CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2013, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.

2. Approval of the September 24, 2013, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.

3. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to modify parking regulations in order to install a crosswalk and upgrade bus stops to ADA compliance.

5. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a Loading Zone, Monday through Friday, 8A.M. – 5P.M. in front of 216 South Peyton Street.

6. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to extend the 2 Hour, 7AM-9PM parking restriction to 7AM-Midnight in front of the Port City Brewing Company along Wheeler Avenue.

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove a parking space in between 3824 and 3824A Elbert Avenue.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on Mt. Vernon Avenue on the southeast corner of Mt. Vernon and E. Nelson Avenue.

9. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to make parking restrictions consistent along east side of S. Washington St. Monday through Friday, 8A.M. – 5P.M

10. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to replace two, 20 Minute parking spaces, with a Loading Zone in front of Madison Cleaners.

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JULY 22, 2013, 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 Larry Ruggiero, Gregory Cota, William Schuyler, Kevin Posey, Mary White and James Lewis

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None were absent

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Traffic Studies Engineer, Hillary Poole, Complete Streets Coordinator, Chris Dowling, Traffic Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: Item number four was deferred by City Staff until further analysis is done.

2. Approval of the July 22, 2013, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2013 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** Staff had no reports or updates for the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking on King Street from West Cedar Street to West View Terrace.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: This item was deferred.

BOARD ACTION: This item was deferred.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove a No Parking sign from the alley adjacent to 417 Earl Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public testified.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cota made a motion seconded by Ms. White to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to extend a No Parking Zone Thursday 8 A.M. – 12 P.M. on Newton Street between East Luray Avenue and East Alexandria Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mary Daly spoke in favor of the request, and presented the board with a written petition signed by the neighbors in the immediate area supporting the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schyuler made a motion seconded by Mr. Posey to approve Staff's recommendation and extend the No Parking Zone. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install "No Parking Between Signs" signs on either side of the main entrance into the parking garage located at 225 South Union Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the pubic testified.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cota made a motion seconded by Mr. Ruggiero to approve the request but to install the "No Parking Between Signs" 10 feet from the curb instead of 5 feet. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove the Police Parking Only signs along the east side of the 700 block of South Columbus Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public testified.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Posey to approve the request and remove the Police Only Parking. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space at North Chambliss Street and Larstan Drive to provide bicycle access to and from the park.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public testified

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the request and remove one parking space at North Chambliss and Larstan. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install pedestrian-actuated devices (Rapid-Flash Beacons).

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Len Collins, Ms. Andrea Irwin, and Mr. John Chang all spoke in favor of the request to install pedestrian-actuated devices.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the request and install the Rapid-Flash Beacons at each of the three presented intersections. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to move "No Parking Between Signs" signs one additional space further from the driveways at the main entrance of

Landmark Mews on Stultz Road, and to remove one parking space to the south of Stevenson Square along Stultz Road.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public testified.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Ruggiero made a motion seconded by Mr. Schuyler to deny the request to remove parking along Stultz Road. The motion carried unanimously. \

12. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to make consistent all of the parking restrictions along Wheeler Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public testified.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero, to approve the request to make consistent the hours for restricted parking along Wheeler Avenue.

13. **ISSUE:** Painting curbs to delineate parking restrictions.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public testified.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to proceed with consideration of changing City Code to allow the use of yellow painted curbs to delineate No Parking zones, and red painted curbs to delineate fire hydrant No Parking zones. The motion carried unanimously.

14. **ISSUE:** Request to remove two tour bus spaces and install two Trolley lay-over spaces on the north side of 300 King Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public testified.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero, to approve the request, but to come back to the Traffic and Parking Board in October with alternative loading and unloading zones for tour buses along King Street.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 28, 2013

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to modify parking regulations in order to install a crosswalk and upgrade bus stops to ADA compliance.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria, Transportation and Environmental Services

LOCATION: Martha Custis Drive at Mount Eagle Place

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of modified parking regulations along Martha Custis Drive.

DISCUSSION:
During the past year, the City has received citizen requests to install a crosswalk across Martha Custis Drive at Mount Eagle Place while minimizing parking loss. Staff conducted a field evaluation to determine the safest placement for a crosswalk in order to allow residents of Mount Eagle Place to safely access the bus stop across the street. It was noted that the two bus stops at this intersection currently do not meet ADA requirements for compliance.

To address the problem, the City proposes to install a new crosswalk on the north side of Mount Eagle Place. There is a fire hydrant near this location, so parking would not be lost with the installation. Additionally, while curb ramps are being installed, new concrete pads will be constructed for the two bus stops to comply with ADA requirements.

Because the lack of on-street parking in this area has been brought to the attention of City staff, the area was surveyed to determine the most efficient way of allowing buses to pull to the curb while minimizing parking loss. By relocating the southbound stop to the north, relocating the northbound stop to the south and constructing concrete pads the bus stops will meet ADA requirements. The relocation will provide nine anytime parking spaces where parking was currently prohibited from 5:45am to 8:00pm Monday-Friday. One existing anytime parking space would become “No Parking” from 6:00am to 8:00pm. Additionally, an existing weekend only parking space could now be used anytime.

The project would upgrade two bus stops to comply with ADA requirements, provide a safer crossing for pedestrians and provide the neighborhood with more parking spaces.

