

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday August 17, 2016

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Members Present: 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 Ignazewski, Supervisor of Enforcement

Members Absent: Tom Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking
Ken Burford

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to the Commissioner of Parking
Anthony Nester
Melissa Romero-Nolli

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the July 20, 2016 meeting was approved.

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 10:00AM - 11:00AM." She feels the current 1 hour restriction is too short.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and has 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.

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

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 the 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.

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

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.

The exact location was questioned by Ms. McClain. The area is at the end of Ferris Avenue next to the City impound and Ms. Brandi's building.

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

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 the parking restriction should be extended further from the intersection.

The staff field reviewed the location and felt 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.

Commissioner Larson questioned if it was improperly signed and a correction is needed. It was determined that a sign does already exist and its location is fine but instead of "No Parking" it should be "No Standing Here to Corner".

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

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 of Greeridge 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.

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

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. Communication from the 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.

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

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.

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

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

The staff has no traffic related concerns.

Mr. Anthony Nester on behalf of JMC/WPPC Owners, LLC., addressed the Commission. The application is to renovate the existing plaza to bring back its vibrancy, functionality and aesthetics for the patrons of the building, tenants, and the pedestrians of the City of White Plains. Commissioner Larson questioned whether there would be an increase to any square footage of the plaza in the plans, the response was no. The plans are to narrow the length of stairs that currently exist along the street to make it more pedestrian friendly. Mr. Nester stated that JMC's plans are to replace all of the existing

materials. New pavers and a raised platform area against the wall where the garage is located by Walmart facing the Green Wall proposed. The Green Wall, which is a living wall, is the main feature of the renovation measuring 63 feet long by 5 feet high.

There are no issues with regards to these renovations for the Transportation Commission.

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

V. ADDENDUM

1. Ms. Melissa Romero-Nolli addressed the Commission with regards to her traffic concerns. The left from Quarropas onto Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. has a traffic problem with cars waiting to make the left turn. Also, the area traveling down East Post Road where Davis Avenue intersects is a problem area as well. Commissioner Larson asked if there was anything specific Ms. Romero-Nolli is requesting from the Commission. The main issue she wishes the Commission to address is the left turn from Quarropas. It was decided that most likely the problem is due to volume in this area at certain times of the day. The timing of the traffic lights in this area will be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:41AM