

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022, 7 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair James Lewis, Annie Ebbers, Ann Tucker, Lavonda Bonnard, and Casey Kane

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Osborne

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Katye North, Division Chief; Alex Block, Principal Planner; and Max Devilliers, Urban Planner II. DASH – Martin Barna, Director of Planning & Marketing

1. Election of Officers: The Board solicited nominations for new officers.

BOARD ACTION: Vice Chair Lewis asked for nominations for Chair. Ms. Tucker nominated James Lewis as chair. There were no other nominees. The Board unanimously approved the nominee.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis solicited nominations for Vice Chair; Mr. Kane nominated Ann Tucker for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. The Board unanimously approved the nominee.

2. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.

3. Approval of the March 28, 2022, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on the Vision Zero Program as well as the Dockless Mobility Program.

5. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Susan Cole joined via Zoom, with concerns about parking impacts during the redevelopment of the Minnie Howard campus of Alexandria City High School.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Tucker asked about the timing of private development in the area. Mr. Kane asked Staff if they have been in contact with these residents about options for managing parking. Mr. Block noted that Staff have been in contact and are working with the residents in determining the best path forward. Mr. Kane asked for an update on this process at a future meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS: Mr. Kane requested to remove Item 7 from the consent agenda.

6. **ISSUE:** Creation of Residential Permit Parking District 14 in Potomac Greens
8. **ISSUE:** Consideration a request to amend the approved Parklet Requirements for clarity based on feedback from business owners
9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one on-street parking space on Stevenson Avenue immediately west of the parking lot exit for 6000 Stevenson Avenue

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve items 6, 8 and 9 on the Consent items list. The motion carried unanimously.

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7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to designate a disability parking space at 4415 Raleigh Avenue

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kane asked to forgo the presentation, but wanted to ask about the official procedure for reviewing and removing disability parking spaces. Mr. Block noted the City Code's annual renewal process for residential spaces. Spaces created outside of single family and townhouse areas are often created following a specific request, and the City will only remove them with a specific request.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: There were no public speakers on this item.

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

10. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to implement 2-hour parking restrictions for approximately 19 on-street parking spaces along the 400 block of South Pickett Street and Cameron Station Boulevard

DISCUSSION: Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane asked if it would be appropriate to convert one of the parking spaces to bike parking and/or a scooter corral. Mr. Kane also noted that the speed limit on Pickett Street is 35 mph, and the on-street parking design is more appropriate for a street designed for slower speeds.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Robert Brant testified in favor of the request, representing the applicant, Alexandria Lighting and Supply, which will be moving into a retail space at 450 S. Pickett Street.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers to defer the item, asking if it is possible to reserve one space for bike parking and scooter parking. The motion carried 3-2, with Mr. Kane, Ms. Ebbers, and Ms. Bonnard voting in favor and Mr.

Lewis and Ms. Tucker opposed.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. **STAFF UPDATES:** Mr. Barna from DASH updated the Board on the DASH Transit Development Plan, including a proposal to re-route Line 34 onto North Pitt Street. The proposal will be before the DASH Board in May, and if approved would be adopted in the fall of 2022, to coincide with the opening of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. Mr. Barna anticipated coming back to the Traffic and Parking Board to request removal of an estimated 7 to 9 parking spaces along N. Pitt Street in total to make room for new bus stops. Mr. Kane asked about the Board's previous action in approving parking removal around bus stops; Mr. Block noted that the Board has approved such a procedure for improvements to existing bus stops, but not the creation of new stops. Mr. Kane also asked if these stops would be ADA compliant, and Mr. Barna confirmed.

Mr. Block updated the Board on a request from the City Council to advance some specific parking policy changes. The changes will require amendments to the City Code as well as Council resolution(s) to update parking pricing. Mr. Block anticipated bringing drafts of these items to the Board in May and to the Council in June.

12. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Mr. Kane updated the Board on the Transportation Commission meetings in April, which included an update on the new DASH network, including the Line 34 proposal presented earlier. The Commission also received a briefing about the City's 311 system, as well as the long-range funding priorities.

Ms. Tucker asked staff to provide an update on (1) the Food Truck parking spaces and whether they should be removed for lack of usage, and (2) the status of the King, Callahan, and Russell project.