Figure 4a – existing conditions

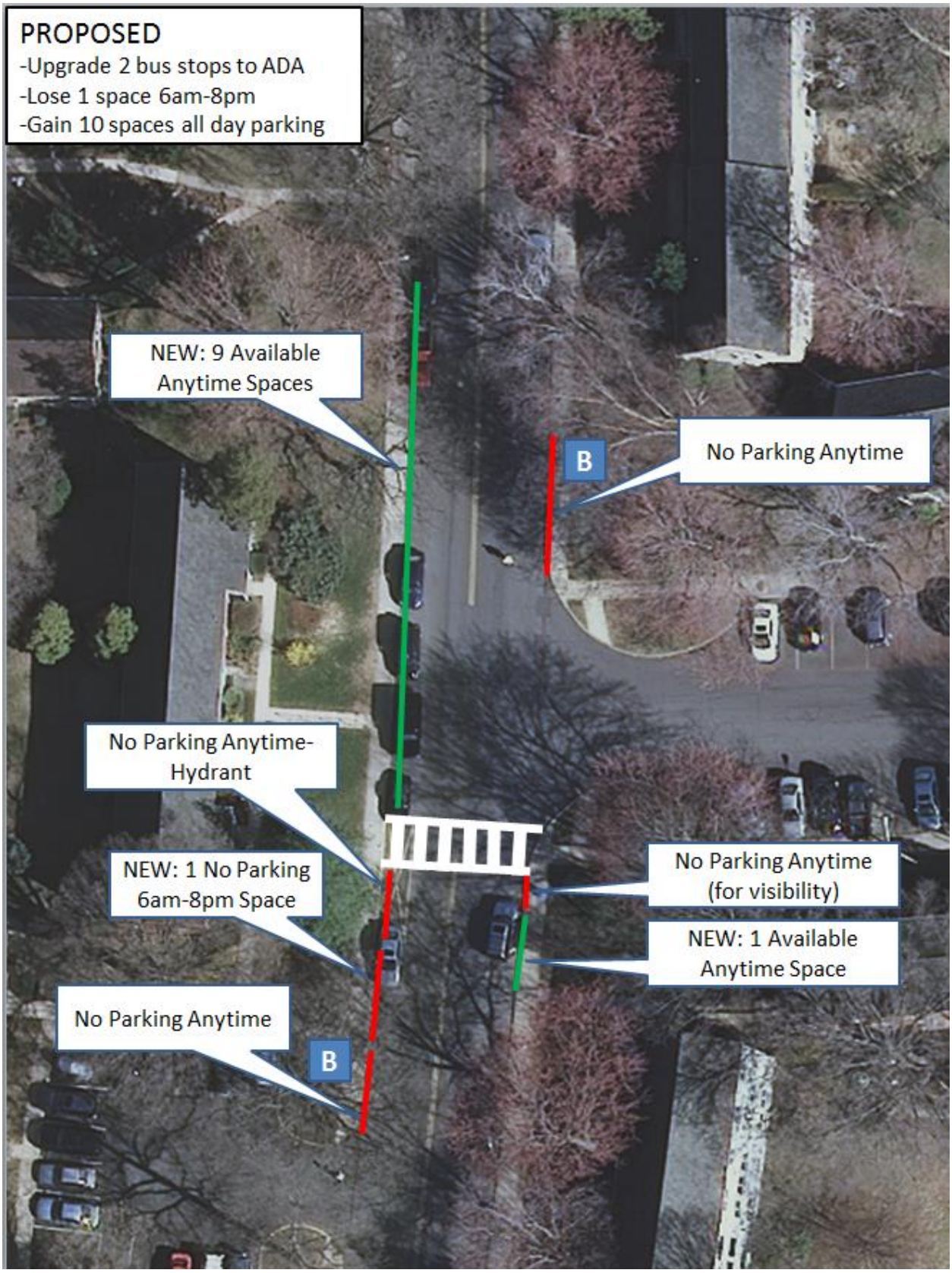


Figure 4b – recommended conditions

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 28, 2013

DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a Loading Zone, Monday through Friday, 8A.M. – 5P.M. in front of 216 South Peyton Street.

APPLICANT: Alexandria City Public Schools

LOCATION: 216 South Peyton Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of the request to install a Loading Zone, Monday through Friday, 9A.M. – 5P.M. in front of 216 South Peyton Street.

DISCUSSION:
ACPS is leasing 216 South Peyton Street for its Chance for Change Academy. This program will provide students with instructors to help assist complete assignments and teach the required curriculum while they are away from their regular school. This program will help students work on improving themselves educationally and socially. This Academy will serve grades 6-12 and a maximum of 60 students at one time.

ACPS has requested a Loading Zone, Monday through Friday, 8A.M. – 5P.M. directly in front of 216 South Peyton. This Loading Zone will help the Academy with the arrival and departure of students from school buses, as well as daily deliveries bringing lunch for that day and breakfast for the next day for the students. All of the students attending the Academy will arrive and depart via school bus.

Currently there is a 2 Hour, Monday through Friday, 9A.M. – 5P.M. parking restriction in front of 216 South Peyton Street, as well as a 20 foot Loading Zone, 9.A.M. – 5P.M. to the south of the building face. The current restrictions can be seen in Figure 5b. Staff recommends replacing both of the current restrictions with a Loading Zone, Monday through Friday, 8A.M. – 5P.M. in order to provide ACPS with the necessary space for arrival, departure, and deliveries. The Loading Zone will prevent interference with traffic traveling on South Peyton Street and will have consistent hours of restriction. The recommended restriction can be seen in Figure 5c.

