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August 12th, 2016

To The Members Of The Transportation Commission:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Commission will be held on **Wednesday August 17th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Common Council Chambers.

Enclosed please find:

- A. Agenda for the meeting of August 17, 2016.
- B. Minutes of the meeting held July 20, 2016.
- C. Correspondence pertaining to the agenda of the August 17, 2016 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Soyk, Acting Chairman
by: Anthony Marena, Secretary

PLANS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, ETC. FOR COMMON COUNCIL REFERRAL AGENDA ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING. PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE IF YOU DESIRE. PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda

August 17, 2016

I. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on July 20, 2016.

II. Old Business

1. Holland Avenue - Request from Ms. Sarina Russell, 110 Holland Avenue to modify the parking regulation in front of her home to "No Parking 10A-11A". She feels the current 1 hour restriction is too short.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and has only received one response. Deputy Commissioner Soyk spoke to Ms. Russell and she stated that she would prefer no restriction in front of her home. The staff recommended that the parking restriction in front of 110 Holland Avenue easterly to the intersection of Brookdale Avenue, a distance of approximately 200 feet be removed. Currently no parking restrictions exist on Holland Avenue east of Brookdale Avenue.

2. 100 Mamaroneck Avenue - Request from taxi drivers to create a taxi stand for 2 cars in front of the Dollar Tree Store.

The area requested for a taxi stand in front of the Dollar Tree Store is currently a loading zone. The staff spoke to manager of the Dollar tree store and was informed that the loading zone is utilized for deliveries during overnight hours. This area of Mamaroneck Avenue now allows hailing of taxis. Based on this the staff did not recommended the removal of a loading zone to create a taxi stand.

III. New Business

1. Ferris Avenue - Request from Ms. Joanne Brandi, 280 Ferris Avenue to remove the existing 2 hour parking regulation on the west side of Ferris Avenue between Cemetery Road and Westview Avenue. Due to construction in the area the unrestricted parking on the east side of Ferris Avenue is not available. Ms. Brandi feels that the 2 hour parking restriction in this area is not needed due to the lack of retail.

The staff was not opposed to the removal of the 2 hour parking restriction on the west side of Ferris Avenue between Cemetery Road and Westview Avenue. However the staff feels due to the two current construction projects in this area the signs should not be installed in the field until the work has been completed. The projects should be completed by November, 2016.

2. Chatterton Parkway - Request from Mr. Eric Leiseroff, 81 Waldo Avenue to restrict parking on the west side of Chatterton Parkway near Battle Avenue. Mr. Leiseroff feels the roadway is too narrow and that the parking restriction should be extended further from the intersection.

The staff field reviewed the location and felt that the length of the current restriction (No Parking Any Time) is adequate, the sign is located approximately 30 feet from Battle Avenue. However, the sign should read "No Standing Here to Corner". A work order will be prepared to revise the sign. The staff did not recommend any other changes.

3. Greenridge Avenue - Request from Mr. Carey Gouldner, 105 Greenridge Avenue to create a "No Parking 10AM to 11AM Monday thru Friday" on the west side Greenridge Avenue between Bryant Avenue and Stratford Avenue or possibly an additional block to Bolton Avenue. Mr. Gouldner states that this section of roadway is filled with all day parkers and that often a van has been observed waiting to pick up the all day parkers to take them downtown.

The staff recommended that the residents in the area be polled prior to making any changes to the parking regulation.

IV. Common Council Referrals

1. Communication from Building Department - regarding revision to an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled The Zoning Ordinance of the City of White Plains with respect to “Nursery Business” and “Organic Manufacturing”.

The staff has no traffic related concerns.

2. 120 Church Street (Westchester Healthcare Property) - Request for extensions to the special permit and site plan approvals.

The staff has no traffic related concerns.

3. One North Broadway- Request for a site plan amendment to modify the plaza.

The staff has no traffic related concerns.

