

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of March 17, 2021

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Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking, Acting Chairman
John Larson, Commissioner of Parking
Eileen McClain, Senior Planner, Planning Department (for C. Gomez)
Nicholas Kralik, Capt.-Commander, Traffic Division (for D. Chong)
Udomlug Siriphonlai, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for R. Hope)
Daniel Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)
Melissa Briggs

Staff Members Present: Anthony Marena, Transportation Engineer
Edward Ignaszewski, Supervisor of Enforcement

Members Absent: Ken Burford

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Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner Larson
Diego Villareale
Ryan Souls
Rick Kearns
Neil Alexander

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting was approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. West Street – Request from Ms. D’Ambrosio to make West Street “One Way” between Hubbard Drive and Sylvan Road. She feels the roadway is too narrow and recently a school bus was involved in an accident.

The staff will be meeting in the field to discuss some alternatives. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk added that staff did meet and they were looking at different options for that location that we will potentially be making some modifications to the road.

This item was held.

2. Prospect Street – Request from Mr. Mike DeAngelis, to extend the 2-hour parking (Monday-Friday) restriction. Mr. DeAngelis states that cars are parking in front of his home all day and feels extending the restriction would address his concern.

The staff sent letters to the residents on Prospect Street between Winthrop Avenue and Howard Avenue. A response was received from a property owner who also owns another property to the west of Howard Avenue. He requested that we also poll residents on the next block. A second letter was sent to residents between Howard Avenue and Sterling Avenue. All of the responses to the first letter were to extend the two hour parking. Two out of four of the responses for the second letter did not want a change. Based on the responses the staff recommended that “Two Hour Parking 9AM-6PM Monday through Friday” be created on the north side of Prospect Street between Winthrop Avenue and Howard Avenue.

On a motion made seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. **85 North Lexington Avenue** – Request from Cuddy & Feder, LLP, on behalf of Greystar Real Estate Partners LLC, a/k/a the “Gateway II” for Site Plan Approval.

The staff has no objections.

Diego Villareale from JMC addressed the Commission, with Ryan Souls (Greystar), Rick Kearns (Handel Architects) and Neil Alexander (Cuddy & Feder). There was a short presentation of the proposed plans with relation to Gateway II. Proposed is a 500 unit residential apartment building with 19,000 square feet of ground floor retail space and approximately 750 parking spaces. The proposed project is bound by Hamilton Avenue on the south, Ferris Avenue on the West, North Lexington Avenue on the East, and New Street on the North. The main tower consists of a 25 story portion and has a 16 story intersecting portion.

Commissioner John Larson requested an update on the proposed pedestrian bridge on Lexington. Mr. Kearns replied that improvements are being done along the North Lexington Avenue corridor and on that side there will be a covered walkway for pedestrians.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk added that there are an additional 192 parking spaces connected with this parking that will continue to support the Gateway Office Building.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the site plan.

V. **ADDENDUM**

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:39AM.