

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY MARCH 24, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Gregory Cota, William Schuyler, Mary White, Kevin Posey, James Lewis, and Elizabeth Jones.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None were absent.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Traffic Studies Engineer, Faye Dastgheib, Principal Parking Planner, Chris Dowling, Traffic Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the February 24, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mrs. White, to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** Bob Garbacz updated the Board on the King Street Bike Lanes. He stated the City Council heard the matter at their last public hearing. The director presented his design and associated findings. Mr. Schuyler presented the Board's position. Afterward, there were approximately 70 speakers on the issue. After considerable discussion, the Council upheld Mr. Baier's design, added several pedestrian features, most notably a stop sign or signal at King and Upland, and will receive a project review of the operations of the intersection 18 months from the completion of the installation of the project features. The project review will come before the Traffic and Parking Board prior to going to Council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign along the east side of Elbert Avenue 45 feet before the intersection with Four Mile Road.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this issue.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. There was no further discussion on this item.

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

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove approximately six parking spaces along a curved section of Seay Street near the Longview Apartments in order to provide safe access for emergency vehicles.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this issue.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. The Board discussed removing parking on both sides of the curve instead of removing parking only on the north side of the curve along Seay Street.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jones, to approve Staff's recommendation but to come back to the Board in 6 months to determine if additional parking needs to be removed along the curve in order to provide safe access on Seay Street. The vote carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the hours of School Bus Loading and Unloading signs in front of Matthew Maury Elementary School from 8:00-8:45 A.M., and 2:15-3:00 P.M., to 7:00-8:00 A.M., and 2:00-4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this issue.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. There was no further discussion on this issue.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey, to approve Staff's recommendation and to investigate whether or not City Staff can change the time restrictions for school bus loading and unloading only signs to be consistent with school hours should the school's hours be changed. The vote carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to recommend to City Council to install "No Through Trucks" signs on North Early Street between Braddock Road and Menokin Drive.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Nancy Jennings, Bill Zeledon, and Carolyn Wallace spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. There was no further discussion on the issue.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to approve Staff's recommendation. The vote carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install "2 Hour Parking 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Saturday" signs on the west side of the 800 block of N. Henry Street between Madison Street and Montgomery Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this issue.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz and Faye Dastgheib presented this item to the Board. There was no discussion on this issue.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to approve Staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to reduce parking restriction hours from 3 hours to 2 hours and extend parking restriction times from 5 P.M. until 11 P.M. on the 800 block of Wolf Street, the 300 block of S Alfred St, and the 300 block of S Columbus Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: William Krumpelman II, Jacob Gallun, Pamela Zitron, and Robert Creason spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Faye Dastgheib presented the item to the board. The Board encouraged Staff to engage with the Alfred Street Baptist Church to encourage their members to take advantage of ASBC's alternative parking.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey, to approve Staff's recommendation and to request that staff engage the Alfred Street Baptist Church concerning the parking of their members on the local streets. The voted carried unanimously.