V. Addendum

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Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, July 20, 2016 – 8:30AM

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Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Acting Chairman
John P. Larson, Commissioner of Parking
Anthony Carr, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for R. Hope)
Daniel Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)
James R. Bradley, Deputy Commissioner (for D. Chong)
Eileen McClain, Senior Planner (for C. Gomez)
Melissa Briggs

Staff Members Present: Anthony Marena, Transportation Engineer
Nicholas Kralik, Capt.-Commander, Traffic Div.
Edward Ignaszewski, Supervisor of Enforcement

Members Absent: Ken Burford

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to the Commissioner of Parking

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

II. Old Business

1. Hillside Terrace - Request from Ms. Beth Kava to modify the existing parking regulation on Hillside Terrace from 1 hour parking, "7:30AM to 6:30PM" to 3 hour parking, "7:30AM to 6:30PM". She feels the one hour duration is too short.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and received a total of seventeen responses, only three were in favor of changes to the parking regulation. Based on this the staff did not recommend any changes.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

2. Ridgeway - Request from Mr. Steve Brady to create a "No Parking Any Time" on the north side of Ridgeway between Albemarle Road and Pilgrim Road.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and received a total of sixteen responses, only six were in favor of changes to the parking regulation. Based on this the staff did not recommend any changes.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

3. Soundview Avenue - Request from Dr. Garret Weber to conduct a study of the area. Dr. Weber feels that motorists often speed on this road and does not feel that it is safe for pedestrians whom are walking on the shoulder.

The staff field conducted a survey of the area, the roadway width is approximately thirty feet. The staff recommended painting a shoulder line on the roadway which would delineate an area for pedestrians to use as well as giving motorists the impression that the roadway is narrower.

Deputy Commissioner Carr questioned if a speed monitor machine could be placed in that area.

It was commented that this has already been done.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

III. New Business

1. **Holland Avenue** - Request from Ms. Sarina Russell, 110 Holland Avenue to modify the parking regulation in front of her home to "No Parking 10A-11A". She feels the current 1 hour restriction is too short.

The staff has already sent letters to the residents in the area and has only received one response.

The staff recommended that this item be held an additional month to allow more time for responses prior to making any recommendations.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

2. **North Kensico Avenue** - Request from Ms. Crystal Stowell, 10 Stewart Place to modify the parking regulation on North Kensico Avenue where the roadway turns sharply just before Ross Street. She feels that the roadway is too narrow to allow parking in the curve.

The staff field reviewed the location and based on the pavement width around the turn, the staff recommended that the parking restriction be extended approximately 50 feet on the west side of North Kensico Avenue to include the area throughout the curve.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

3. **Driveways to Department of Public Safety** - Request from the Department of Public Safety to review the restrictions on their driveway. The driveway connects South Lexington Avenue to Quarropas Street. Some cars are using this driveway as a shortcut to avoid the nearby traffic signal. Currently signs exist informing drivers that this driveway is for "Police Vehicles Only" but are being ignored.

The staff recommended that this area be posted with "Do Not Enter - Police Vehicles Only" signs at The City property line from the Quarropas Street approach since the driveway is only intended to serve police vehicles and staff not a public street.

Correction of this problem must be supported with an ordinance to be brought before the Common Council. There was a brief discussion on sign placement and suggestion of a gate. Deputy Commissioner Bradley advised that the entire area is not owned by the City which could affect sign placement. Placement of the signs were suggested to be beyond the property line where the property is owned by the Federal Government. Staff must decide what ordinance needs to be submitted to the Common Council so they can act on it.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved creation of an ordinance.

4. 100 Mamaroneck Avenue - Request from taxi drivers to create a taxi stand for two cars in front of the Dollar Tree Store.

The area requested for a taxi stand in front of the Dollar Tree Store is currently a loading zone. This loading zone is utilized for deliveries to the Dollar Tree during overnight hours. The staff recommended that the loading zone on the opposite side of the roadway in the vicinity of 99 Mamaroneck Avenue be used as an overnight taxi stand.

Commissioner Larson stated that he believes the request is not for an overnight stand but one during day hours. There is a need for further review of the area to determine exactly what is requested and the best remedy for it.

