces for private carsharing vehicles within the public Right of Way.
2. Interested vendors requesting consideration for on-street parking spaces for a carshare vehicle must submit their request to the City's Traffic and Parking Board for consideration. The Director of Transportation and Environmental Services will have the final approval authority.
3. Vendors will be selected through a competitive process and are required to sign a license agreement with the City subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office.
4. No more than two designated on-street parking space per block may be reserved for private carshare vendors.
5. On-street spaces may be leased to carshare vendors for a minimum of two years.
6. The per space rate will be set annually based on meter revenue. Leasing fees per space are based on meter revenue by location. 2013 annual fees are as follows:

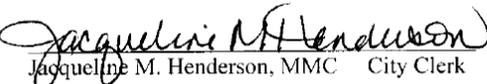
Old Town: \$2,300 per space

Carlyle: \$1,500 per space

Adopted: January 22, 2013


WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk

Attachment #2

From: Porter-Gruel, Bea A D

To: [Katie North](#)

Subject: Additional Zipcar Space on Daingerfield Road

Date: Friday, July 10, 2015 4:51:09 PM

Hello, Ms. North. I am a member of the Upper King Street Association, with the upcoming changes to the metro parking lot taking away all the parking spaces from the people that use the metro, I really think the one space referred to for the Zipcar space should be left for people that bring their cars to use the metro. I understand the Zipcar people think they are doing a good business, but look around, there are still a lot of personal vehicles being used and parked on the streets within blocks of the metro. Once the parking lot is reconfigured the residents in the area will be bombarded with excess vehicles parking in front of their homes. I pay the city to let me park near my house, I am sick of others taking advantage of the open spaces on the residential streets. Do not take away any more spaces. Bea Porter, 1727 Cameron Street