CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY APRIL 27, 2015, 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, Elizabeth Jones, Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole and Melissa McMahon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I, Katye North, Parking Planner.

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

2. Approval of the March 23, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion seconded by Ms. McMahon to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Mr. Jim Allgood, 1308 N. Ivanhoe St, spoke to the Traffic and Parking Board about reducing the speed limit on North Ivanhoe Street from 25 mph to 15 mph. The Board acknowledged the request and directed staff to perform a speed study and present the results to the Board at the May meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add parking on the east side of the 500 block of Bellefonte Avenue between the alley and fire hydrant.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. James Bender spoke in favor of the request

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the applicant requested adding parking spaces to the southern side of the 500 block of Bellefonte Ave to alleviate parking issues in the community.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff’s recommendation to allow parking on the east side of the 500 block of Bellefonte Avenue between the alley and fire hydrant. The motion carried unanimously.
5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to prohibit parking on south side of 3900 block of Wheeler Avenue between the hours of 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Rob Tikoyan and Mr. George Randoff spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Dereje Feleke spoke in opposition to the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the applicant requested to restrict parking from 6 PM – 7 AM at the south side of the 3900 block of Wheeler Ave due to public safety and environmental issues.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Ms. McMahon to add two-hour parking restrictions from 7 AM – 6 PM, Monday through Friday to the south side of 3900 block of Wheeler Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to restrict parking on both sides of the garage driveway located at Bell Del Ray Apartments on Main Line Boulevard.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Thomas Hill opposed of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and recommended to remove parking spaces at the north and south side of the entrance of the Del Ray apartment garage due to limited sight distance.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. McMahon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to remove only 10 feet of parking to the north side of the garage driveway. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to:

   1. Restructure the taxicab driver certification process;
   2. Modernization of taximeter requirements;
   3. Make minor editorial revisions to Title 9, Chapter 12 of The Code of the City of Alexandria; and,
   4. Require taxicab companies to maintain insurance documentation/certification for all of its drivers/affiliates.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Spencer Kimball spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Daniel Woldigiaugil stated that the taxi industry has too many regulations and the fees are too high making it hard to compete with TNCs. Mr. Chand Dodhy spoke in opposition to items 1 and 2 and in favor of item 4.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that most of the proposed changes were to better align the City code with the recently revised State code allowing the operation of Transportation Network Companies along with some minor editorial revisions.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to recommend to Council the approval of the proposed changes to code and require that the companies forward the completed driver test to the Hack Office. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** There were updates about Duke Street and West Taylor Run traffic issue, and the Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) Work Group.