

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of May 17, 2023

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Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking, Acting Chairman
Kevin Livingston, Commissioner of Parking
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)
Eileen McClain, Senior Planner (for C. Gomez)
Melissa Briggs

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

Members Absent: Ken Burford
Honorable Richard Payne

Staff Members Absent: Daniel McMahon, Captain Operations Commander

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner of Parking
Chloe Jensen

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting was approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. **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 visibility of school zone speed limit signs. The existing signs are not being noticed, nor are they restricting speed.

The staff felt that the school signs in the area should be updated however the staff recommends holding this until the city-wide speed limit changes are approved.

It was recommended that this item be removed until the reduced city-wide speed limits are implemented. It will be placed back on the agenda after the city-wide speed limits are implemented.

2. **Harwood Avenue** – Request from Rabbi Michael Goldman, 8 Harwood Avenue to review the parking restrictions or consider permits for residents in the neighborhood. He feels that the current restrictions no longer work in our new work from home world.

The staff mailed letters to the residents in the area. The staff recommended holding this item to allow for additional responses to be received.

We have received approximately three responses as of today.

This item was held.

3. **Park Avenue** – Request from Mr. Ittan P. George, Vice President St. Mary’s Church, to install a handicapped parking space and wheelchair access at the curb to the new ramp at the church located at 99 Park Avenue.

The staff field reviewed this location, due to the width of the roadway and sidewalk an accessible space cannot be installed.

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lynton Place – Request from Lisandra De La Rosa, a Lynton Place resident, to review the parking restrictions. She feels that the current one-hour restriction is too short and should either be increased or eliminated.

Prior to recommending any regulation changes, the staff recommended that the residents be polled to determine if they would like a longer duration or to eliminate the restriction.

This item was held so that residents can be polled.

2. Hall Avenue – Request from Chloe Renee A. Jensen, 57 Hall Avenue to remove the handicapped parking space in front of her home. She would also like us to create parking for residents in the area adjacent to her home. This area was recently posted as a “No Parking Any Time” due to a complaint from another resident. She stated that parking is needed in the area since she and other residents do not have driveways.

The staff recommended that the handicapped parking space in front of 57 Hall Avenue be removed. Ms. Jensen discussed a possible purchase of the adjacent property or creating a lot on the property. Those requests do not fall under the purview of the Transportation Commission but her possible options can be discussed at the meeting.

Chloe Jensen, 57 Hall Avenue, addressed the Commission. She expressed her concern for the lack of parking in the area. She inquired about seemingly available areas in her proximity. She also

inquired about areas on Hall, Woodcrest, as well as the City possibly offering permit parking at Delfino Park overnight.

Ms. Jensen has been placed on waitlists for the municipal public lots in the area but she expressed concerns for the lack of areas that existed for municipal public parking. Additionally, she would like, as previously stated, the handicapped space in front of her home removed.

Thomas Soyk replied that one of her suggestions for permit parking at Delfino Park was not a possibility because it is used for the skating rink and ball fields. While there seems to be a lot of spaces we could not guarantee availability to offer municipal public permit parking.

Unfortunately, the space adjacent to her home does not have the correct measurements to make a parking area. We would need at least 20 feet to make a municipal public parking area and we would not design parking that requires someone to back out onto a city street.

The area between Woodcrest and Kensico is partially state property. Some of that area is designated for drainage. Creating a lot there is not possible either.

A recommendation was made to hold this item an additional month to see if there is any public parking solutions for that area. The staff recommendation to remove the handicapped parking space still applies.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation as well as holding this item for additional review.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. 250 Mamaroneck Avenue – Request from Cuddy and Feder, LLP on behalf of Southern Land Company, LLC, the current owner of the property located at 250 Mamaroneck Avenue for a one-year extension of the Amended Site Plan Approval and Special Permit for the redeveloping of the

property commonly identified as the YMCA property, for a mixture of multifamily and residential units and retail uses.

The staff has no objections.

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

2. 161 S. Lexington Avenue (Brookfield Commons) – Request from Cuddy and Feder LLP on behalf of White Plains Housing Authority and Trinity Financial, Inc. for Site Plan and Special Permit Approval for construction of multi-family residential project known as “Brookfield Commons-Phase 3”.

The staff has no objections.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the Site Plan and Special Permit Approval.

3. 131 Mamaroneck Avenue – Request from Gensler Architects, on behalf of Citigroup Inc. associated with a proposed Citibank retail branch tenancy on the grade level of 131 Mamaroneck Avenue (aka “The Mitchell”). The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Site Plan Approval per section 7.7 of the Zoning Ordinance and Section 9-10-41© of the White Plains Sign Ordinance.

The staff has no objections.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the amendment to the Site Plan Approval.

V. ADDENDUM

ADJOURNMENT

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