Item is on hold.

5. Winchester Street - Request from Department of Parking, to review the parking regulations on Winchester Street. The end of the roadway currently does not have any restrictions.

The staff recommended that the end of the roadway be posted as "No Parking Any Time".

There are vehicles parked and there is a gap at the meters at the end of the roadway. The current condition is not obstructing but makes it difficult to turn around.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. 213 East Post Road (Alex Lounge Bar & Grill) - Request for a special permit for an accessory cabaret.

The staff has no traffic related concerns.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

V. ADDENDUM

An email communication from Ms. Briggs which lists numerous concerns relayed to her from the County Clerk's Office employees. In her communication she discussed complaints of parking expense, and various declining conditions in the White Plains Library Garage. With regards to the Library Garage, the items listed were: decaying asphalt and roof; wayward skateboarders; undesirables sleeping in stairwells and misplaced garbage. She stated that these concerns were also reported to the CSEA. The traffic at Martin Luther King Blvd and Quarropas and the corner of the Library and Martine Avenue were a concern as well. The current traffic conditions at these intersections make it dangerous to cross the street. Deputy Commissioner Soyk replied not all concerns can be addressed at the Transportation Commission Meeting, but some are in fact, County issues that need to be brought to their attention.

Items with regard to parking were addressed as a courtesy by Commissioner Larson. He questioned whether it was appropriate for the Commission to discuss some of the concerns in the communication. He informed Ms. Briggs of a history with the County CSEA in regards to employee

parking. Last June the Commissioner met with County CSEA representative Tim Kronin. While Commissioner Larson could not support a specific discount just for the County employees, he did offer, what is offered to everybody, a discount program. In reply to his offer Commissioner Larson later received an email from Mr. Kronin which stated the County lacked the required amount of employee participation to be eligible for the program. The Commissioner went on to say that he appreciated the County employee's frustration because the City of White Plains does provide free parking to their employees and he suggested that if the County employees wish the same they should take that up with the County.

As to the parking permit fees, permit fees were increased for the first time in over five years and the raise was a modest one, less than 10%. This cost falls between 22 cents an hour and 58 cents an hour depending on how long you park your car in any given month.

The Commissioner went on to discuss maintenance, specifically within the Library Garage. There has been \$100,000.00 worth of work completed inside the garage and there is still more to be done. There are sections that appear to be City property that are in fact County property which the City cannot service because of liability issues. Those areas that are not maintained are most likely County property. He encouraged the County employees to report skateboarders and undesirables in the stairwells to the Police Department. The Police Department does routinely patrol but always call and they will respond.

Deputy Commissioner Soyk addressed the traffic concerns. The intersections of Dr. Martin Luther King at Quarropas will be researched by staff. Various directives were relayed to Mr. Anthony Marena.

It was agreed that the response to the County employee's concerns will be relayed by Ms. Briggs to the County employees.

Ms. McClain questioned Ms. Briggs with regards to an item in the email which was not addressed, a concern with East Post Road traffic. Ms. Briggs believes the concern was with traffic on East Post Road in the morning but was not certain of the details. The resident was to attend the meeting but did not and without the added information the concern could not be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:55AM

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July 11, 2016

Dear Deputy Commissioner Thomas Soyk,

Request: Suspend two hour parking on Ferris Avenue / Cemetery Road to Westview until construction is completed on Ferris Avenue

Reason: Difficult maneuvering cars every two hours while operating a small business. In addition we are paying for three tickets given to our employees last week.

After John Brandi employees received parking tickets this week I contacted Mayor Roach to discuss the parking problem on north Ferris Avenue (near the cemetery). John Larson from your department came out to assess the problem as well. First, I would like to compliment the Mayor and your department for a prompt and civil discussion of the issues.

The state has been working under the 287 bridge for the past month and the city is installing street pipes on Ferris Ave.

Two construction sites set up their yard across the street from our building blocking off parking end of Ferris to Westview. Cones are set up blocking parking and workers for state and city construction workers are parked on the north side of the street. The east side of Ferris was all day parking approved by you in 2005 (please see enclosed copy of letter). The south side of Ferris is 2 hour parking which we were forced to utilize since the construction site was using the non restricted side of the street.

