

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, 7 P.M.
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Ann Tucker, Annie Ebbers, Lavonda Bonnard, Casey Kane, Ashley Mihalik, and Kursten Phelps.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair James Lewis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Katy North, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; and Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the July 22, 2024, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
 - Parking Enforcement Contractor
 - Ms. Bonnard asked if staff had received feedback from the public, to which Ms McGraw responded that the Police Department (APD) meets with the contractor biweekly for feedback and relays some public feedback to T&ES staff as needed or requested. APD will evaluate the value and performance of the contractor at the end of the pilot year (January 2025).
 - Capital Bikeshare
 - Ms. Phelps requested more Capital Bikeshare (CaBi) stations in the West End. Mr. Kane urged the need for a CaBi station at the Del Pepper Community Resource Center and asked if staff needs the Board to escalate the issue to City Council.
 - Scooter Corrals
 - Ms. Tucker noted that the font size on the scooter corral etiquette signs is too small.
 - Curbside Management Workplan
 - Mr. Kane noted how helpful and powerful the Curb Space Prioritization Framework has been.
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Bob Cox spoke in support of the South Pickett Street Corridor Improvements as well as Duke in Motion and bike lanes generally. Mr. Cox also

noted his support for removing a travel lane in each direction on Cameron Station Boulevard, where he lives. Mr. Cox also requested that the equipment stored adjacent to the disability parking space in the Market Square Garage be moved to enable the space to be fully accessible.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. **ISSUE:** Disability Parking Space Addition – 3906 Old Dominion Boulevard

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to recommend the Director of T&ES designate one disability parking space at 3906 Old Dominion Boulevard. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Loading Zone Addition – 215 South Union Street

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to recommend the Director of T&ES add a loading zone at 215 South Union Street, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

7. **ISSUE:** Loading Zone Removal – 215 North Payne Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board. Ms. Mihalik raised concerns that deliveries would continue to be conducted in the travel lane, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that the president of the Loop assured staff that he would work the drivers to have them deliver goods in the property's parking lot. Mr. Kane asked if APD ever cites drivers for obstructing a travel lane or double parking, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that he would check with APD and report back.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Brian Comer testified in support stating that the new coffeeshop and gym generate new additional parking demand in the neighborhood and the additional parking supply would help to meet that new demand, and confirmed that delivery drivers most often do not use the loading zone to unload.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Mihalik made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps to recommend the Director of T&ES remove the loading zone at 215 North Payne Street and replace with the same restrictions on the remainder of the block. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Daylighting Administrative Procedure

DISCUSSION: Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board. Ms. Ebbers asked why the administrative approval for daylighting crosswalks is cumbersome, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that the procedure still requires a substantial amount of community outreach which defeats the purpose of streamlining the process for achieving daylighting

more quickly and to prioritize safety over parking. Mr. Kane noted that the City should include a reminder about Sec. 10-4-41 of the City Code when mailing the annual Residential Parking Permits. Mr. Kane raised concerns about this procedure and the signature requirement being exceptionally burdensome for those who may be affected by decreased visibility but don't necessarily live on the block or even near where daylighting is necessary.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Asa Orrin-Brown testified in support of staff's efforts to streamline daylighting requests but testified in opposition to the proposed requirement of collecting signatures of support from 100% of the property owners and/or occupants of the properties directly fronted by the proposed removal of parking.

Elena Hutchinson testified in support of staff's efforts to streamline daylighting requests but testified in opposition to the proposed requirement of collecting signatures of support from 100% of the property owners and/or occupants of the properties directly fronted by the proposed removal of parking.

Kevin O'Brien testified in support of staff's efforts to streamline daylighting requests but testified in opposition to the proposed requirement of collecting signatures of support from 100% of the property owners and/or occupants of the properties directly fronted by the proposed removal of parking.

Ken Notis testified in support of staff's efforts to streamline daylighting requests but testified in opposition to the proposed requirement of collecting signatures of support from 100% of the property owners and/or occupants of the properties directly fronted by the proposed removal of parking. Mr. Notis also requested that staff be provided with additional funding for installing infrastructure in the roadway to physically daylight intersections in addition to signage.

Mike Doyle testified in support of staff's efforts to streamline daylighting requests but testified in opposition to the proposed requirement of collecting signatures of support from 100% of the property owners and/or occupants of the properties directly fronted by the proposed removal of parking. Mr. Doyle also requested that staff consider near-miss data when evaluating the eligibility and need for daylighting in certain locations. Ms. Mihalik asked if Mr. Doyle could elaborate and state if Police or other entities consider near-miss data, to which Mr. Doyle responded that near-miss data is crowdsourced and shows that most near-misses occur in Old Town, Del Ray, and on Beauregard.

Zack DesJardins testified in support of staff's efforts to streamline daylighting requests but testified in opposition to the proposed requirement of collecting signatures of support from 100% of the property owners and/or occupants of the properties directly fronted by the proposed removal of parking.

Ms. Phelps raised the idea of the applicant simply logging the attempts to conduct outreach to the property owners and/or occupants fronted by the proposed parking removal as proof of outreach. Ms. Phelps also suggested that staff could post the locations at which daylighting was approved and implemented and where it was denied

on a daylighting-specific webpage. Mr. Kane suggested that there be two different procedures, one for who live on the block where daylighting is desired, and one for those who do not. Mr. Kane also stated that opposition must have a valid reason for opposing given how we must prioritize safety. Mr. Kane suggested that staff create a separate flow chart for each option that requestors can employ to daylight (e.g., 20 feet, 40 feet, NTIP, etc.) as well as a flow chart showing how daylighting has been implemented thus far.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to approve an administrative procedure to allow the Director of T&ES to remove up to 40 contiguous feet of on-street parking in addition to the 20 feet that staff can currently remove without Board approval per Sec. 5-8-3 (f) (1) for each approach for the purposes of daylighting an intersection, and that:

- requestors not be required to collect any signatures of support
- those opposed can request that the Board reconsider the decision to implement daylighting after signage installation, and
- staff report back on the performance, lessons learned, and suggestions for improvement of the procedure after the first round of daylighting is implemented via this procedure.

Mr. Kane suggested that the Intersection Daylighting Form be updated to reflect changes discussed and asked if the Board should recommend forgoing the form from the motion, to which Ms. Tucker responded that the Board doesn't typically make motions regarding forms to enable staff to make edits as needed. The motion carried four to two, with Ms. Mihalik and Ms. Tucker opposed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. **STAFF UPDATES:** Ms. McGraw provided the Board with an update regarding:
- Traffic and Parking Board Legislative and Budget Priorities and finalizing the FY2024 TPB Report
 - 200 Block of King Street Closure Pilot Update
 - New TPB Inbox for Public Comment
 - July TPB Items going to City Council
 - October & November Meetings

Ms. Tucker requested future Written Updates on the Automated Red Light Camera and Speed Camera Safety Programs as well as License Plate Reader Technology.

10. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Mr. Kane provided the Board with the following updates:
- There were many comments received for the changes proposed for the Duke Street Service Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ebbers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kane. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM