

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of February 15, 2023

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Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking, Acting Chairman
Elizabeth Mirisola, Sr. Asst. Corporation Counsel Law Dept. (for J. Callahan)
Udomlug Siriphonlai, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for S. Mignone)
John Roland, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety (for D. Chong)
Melissa Briggs

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

Members Absent: Kevin Livingston, Commissioner of Parking
C. Gomez, Commissioner of Planning Department
Ken Burford
Honorable Richard Payne

Staff Members Absent: Daniel McMahon, Captain Operations Commander

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner of Parking

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting was approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Hall Avenue** – Request from Mr. Kenneth Doonan, 107 Valley Road to restrict the parking in the vicinity of 63 Hall Avenue to create a “No Parking Any Time” in the area. He states that cars are parking in the area and not being ticketed for parking overnight.

The Department of Public Safety has continued to enforce the overnight regulation. The staff observed that vehicles are often parked partially on the roadway in this area throughout the day also. The staff recommended that the west side of Hall Avenue from Valley Road to 57 Hall Avenue be posted “No Parking Anytime”.

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

2. **101 Old Mamaroneck Road** – Request from Ms. Linda Puoplo, on behalf of the Board of Directors for 101 OMR Corporation to review traffic safety and quality of life concerns on Bryant Avenue. Ms. Puoplo’s letter requested that the Commission review the following:

1. Restrict/prohibit commercial traffic from Bryant Avenue, other than local deliveries, or restrict commercial traffic by weight limits on Bryant Avenue.
2. Increase visibility of school zone speed limit signs. The existing signs are no being noticed, nor are they restricting speed. Perhaps the addition of a speed camera? Better signage? A flashing light posting the school zone speed limit.

The staff discussed Ms. Puoplo’s requests and had the following comments:

1. *The staff conducted peak hour traffic counts. The staff will have a review of the volumes for next month’s meeting.*
2. *The staff felt that the school signs in the area should be updated and the school speed limit zone can possibly be extended. Since the speed limit may be lowered in the near future the staff recommended holding this item.*

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bryant Avenue – Request from Russell and Marie Wasp, 2 Bryant Crescent to create “No Through-Trucks” near his home. He feels the trucks are noisy and using this as a shortcut.

The staff recommended that this item be held to allow time to conduct a video study of the area to be conducted to determine the volume of trucks.

This item was held.

2. North Broadway – Request from Mary Briante, Benedict Avenue to review the parking along North Broadway between McBride Avenue and Holland Avenue. She feels the parked vehicles are obstructing the sight lines of vehicles exiting the side streets.

The staff recommended that this item be held to allow measurement of the sight lines.

This item was held.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

The following referral items were received after the staff meeting. Therefore, the staff could not review or make any recommendations.

1. 146 Westmoreland Avenue (Westmoreland Lofts) – Request from Zarin and Steinmetz, on behalf of Westmoreland Lofts, LLC, for a one year extension to the Common Council Resolution originally approved on January 3, 2017 for the mixed use building that will feature approximately 62 residential units.

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

2. Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center – Resolution of the Common Council of the City of White Plains in relation to proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map at 303, 305, 311, 315-17, and 317 North Street.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk specified that this was a change in zoning to allow for a different type of development which will be an extension of the pediatric center that is there now. We are not approving the site plan we are just allowing the change of the zoning. It does not appear to be a traffic issue.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the proposed amendments.

V. ADDENDUM

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:46AM.