CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY MAY 21, 2012, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, Larry Ruggiero, Gregory Cota, Mary White, Vishal Aswani, William Schuyler.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Posey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Ravi Raut, Studies Engineer, Carrie Sanders, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Faye Dastgheib, Parking Planner, Mr. Chesley, Deputy Director of the Recreation Services Division

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

2. Approval of the minutes from the April 23, 2012 Traffic and Parking Board meeting: Mr. Cota made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Aswani. The Traffic and Parking Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2012 Traffic and Parking Board meeting.

3. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES: 1) Ms. Sanders updated the Board on the progress of the Safe Routes to School project at Charles Barrett Elementary School. 2) Mr. Aswani and Mr. Schuyler volunteered to assist staff with the annual state of the taxicab industry review.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Request to install a Loading Zone at 2213 Mount Vernon Avenue

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Duncan Blair spoke in favor of the request and suggested that the hours of the loading zone be 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Amy Slack spoke in favor of the request and suggested that the proposed loading zone be restricted to commercial loading only.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aswani, to approve a 50 foot long loading zone starting 25 feet south of the crosswalk between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at 2213 Mount Vernon Avenue. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Cota, Mr. Aswani and Mr. Schuyler voting in favor of the motion and Ms. White voting against the motion.
5. ISSUE: Request to:
   1. Change the parking restrictions in front of Lee Center from three hours to five hours.
   2. Remove the three hour parking restrictions in the parking lot in front of the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Center

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Indelicato and Ms. Jetton spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Chesley, Deputy Director of the Recreation Services Division also spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ISSUE: Request to remove one parking space to the left of the Mount Nebo Pentecostal Church driveway.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Jereski and Mr. Oliver spoke against the request. Ms. Slack requested that the issue be deferred. Mr. William Posey and Mr. Bernard Posey spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to: 1) relocate the parking space to the left of the church driveway 20 feet to the south; 2) create a loading zone immediately to the left of the church driveway extending to the relocated parking space between the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Sundays, allow parking all other times; and, 3) reduce the size of the current loading zone to the right of the church driveway to one space. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Cota, Ms. White and Mr. Schuyler voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Aswani abstaining.

7. ISSUE: Request to prohibit parking at the western end cap of Wheeler Avenue

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mary Barron spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aswani to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ISSUE: Request to allow parking on both sides of the Maris Avenue approach to Van Dorn Street

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Teresa Huff and Lauren Miller spoke against the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Aswani made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to deny the request. The motion carried unanimously.