Legal spots in front of John Brandi Co building are not utilized to allow workers space to move trucks and equipment.

Please consider removing 2 hour parking on the west side of Ferris from Cemetery Road to the driveway of Condon lumber (continue with no parking section for the impound lot allotted space).

There is no retail on Ferris and therefore a futile game of moving cars every two hours interrupting the work day schedule. Now, with the additional stress of noise, cherry pickers, lump trucks maneuvering all day long the parking authority has become vigilant with giving tickets.

Please see your letter from 2005 where you graciously assisted our company. We are hoping you once again can come up with a solution for this problem.

Sincerely,

Joanne Brandi

John Brandi Company - now in our 95th year of business



Ferris Ave.

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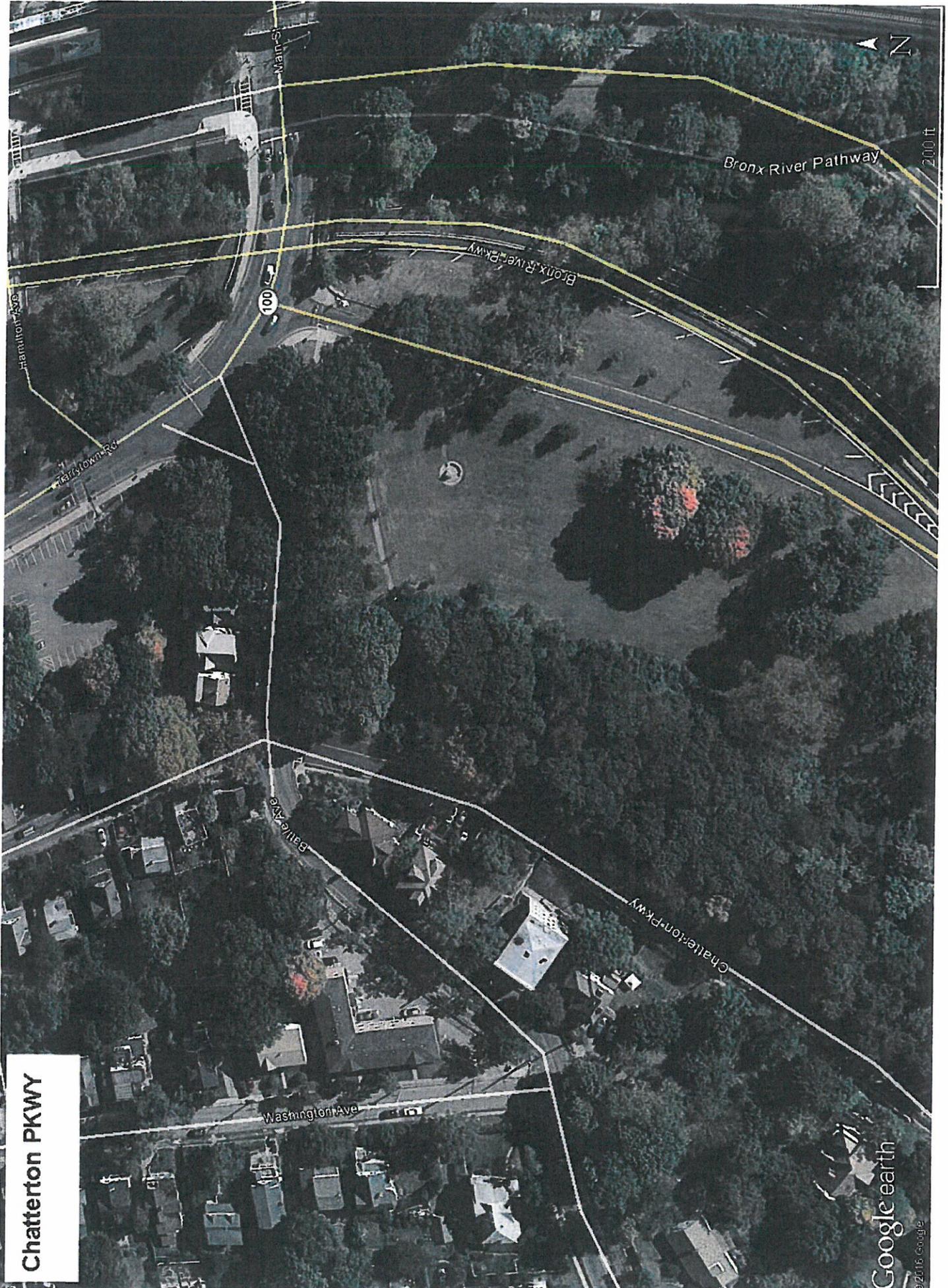
Date: Wed, Jul 13, 2016 at 10:39 AM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Us (Dropdown)