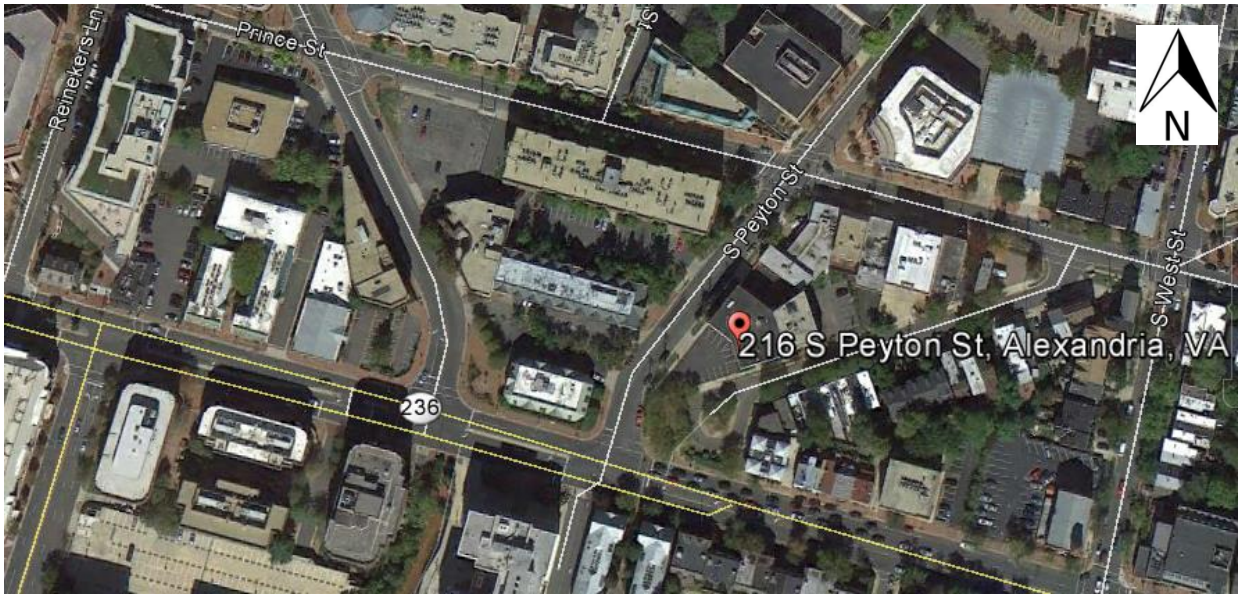


Figure 5a – location of Chance for Change Acadmeny at 216 South Peyton Street

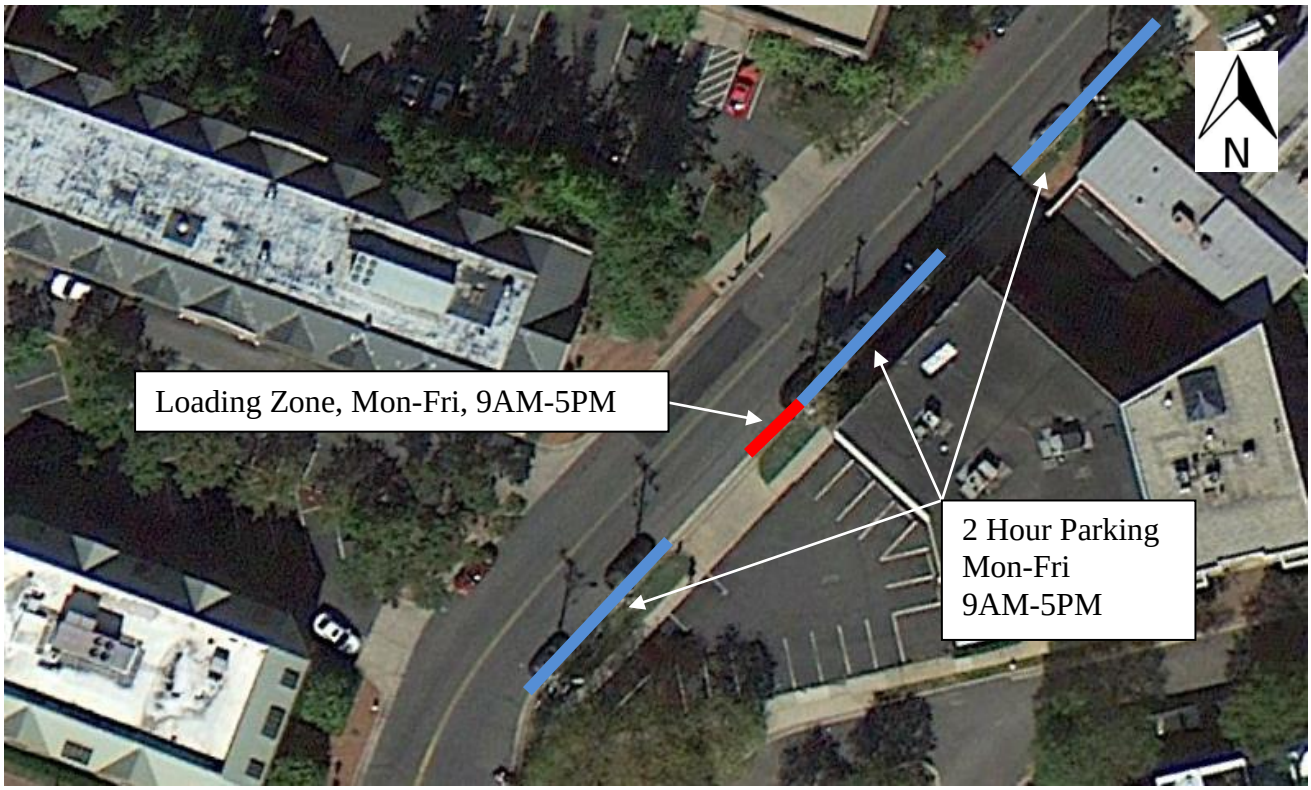


Figure 5b – current parking restrictions at 216 South Peyton Street

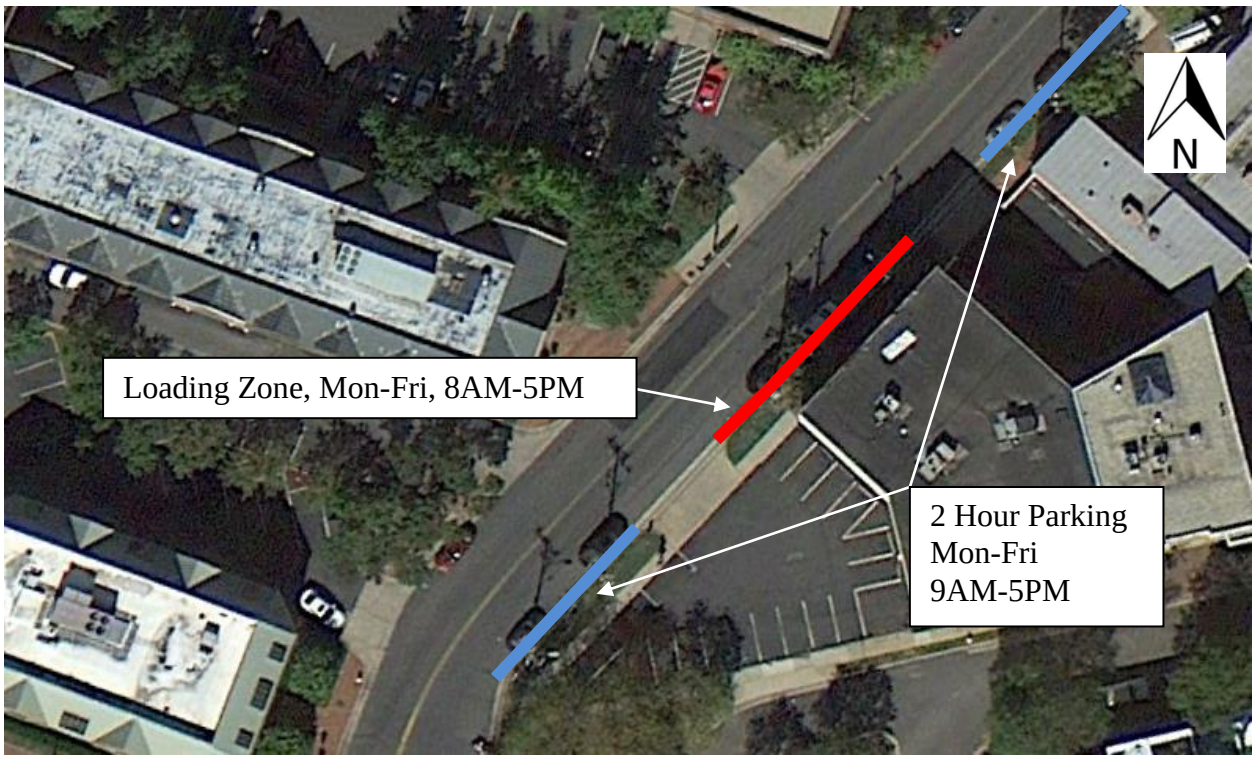


Figure 5c – recommended parking restrictions

Learning to Live • Loving to Learn
ACPS
Alexandria City Public Schools

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304; Tel. 703.461.4168

Mr. Garbacz,

ACPS is requesting an item be considered at the October meeting of the City Parking and Traffic Board. Below is our request and background information.

Request:

Install a Loading Zone Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in front of 216 South Peyton Street.

Background:

ACPS is leasing 216 South Peyton Street for its Chance for Change Academy. The program is designed to provide students with instructors who will assist with completing assignments and teaching the required curriculum materials while they are absent from their regular school. While participating in this program, students will work on improving themselves both academically and socially. The Academic and Social skills consist of addressing issues such as Remedial Reading strategies, self-esteem, anger management, coping skills, self-discovery, and communication. The Academy will serve grades 6-12 and a maximum of 60 students at one time.

