

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY MARCH 23, 2015, 7:30 P.M.  
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Jay Johnson, James Lewis, Elizabeth Jones, Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole and Melissa McMahon

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice Chair, William Schuyler

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, and Cuong Nguyen, Intern II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the February 23, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion seconded by Ms. Jones to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** There were no staff reports or updates

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add 2-hour parking 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday to the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax Street.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. George Russell spoke in opposition to the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the new building's owner requested adding parking spaces to the Eastern side of the street to accommodate customers. Mr. Russell opposed the request because there are too many parking problems in the area. He saw that commuters parked and blocked handicapped parking spaces, curb cuts and crosswalks.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to defer this item due to the lack of information.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post two-hour parking restrictions, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday Through Friday in front of:
1. 1130 North Fairfax Street, three parking spaces
  2. 200 Third Street, two parking spaces

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. George Russell spoke in favor of the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the new design studio's owner, Mr. Dillon, would like to have the proposed parking restriction to create parking turn-over to allow customers to visit his and others businesses. Mr. Russell indicated that the parking spaces are taken by commuters all day long.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to add the proposed two-hour parking restrictions to the two requested locations. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Request to post three-hour, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., residential District 4 parking restrictions on the south side of the 1200 block of Franklin Street.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Matt Vean, Mr. Jeffrey McCoy, Mr. Gabriel Sanchez, Mr. Jeremy West, Mr. Robert Wright, and Mr. Adam Pivetta from the public spoke in favor of the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and recommended to add three-hour parking restrictions on the South side of 1200 block of Franklin Street. All of the speakers spoke in favor of the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to recommend to the City Manager three-hour, residential District 4 parking restrictions on the South side of 1200 block of Franklin Street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** The removal of 7 AM - 9AM parking restrictions on the north side of the 900 block of Franklin Street

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Andrew Holland spoke in favor of the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that this section is dangerous since drivers have to cross three lanes to make left turns on S. Alfred St.; and proposed a curb extension at the corner of S. Alfred Street and Franklin Street.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation and require that the design of the proposed bulb-out accommodate fire trucks and school buses. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- 8. ISSUE:** Old Town Business Parking Survey Results.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed the Old Town Business Parking Survey and found the following:

- The results of the survey attempted to make the case that the current parking policy has created a loss in revenue/business for the Old Town Merchants and other businesses. This is not based on factual data and should be based on quantitative data such as sales receipts or some other measurable metric.
- The survey questions related to Parking Enforcement were not specific enough to capture any meaningful results.
- Staff should have looked first for good sources of meaningful data, such as, sales receipts, parking revenue, number of tickets issued, etc. before developing the survey.
- There should have been more information relating to the use and need for bike corrals.

- 9. ISSUE:** Mr. Lewis provided the Board an update on the Parking Ratio Workgroup. The Workgroup will be advising Council to change the Zoning Ordinance to modify the required parking ratios to be more in line with the study/parking surveys that were done. Moving from unit based to bedroom based. There would be two categories, buildings within half a mile of metro and those further than half a mile from metro. Reductions would be based on several things like walkability and other factors. Affordable housing would also have a lower parking requirement.