CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
ROOM 2000

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief Traffic, Hillary Orr, Complete Street Program Manager and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

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

2. Approval of the November 16, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Dana Linnet spoke about the traffic issue on East Taylor Run Parkway. She reported that commuter traffic is using East Taylor Run Parkway, a residential street, to access Telegraph Road. The cut through traffic is creating congestion along residential streets in her community. She requested that the City reduce the traffic problem on her neighborhood streets.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove the “No Parking” sign on the west side of 2500 block of Russell Rd.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Robert E. Morrison, spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION:
Ms. McMahon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff’s recommendation to remove “No Parking” sign on the west side of 2500 block of Russell road and restrict parking at 25 feet south of the crosswalk at Charles Alexander Ct. and 40 feet north of the bus stop on west side. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to post ALL-WAY STOP signs on Main Line Boulevard at the following intersections: Seaton Avenue, Maskell Street, Swann Avenue, Bluemont Avenue, McKenzie Avenue, E. Custis Avenue, and East Howell Avenue.
PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Tanya Culbert, Mrs. Andrien Lopez, Mrs. Nanly Knotz, Mr. Bill Hampel and Mr. Thzodros Grirsel Jr. spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Jerry King does not support the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff’s recommendation to post ALL-WAY STOP signs on Main Line Blvd. at the following intersections: Seaton Avenue, Maskell Street, Swann Avenue, Bluemont Avenue, McKenzie Avenue, E. Custis Avenue, and E. Howell Avenue whenever the intersections meet the warrant of MUTCD and work closely with the residents to solve the speeding issue on Main Line Blvd. The motion carried with six members voting in favor of the request and Mr. Johnson abstaining.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to reduce the speed limit on Seminary Road and Quaker Lane from 35 MPH to 25 MPH.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Christine Michaelis, Mr. Fran Terrel, Ms. Myra Oppel, Ms Carol Johnson, Ms. Mary Kerwin, Ms. Lucy Thompson, Mr. Kevin Durkin, Mr. Casey Kane, Ms. Kerry Adams, Mr. Bill Pfister, Mr. Michael Wayne, Ms. Sue Goodhart, Ms. Marisa Randodallo, Ms. Carolyn Griglione, Mr. Arthur Peabody Jr., Mr. Jim Durham spoke in favor of this request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to change the speed limit on Seminary Rd from I-395 to North Quaker Lane, and on North Quaker Lane from King Street to Duke Street. The Board also requested a report of an after study for this change at October Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried with six members voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Johnson abstaining.

7. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:
The Board appointed Ms. Melissa McMahon to be the Traffic and Parking Board’s representative to Motor Coach Taskforce.

Mrs. Hillary Orr reported the finished complete streets projects to the Board and the future projects that the City is working on.