Proposal:

Currently, there is 2 hour parking from 9A.M- 5P.M. Monday through Friday. To assist with school operations, a loading zone is proposed only during in effect during the school hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The school receives daily deliveries from a 14ft. delivery truck bringing to the site lunch for that day and breakfast for the next day for the students. Additionally, all students arrive and depart from the Academy via school bus. There is approximately 100 feet of frontage along South Peyton Street. The loading zone will minimize disruption to the general traffic flow on South Peyton Street.

There is precedent on South Peyton Street for this restriction. St. Coletta at 207 South Peyton Street houses a school for adults with intellectual disabilities. The facility provides vocational training to the students and products they make are sold on-site. This facility has a loading zone during business hours.

Visual

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 28, 2013

DOCKET ITEM: **6**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to extend the 2 Hour, 7AM-9PM parking restriction to 7AM-Midnight in front of the Port City Brewing Company along Wheeler Avenue.

APPLICANT: Ms. Cathy Puskar, representing Port City Brewing Company

LOCATION: 3950 Wheeler Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of the request to extend the 2 Hour, 7AM-9PM parking restriction to 7AM-Midnight in front of 3950 Wheeler Avenue.

DISCUSSION:
Port City Brewing Company wishes to allow patrons to park beyond 9PM. Currently the parking restriction in front of their building is 2 Hour parking, 7AM-9PM. The request is to extend the restriction to be 2 Hour parking, 7AM-Midnight. Port City Brewing Company has off street parking available, but it is very limited and often gets overflowed. This extension in parking restriction hours will allow patrons at Port City Brewing Company to use these on street spaces, but will continue to prevent overnight parking along this section of Wheeler Avenue. Furthermore, there is a very low parking demand along this stretch of Wheeler Avenue.

Figure 6a – location of Port City Brewing Company at 3950 Wheeler Avenue

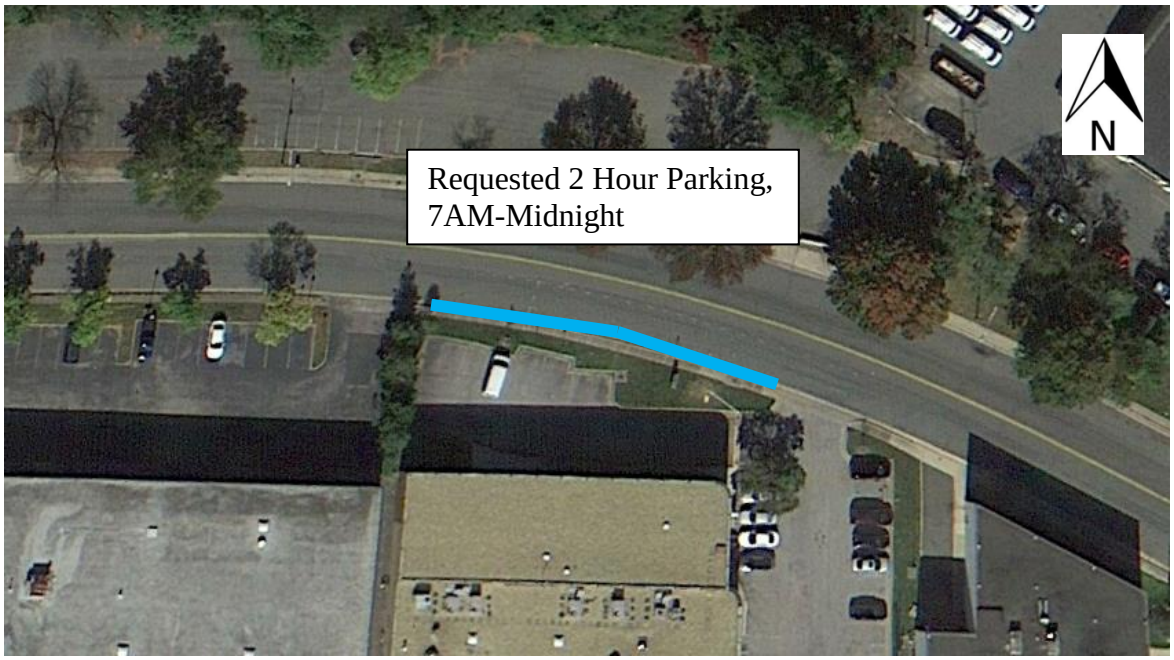


Figure 6b – location of parking restriction change

Bob Garbacz

From: Puskar, M. Catharine <cpuskar@arl.thelandlawyers.com>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 3:00 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Cc: 'bill@portcitybrewing.com'
Subject: Parking on Wheeler
Attachments: photo.JPG

Bob,

Per our discussion, on behalf of Port City Brewing Company, I would like to request that the parking limitations on Wheeler Avenue (as reflected in the attached photo) be amended to extend 2 hour parking on Wheeler until midnight and to limit the no parking from midnight - 7 am. This will allow patrons to park beyond 9 pm, but will also prevent the overnight parking of Commercial vehicles along Wheeler.

If at all possible, we would really appreciate it if you could accommodate us on your September 23rd docket.

Thanks.

Cathy
Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, P.C.
Celebrating 30 Years of Service to our Clients
1983-2013
Recognized by
Chambers USA • Best Lawyers in America
Virginia Super Lawyers • Martindale-Hubbell Washingtonian Magazine Best Lawyers Virginia Business Magazine Legal Elite

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 28, 2013

DOCKET ITEM: **7**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove a parking space in between 3824 and 3824A Elbert Avenue.

APPLICANT: Ms. Alexandra Malooley

LOCATION: 3824 Elbert Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of the request to install a No Parking sign in between 3824 and 3824A Elbert Avenue.

DISCUSSION:
There is a parking space in between the driveways of 3824 and 3824A Elbert Avenue, shown in Figure 7b. However, the parking space is only 13 feet long and when vehicles park here they partially block either the driveway at 3824 or 3824A. Ms. Malooley has stated that she has often had to drive over her curb in order to avoid any contact with a parked car at this location. There is a high demand for parking in this neighborhood, but 13 feet is not enough space for a car to park without partially blocking either one of these driveways. Staff recommends removing this parking space.