To: parking@whiteplainsny.gov

Contact Us (Dropdown)

First Name	Eric
Last Name	Leiseroff
Address1	81 Waldo Ave
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	White Plains
State	NY
Zip	10606
Phone Number	
Email Address	ec11@optonline.net
Whom would you like to contact?	Parking
Question / Comment	<p>Good Morning: My concern is as follows: When leaving WP from Tarrytown Rd to go to Battle Ave and making the first left turn to get onto Chatterton Parkway on the right side are usually 2 or 3 cars parked when permitted. When traffic comes down Chatterton the road is so narrow as 3 cars and sometimes buses are dangerously close to each other. The cars parked usually pull in the outside mirror so it would not get damaged. This is VERY dangerous and the parking should be prohibited. It only affects the first 2 or 3 spaces. Please check into this.. Thank you Eric Leiseroff</p>



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Marena, Anthony <amarena@whiteplainsny.gov>

Fwd: Traffic Commission Agenda Item Request

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Soyk, Thomas <tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov>

Thu, Jul 28, 2016 at 4:03 PM

To: Anthony Marena <amarena@whiteplainsny.gov>

For Transportation Commission

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From: **Carey Gouldner** <careyjulie@rocketmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 28, 2016 at 12:01 PM

Subject: Traffic Commission Agenda Item Request

To: tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov

Cc: "bbrady64@verizon.net" <bbrady64@verizon.net>, Brady William <wbb4@westchestergov.com>

July 27th, 2016

Dear Commissioner Soyk:

I am requesting that the City of White Plains Traffic Commission institute a No Parking Restriction between the hours of 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Monday - Friday for the westerly side of Greenridge Avenue between Bryant Avenue running southbound to Stratford Avenue and perhaps even down one more additional block to Bolton Avenue.

The 'all day' parkers have taken over Greenridge Avenue between Bryant & Stratford to the point that it is out of control. Cars start parking at 7:30 AM; immediately to the south of Bryant Ave at the S/W/C of Bryant & Greenridge.

By 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM the entire block is full of cars that will become 'all day parkers'. These cars are not moved until the end of the traditional workday between 4:30 PM & 5:30 PM. It should also be noted that on a number of occasions a van has been observed waiting to pick-up these 'all day parkers' to take them into the Downtown and Central Business District.

