

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of February 16, 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)
Udomlug Siriphonlai, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for R. Hope)
Claudio Benavides, Officer (for D. Chong)
Melissa Briggs

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

Members Absent: Honorable Richard Payne
Ken Burford

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 19, 2022 meeting was approved.

II. OLD 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 measured the sight lines. The sight lines were found to be adequate. The staff previously looked at the accident history which did not show any accidents reported since June 2010. The federal accident warrants for an all way stop are not met. Based on this, the staff did not recommend an all way stop at this intersection.

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

2. Grandview Avenue – Request from Ms. Shelli Friedberg, 5 Helena Avenue to make Grandview Avenue one-way northbound 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 conducted additional observations during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times. The staff observed three vehicles making “U-turns” at the intersection of Grandview Avenue at the school driveway. In order to facilitate egress during the morning drop off time school staff are preventing cars from entering the driveway at its intersection with Grandview Avenue. When the drivers approached the school driveway they were forced to make a “U Turn” since Thomas Place is a “One Way”. The staff does not recommend creating a “No-U Turn” in this area since an alternative method of egress does not exist if the school driveway is restricted. The staff previously expressed concerns about creating a temporary one way during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. The staff recommended that the school be contacted and that signage at the driveways be added indicating the times of restrictions or to make the driveway one-way outbound at all times.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk added that although this sounds complicated a meeting needs to take place with the school. The school needs to understand that drivers should not be forced to make a U-Turn and they need to devise an alternate method of dealing with that location.

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Soundview Avenue – Request from Ms. Jesimae Ossorio, Principal, Post Road School, to install a flashing school speed limit sign on Soundview Avenue to assist in slowing down drivers.

The staff is not opposed to the installation of a flashing school speed limit sign on Soundview Avenue in the vicinity of the school. Due to the lack of utility poles on the east side of the roadway a solar powered sign would be preferred to simplify the installation. The staff recommended that a flashing school speed limit sign be installed on Soundview Avenue northbound.

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

2. Nosband Avenue – Request from Ms. Juliana Luecking, to modify the existing handicapped parking space on Nosband Avenue to make it wheelchair accessible.

The staff field reviewed the location to determine if an accessible ramp could be installed for the existing parking space. It does not appear that this can be easily constructed. The staff recommended that this item be held to allow time to determine if an accessible parking space can be added in the vicinity.

This item was held.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

V. ADDENDUM

1. 146 Westmoreland Avenue – Request from Zarin and Steinmetz, on behalf of Westmoreland Loft, LLC, for an extension of the Site Plan and Special Permit Approval.

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

2. 1111 Westchester Avenue – Request from McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP on behalf of Westpark Associates NY, LLC, for an extension of the Site Plan Amendment Approval.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:36AM.