Figure 7a – location of 3824 Elbert Avenue

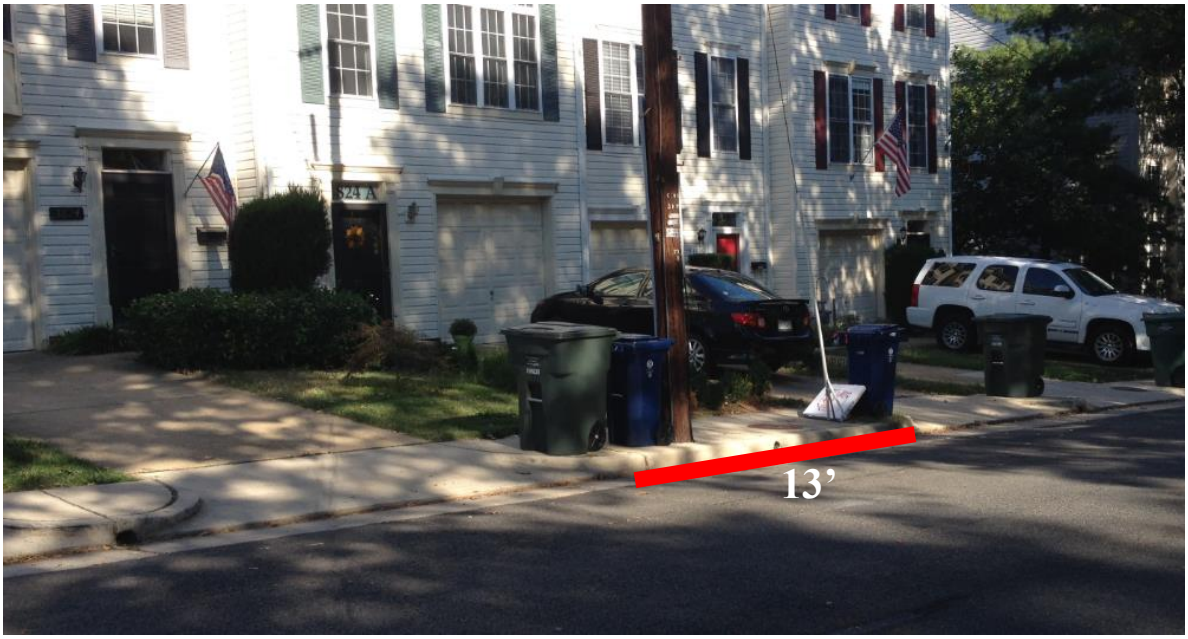


Figure 7b – parking space measured by Staff at 13 feet

Hi Chris. My name is Alexandra Malooley and I live at 3824 Elbert Ave.
I am a resident of Alexandria City and also work for the city of Alexandria's Health Department as a public health nurse. There is a parking space in between my driveway at 3824 and 3824A. It is very small parking spot between these two driveways. People park there all the time and end up blocking my driveway by 1/2 foot or more very often. This makes it very difficult for me to pull out or pull in without hitting them- I often have to go over the curb on the other side of my driveway in order not to collide or scrape the other car.
This happens probably 5 times or more in a given week because the space is so small. I'm hoping this space can post a no parking sign.
Thank you for your time,
Alexandra Malooley

Sent from my iPhone

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 28, 2013

DOCKET ITEM: **8**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on Mt. Vernon Avenue on the southeast corner of Mt. Vernon and E. Nelson Avenue.

APPLICANT: Jim Kapsis

LOCATION: Mt. Vernon Avenue and E. Nelson Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of the request to install a No Parking Here to Corner sign 15 feet from the southeast corner of the intersection of Mt. Vernon Avenue and E. Nelson Avenue.

DISCUSSION:
City Staff is recommending installing a No Parking Here to Corner sign at the southeast corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and E. Nelson Avenue one parking space, 15 feet, from the intersection. Mt. Vernon is a heavily used road by vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians. Currently parking is restricted at least one parking space at every corner of the intersection except the southeast corner. See Figure 8b for current parking restrictions. If a vehicle parks right up to the crosswalk as shown in Figure 8c, vehicles approaching the intersection from the east have limited visibility for vehicles or bicyclists traveling northbound on Mt. Vernon Avenue.

By removing a parking space on the southeast corner of this intersection, visibility is improved for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. There is a high demand for parking in this area along Mt. Vernon, but City Staff feels that improving the safety at this intersection is of upmost importance, as there have been three accidents in the past year due to limited visibility at Mt. Vernon Avenue and E. Nelson Avenue.

