

# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of Meeting of January 19, 2022

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Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking, Acting Chairman  
John Larson, Commissioner of Parking  
Elizabeth Mirisola, Sr. Asst. Corporation Counsel Law Dept. (for J. Callahan)  
David Chong, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
Udomlug Siriphonlai, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for R. Hope)  
Eileen McClain, Senior Planner, Planning Department (for C. Gomez)  
Honorable Richard Payne

Staff Members Present: Anthony Marena, Transportation Engineer  
Daniel McMahon, Captain, Operations Commander  
Edward Ignaszewski, Supervisor of Enforcement

Members Absent: Ken Burford  
Melissa Briggs

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner of Parking

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting was approved.**

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Smith Avenue** – Request from Rebecca and Sebastian Englemann, 25 Smith Avenue and Jackie Howell, 27 Smith Avenue to create a “No Parking 11AM-Noon Monday through Friday” (or similar) zone in front of their homes. Currently a “No Parking 10AM to 11AM” exists across the street and they would like a restriction with different hours to stop cars from parking on their street all day.

*The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and received six responses. Two of the responses did not want a change to the regulation. Based on the responses, the staff recommended that a “No Parking 10AM to 11AM” be created on the east side of Smith Avenue from Davis Avenue southerly to 27 Smith Avenue.*

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk added that this restriction will only be put in place at the houses that wanted the restrictions and not in front of the houses that were opposed.

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

**2. Colonial Road** – Request from Ms. Michelle Reluzco, 21 Colonial Road to install a crosswalk on Bryant Avenue to provide access to the high school from Colonial Road. Her child will be attending the high school next year and she feels that there is not a safe way to get there from her home.

*The staff conducted peak hour observations and did not observe any pedestrian activity at the intersections of Bryant Avenue at the high school driveway or at Colonial Road. The field review revealed that the pedestrian push button at the intersection of Bryant Avenue at the high school driveway was not working. The staff also noticed that vegetation is growing along the city right of way on Bryant Avenue minimizing room for pedestrians to walk comfortably. The pedestrian equipment has been repaired, which allows a pedestrian to cross Bryant Avenue during a walk phase and then walk along the grass section of Bryant Avenue to Colonial Road. The staff recommends that the Department*

*of Public Works contact the property owner to clear some of the vegetation to allow adequate width for pedestrians to walk.*

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

**3. Old Mamaroneck Road at Miles Avenue** – Request from Taylor McCaffrey, Senior Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Helen Keller National Center for the Deafblind on behalf of a Beverly Road resident to install accessible pedestrian signals at this intersection. They feel the installation of pedestrian crossing equipment would be beneficial to residents in the area.

*The staff confirmed that limited right of way exists in the northeast corner of the intersection. It appears that property acquisition would be needed to install pedestrian equipment and ramps. The staff did not feel that the cost associated with these improvements would benefit a large number of pedestrians. The staff did not recommend any changes to the intersection but recommended that this location be considered for a future capital improvement project to upgrade the signal and install pedestrian equipment with ramps.*

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

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Hall Avenue and George Avenue** – Request from Ms. Shamika Abdul-Basheer, 26 Hall Avenue to create an all way stop at this intersection. This intersection is currently a school bus stop. She feels that speeding is an issue in this area and that stop signs will slow the cars down.

*The staff field reviewed the location and accident history. The accident history did not show any accidents reported since June, 2010. The federal accident warrants for an all way stop are not met.*

*The staff recommended that sight lines at this intersection be reviewed prior to making a recommendation.*

**This item will be held so that sight lines can be reviewed.**

**2. Grandview Avenue** – Request from Ms. Shelli Friedberg, 5 Helena Avenue to make Grandview Avenue one way north bound between Prescott Avenue and Thomas Place during the drop off and pick up times. She feels that some cars are turning around in the middle of the roadway and it would be safer if the road was a one way.

*The staff expressed concerns about creating a temporary one way during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. However, the staff recommended that this item be held to allow observations of the activity at this location during the morning and afternoon.*

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that limited observations of the area were made and we will continue to look at this location. During these observations it was also noted that u-turns are an additional problem in the area. The school should be monitoring the situation as well. Deputy Commissioner Siriphonlai added that when drivers pull in there is nowhere for them to go. The school needs to be made aware of what is going on. Eileen McClain asked if there was a crossing guard at that location. It was stated that there is a crossing guard in the area but the guard cannot control u-turns.

**This item was held for observations.**

#### **IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**1. 50 Main Street, 34 S. Lexington Avenue & 1-11 Martine Avenue (City Square) –**

Request from Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of MG RMC Main LLC. The applicant is seeking approval of the following:

- A one year extension to the Site Plan Amendment Approval.

- Approval of a new canopy at the entrance to 34 South Lexington Avenue (The Metro).
- Parking and loading space modifications on Main Street and Martine Avenue.
- Landscape and walkway modifications at 11 Martine Avenue

*The staff has no objections.*

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

**2. 2 North Broadway** – Request from Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of WPP Owner, LLC for a second year extension to a previously approved Site Plan Amendment associated with exterior building signage.

*The staff has no objections.*

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

## **V. ADDENDUM**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:40AM.**