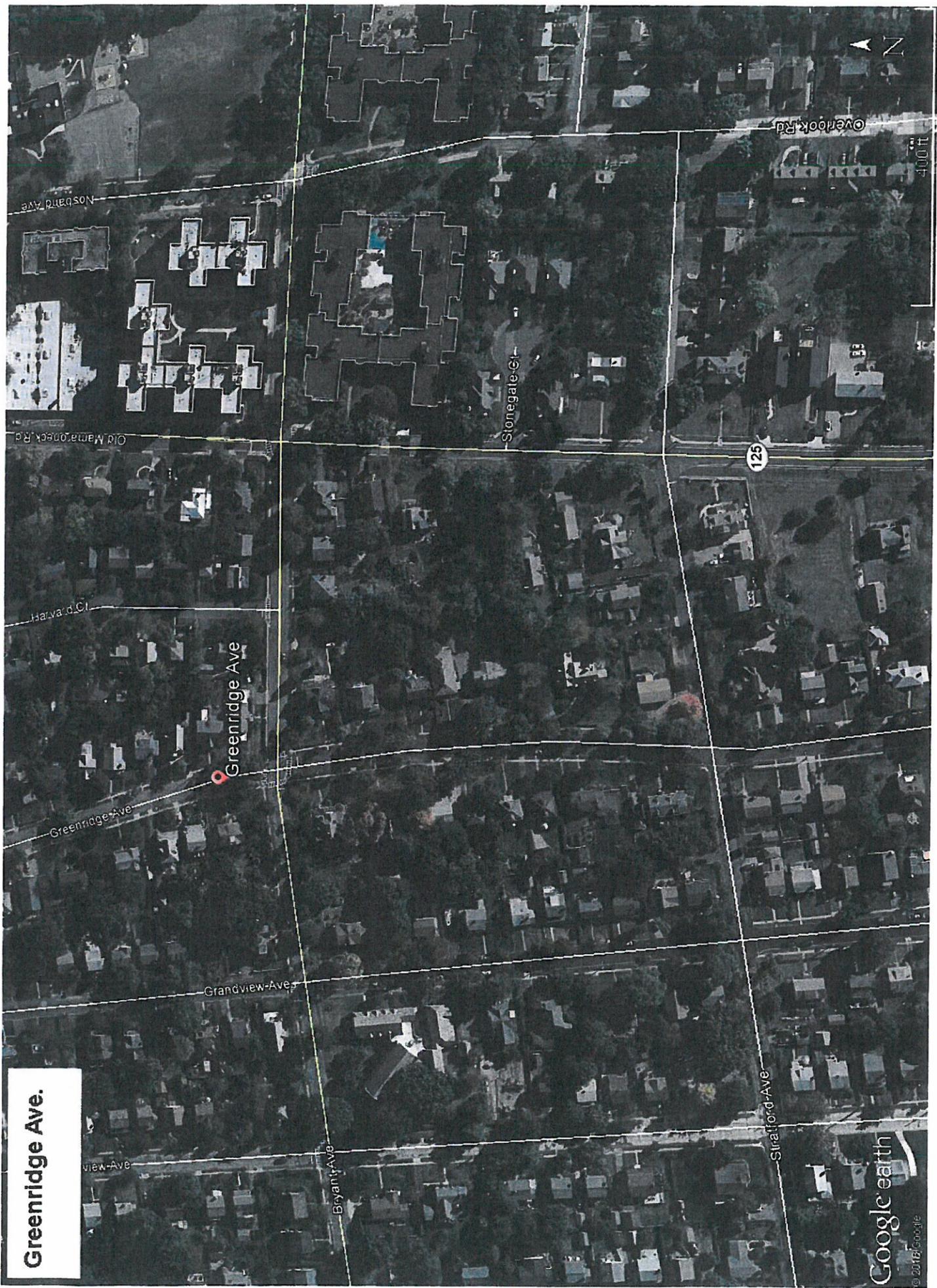
This has a direct impact on the availability of legal on-street parking for guests, employees & temporary workers of the residents living on our block. As you are aware, there is a permanent "No Parking Anytime" restriction on the entire easterly side of Greenridge Avenue from south of Maple Avenue to Bolton Avenue.

The Department of Sanitation "Robotic Arm Truck Driver" has to exit his garbage truck to manually move the new City issued garbage cans around from the parked cars so that the automated arm can engage with the receptacle. During the Fall leaf pick-up season the Dept. of Highway workers have to manipulate around all of these parked cars to effectuate the pick-up.

The aforementioned situation has gone on for the past couple of years and I have been remiss in making this formal written request to the Traffic Commission. The situation will be somewhat mitigated for the month of August due to the Summer vacation schedule, but the entire block will be solidly taken up with 'all day parkers' once the Summer ends after the Labor Day Weekend.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Carey Gouldner
105 Greenridge Avenue



Greenridge Ave.

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