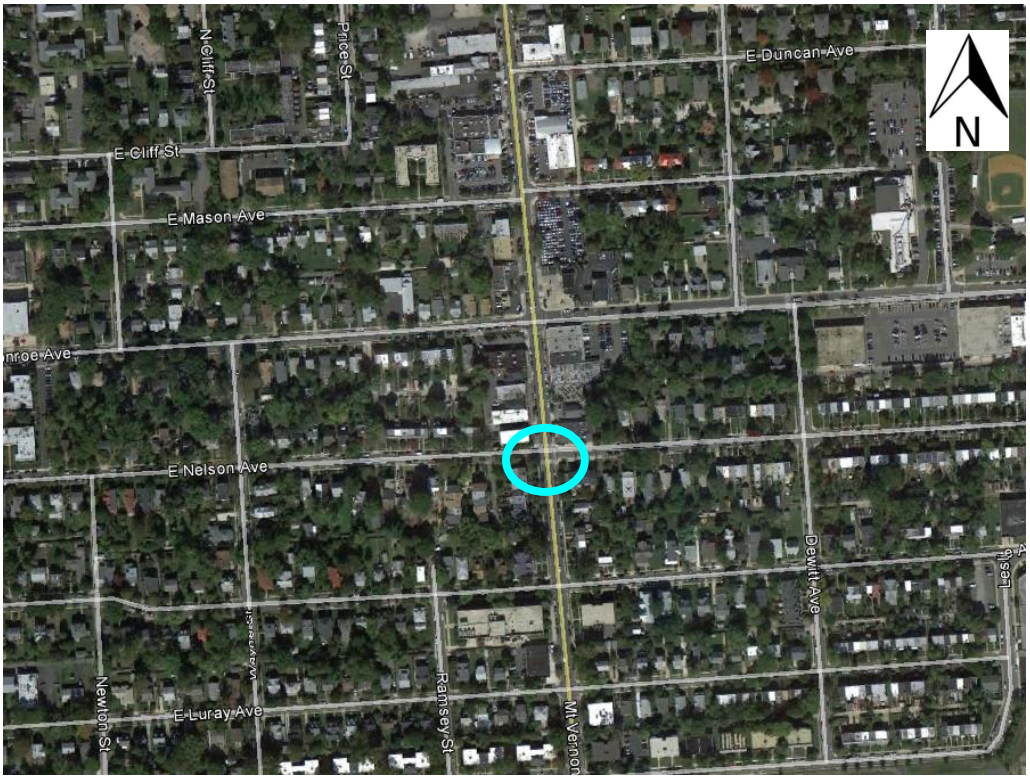


Figure 8a – location of request at Mt. Vernon and E. Nelson

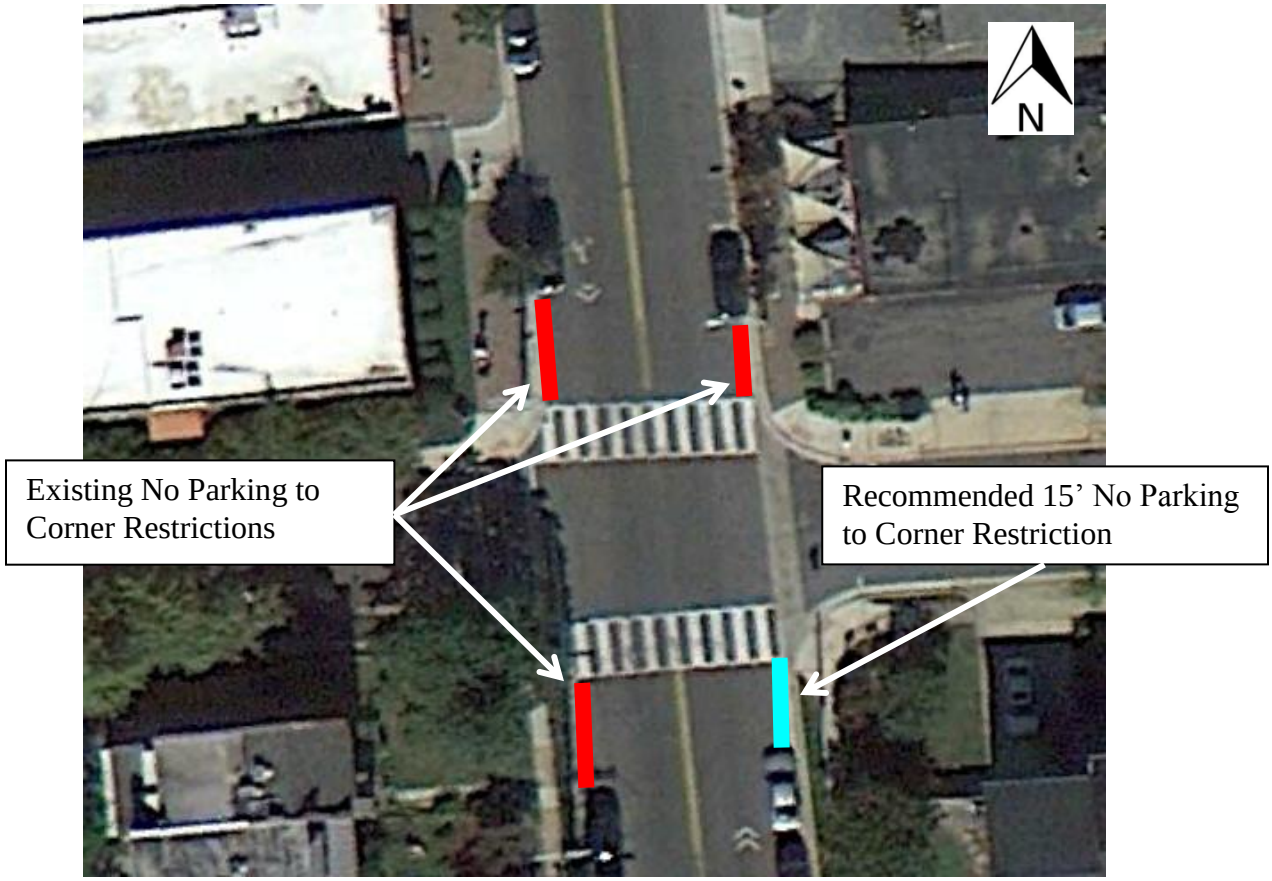


Figure 8b – requested parking restriction at Mt. Vernon and E. Nelson

Figure 8c – vehicle parked right up to crosswalk causing limited sight distance

I am writing to alert the city to a dangerous intersection where visibility for cars is low and city signage is inadequate. For the second time in a week, there was an accident at this intersection today where a motorcycle collided with a car. Part of the reason is likely due to a lack of signs preventing cars from parking so close to the intersection. As you can see in the attached photo from another day, the car to the far right of the frame is parked right up the crosswalk. This makes it hard for cars turning from Nelson to see cars coming down Mt. Vernon and vice versa. I would recommend that the City examine how to improve visibility at this intersection, such as by adding signs that prevent parking a certain distance from the curb on all four corners. Another solution would be to add speed bumps on Mt. Vernon similar to what we have on E. Monroe to keep cars and cyclists moving slowly enough to adjust to changing circumstances.

Can you make sure this note gets to the right City personnel to address? I am cc'ing a few of our neighbors as well who may want to share additional thoughts.

Thanks for your assistance.

Best,

Jim Kapsis
403 E. Nelson Avenue

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 28, 2013

DOCKET ITEM: **9**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove parking to accommodate a crosswalk.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria, Transportation and Environmental Services

LOCATION: East Rosemont Avenue at Hooff's Run Park and Greenway

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of removing parking to accommodate the installation of a crosswalk

DISCUSSION:
During the Hooff's Run Park planning meetings, citizens have requested the installation of a crosswalk across East Rosemont Avenue to provide a connection to Hooff's Run Park on both sides of the street.

The installation of the crosswalk would require the construction of two new curb ramps and the removal of parking for 10' on each side of the street where the crosswalk would be striped. Providing "Access to Parks" is a project that is part of the Complete Streets Program. The linear park spans from Commonwealth Avenue at King Street in the south to East Chapman Street in the north and is bypassed by five streets. By connecting the two southern most segments with a safer crossing creates better access for all park users.

