

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of January 16, 2019

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

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

Members Absent: Melissa Briggs
Ken Burford

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner Larson
John Collins

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting was approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Davis Avenue – Request from Mr. William Zarmsky, 102 Davis Avenue to create a “No Parking 10AM-11AM” in front of his home. Mr. Zarmsky states that cars are parked in front of his house and blocking his garbage pails on pick up days and that it is difficult for him to pull out of his driveway.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and has received a total of six responses. Four out of the six did not want a change to the restrictions. Based on this, the staff did not recommend any changes to the parking restrictions.

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ralph Avenue and Prescott Avenue – Request from Mr. Leonard Gruenfeld, 16 Midchester Avenue for an all way stop at this intersection. He feels that an all way stop would help reduce speeds on Prescott Avenue.

The staff field reviewed the location and the accident history. The accident history did not show a pattern of accidents correctable by the installation of an all way stop. The federal warrants for an all way stop are not met. Stop signs are not installed to reduce speeds. Based on the warrants not being met, the staff did not recommend an all way stop.

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

2. Gene Place – Request from Mr. John Barry, 5 Gene Place, to create a “No Parking Any Time” zone opposite his home to the corner. Mr. Barry feels the roadway is too narrow to allow parking

on both sides of the road and that the parked cars create difficulty for him to access his driveway as well as pose safety concerns.

The staff reviewed the location. The roadway in this area is approximately 20 feet wide. The staff recommended the Fire Department conduct a review of the area prior to making any changes to the parking restrictions.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that the Department of Public Safety will conduct a review and then will make a recommendation.

This item will be held.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

The referral item was received after the staff meeting. Therefore, the staff did not review or make any recommendations.

1. 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue, March of Dimes – Request from DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, on behalf of The Windward School for special permit and site plan approval for the property at 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue (March of Dimes).

John Collins, addressed the Commission. He stated that he was there to answer any questions regarding the relocation of the school. Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk said a queuing plan was submitted to show where the buses and cars would be queued. He stated that the new location (1275 Mamaroneck Avenue) is a much larger site than their current location on Windward Avenue. He added that no adjustments are planned for the driveway other than turn restrictions. There will be a lengthening of the left turn lane on Mamaroneck Avenue entering the school.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Daniel Spencer questioned why staff did not make a recommendation. Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that the referral was not received until after the staff meeting.

Captain Kralik expressed concerns regarding private vehicular traffic and its impact to the neighborhood. There is a church located across the street from the proposed site, he stated, as well as another project planned in the vicinity. The pending construction, as well as what currently exists, could impact the area traffic and must be taken into consideration. Captain Kralik felt the installation of a traffic signal was appropriate and should be considered at this location. He stated that he was aware that the bus plan has been submitted but the private vehicular traffic must be planned for as well.

Mr. Collins stated that traffic from the proposed school would primarily be in the morning and the afternoon and does not warrant a signal. Mr. Collins continued that if a traffic signal is installed at the school he has concerns about it being too close to the current signal at Rosedale. Deputy Corporation Counsel Daniel Spencer felt that there should be a study conducted of the area.

Mr. Collins stated that he would agree to the area being monitored for a possible signal location and it was so noted.

On a motion made seconded and carried, the Commission recommended that the main drive be monitored after the school is opened, and if needed, the City reserves the right to require the installation of a traffic signal. Deputy Corporation Counsel Dan Spencer was opposed.

V. ADDENDUM

1. Maple Avenue at Oakwood Avenue – Request from White Plains Hospital to allow the installation of a temporary traffic control signal at this intersection.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that the proposed temporary traffic signal will be located at Maple and Oakwood Avenues. The proposed signal is to allow pedestrians to cross to the south side of Maple Avenue due to the closure of the north side of Maple Avenue between Oakwood Avenue and Longview Avenue. The sidewalk closure will last for approximately two years.

On a motion made seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the temporary traffic signal.

ADJOURNMENT

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