Figure 9a - Park Length

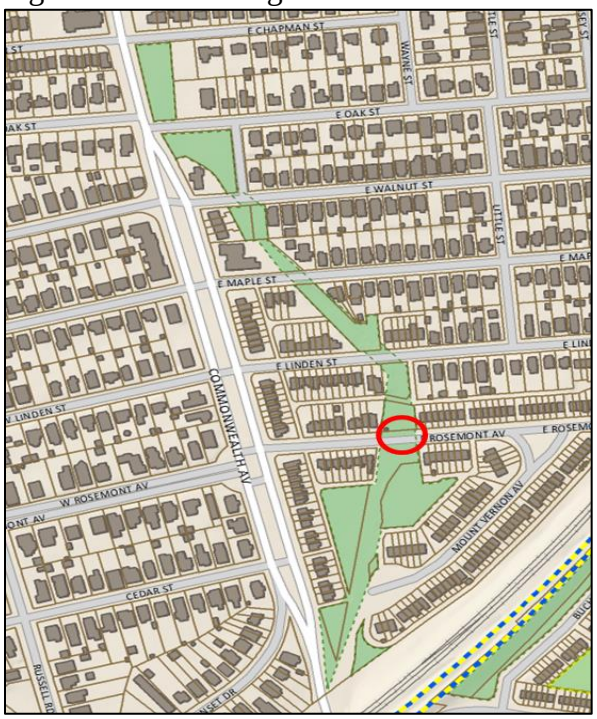
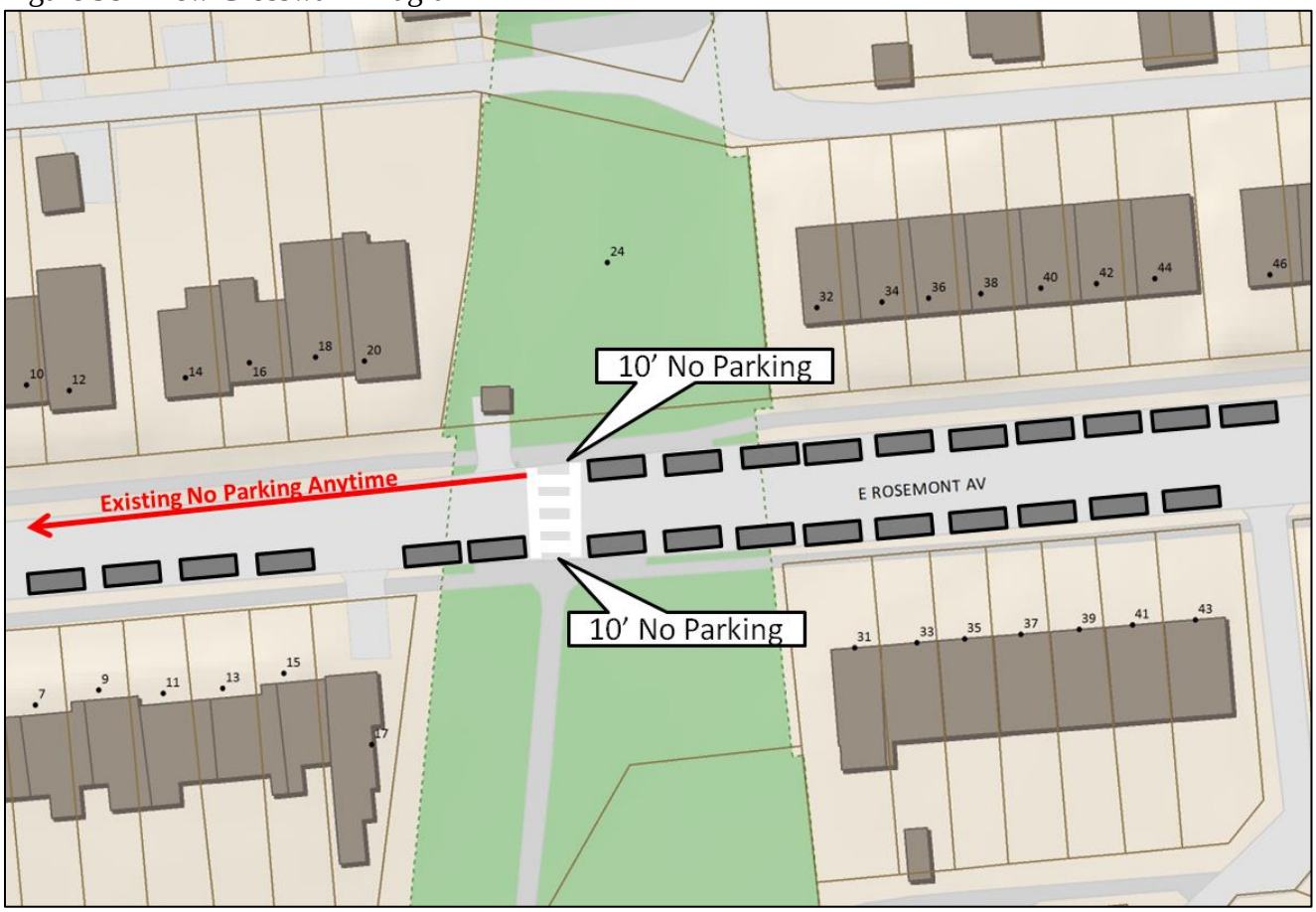


Figure 9b - New Crosswalk Diagram



TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 28, 2013

DOCKET ITEM: **10**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to replace two, 20 Minute parking spaces, with a Loading Zone in front of Madison Cleaners.

APPLICANT: Chong Jong, Madison Cleaners

LOCATION: North West Street and East Braddock Road

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of the request to replace the, two "Monday through Saturday, 7.A.M-9P.M., 20 Minute" parking spaces with, "Monday through Saturday, 7A.M.-9P.M., Loading Zone."

DISCUSSION:
Before March of 2013, there were four, "Monday through Saturday, 7A.M. – 9P.M., 20 Minute" restricted parking spaces in front of Dos Amigos, Madison Cleaners, and Mak Salon. In March, Dos Amigos, the restaurant located adjacent to Madison Cleaners, requested that parking in front of these commercial stores be changed from 20 Minute Parking to 2 Hour Parking in order to accommodate for the needs of the restaurant customers. City Staff and the Traffic and Parking Board agreed to install two, 2 Hour parking spaces, while leaving two, 20 Minute parking spaces in front of the cleaners.

Ms. Jong states that since the change in parking restrictions, her business has suffered due to lack of parking in front of her store. Her dry cleaning business relies on the ability of customers to park and drop off and pick up their items quickly. She states that restaurant customers use both the 2 Hour and 20 Minute Parking spaces, and often park much longer than 20 Minutes. She routinely calls parking enforcement, which is a distraction to running her business and to the parking enforcement staff. Ms. Jong states that she has lost long time customers who no longer find convenient parking, and have taken their business elsewhere as a result.

Staff recommends replacing the two 20 Minute restricted spaces in front of Madison Cleaners with a "Monday through Saturday, 7A.M. – 9P.M., Loading Zone."

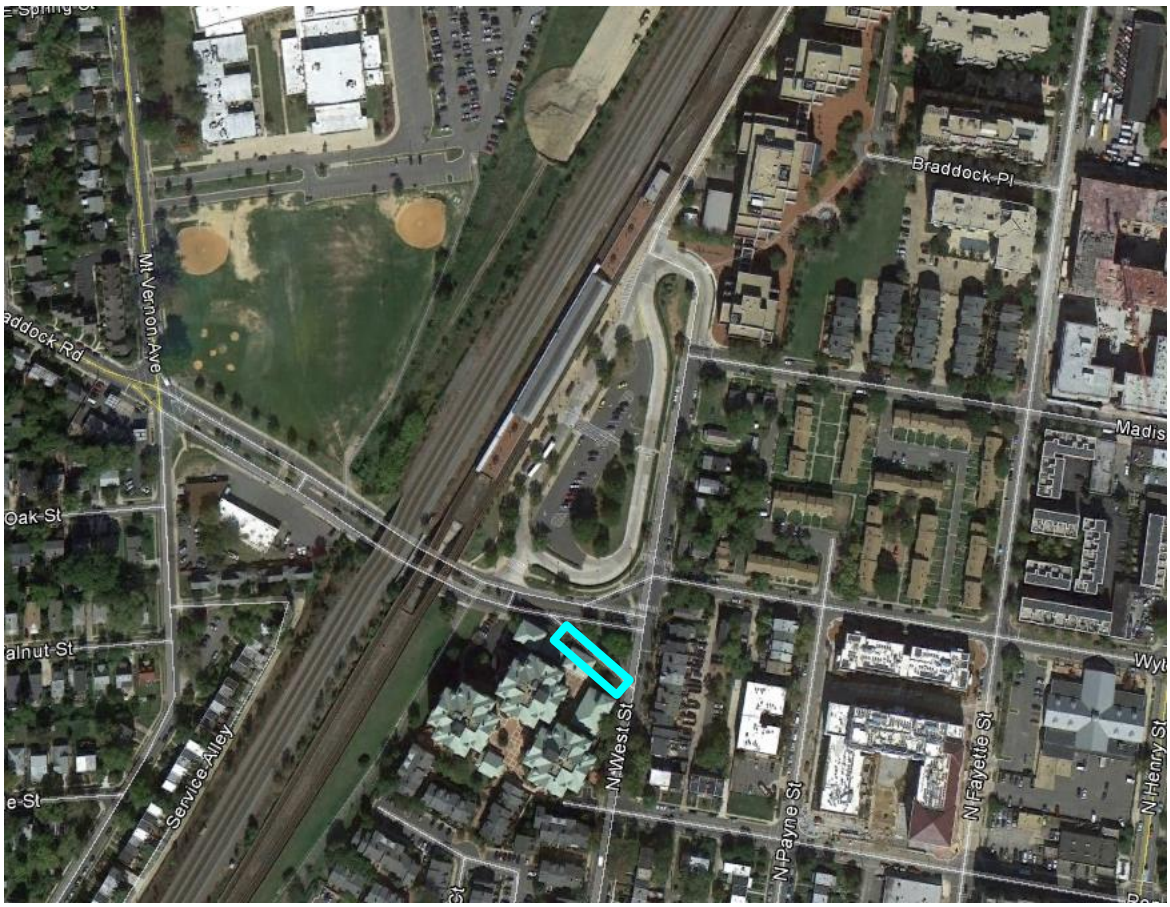


Figure 10a – location of Madison Cleaners at N. West St. and E. Braddock Rd.

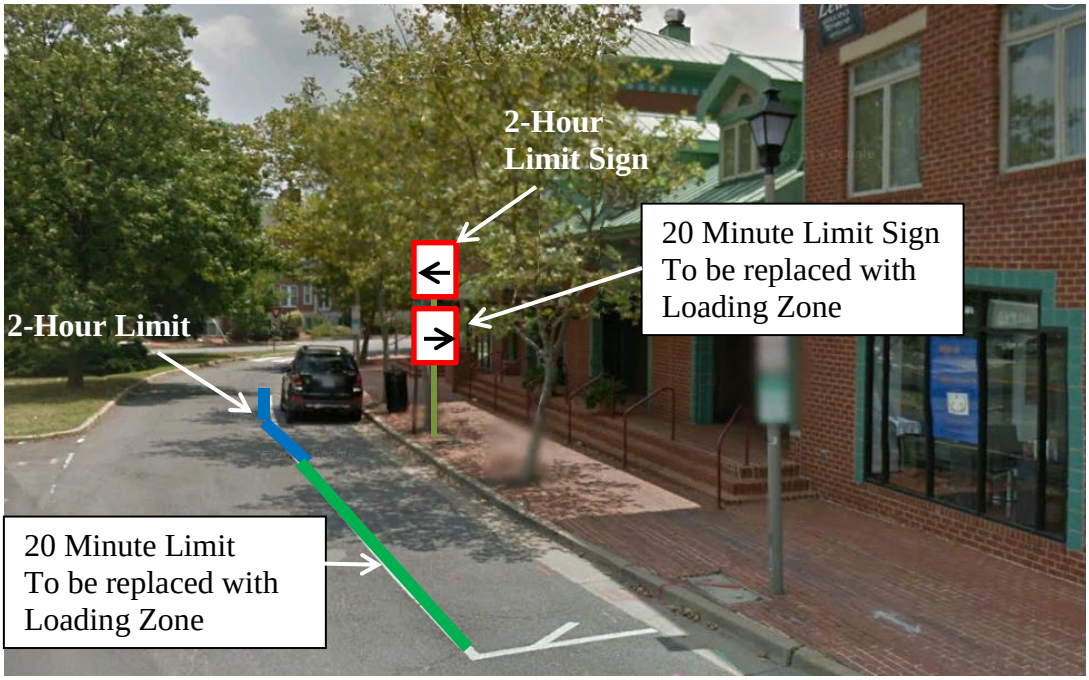


Figure 10b – shows the recommended change in parking restrictions

Chong Jang
Madison Cleaners
525 East Braddock Road
Alexandria, VA 22314
703 739-7340

Mr. Richard Baer
Director, Transportation and Environmental Services
301 King Street
Alexandria VA 22314

Dear Mr. Baer:

I am the owner of the Madison Cleaners, a small dry cleaning business which has operated at the corner of North West Street and East Braddock Road for 20 years. My business relies on the ability of customers to park close by so they may drop-off and pick-up their dry cleaning quickly. Unfortunately, new parking rules which were put into effect around March 2013 have had a very negative impact on my business.

As your staff may recall from my testimony at the Parking Board meeting this spring, I supported the proposed changes to parking as requested by my neighbor, the Los Amigos restaurant. In my remarks, I expressed my desire for "pick up and drop off only" signs instead of the proposed 20-minute parking in two of the six spaces in front of the three business at the corner. It was the opinion of staff and the Parking Board that the 20-minute parking signs were preferable but I was assured that if the proposed signage plan didn't work out, that I could ask for the matter to be reconsidered.

I write to you now to inform you that the parking changes did not work out as hoped: while the new rules have benefitted Los Amigos they have done so at the expense of Madison Cleaners. For the past seven months, I have observed people routinely disregarding the 20-minute signs while entering the restaurant for lunch or dinner. I call the police and parking enforcement many, many times each week, which is a distraction to the enforcement staff and to my ability to run the business. I have been verbally abused by restaurant patrons when I have pointed out the 20-minute restriction, and been called names that cannot be repeated in polite company. Most significantly I have lost long time customers who no longer find convenient parking and have taken their business elsewhere. I am exasperated, at my wits end, and feeling the negative economic consequences of the new parking arrangement has caused my business.

I respectfully and urgently ask for your staff's assistance to reconsider the current parking rules and to design an alternative to the current rules that better serves the needs of all three businesses. Specifically, I would like the 20-minute signs replaced with "pick up and drop off only" signs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

1 October 2013

Chong Jang
Owner

Cc: Mr. Bob Garbacz
Tom Van Wagner