

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday September 21, 2016

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Members Present: Tom Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking
John P. Larson, Commissioner of Parking
Anthony Carr, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for R. Hope)
Daniel Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)
James R. Bradley, Deputy Commissioner (for D. Chong)
Eileen McClain, Senior Planner (for C. Gomez)
Melissa Briggs
Ken Burford

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

Members Absent:

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Carey Gouldner
Rich Constantino

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting was approved.

II. Old Business

1. Greenridge Avenue - Request from Mr. Carey Gouldner, 105 Greenridge Avenue to create a "No Parking 10AM to 11AM Monday thru Friday" on the west side of Greenridge Avenue between Bryant Avenue and Stratford Avenue or possibly an additional block to Bolton Avenue. Mr. Gouldner states that this section of roadway is filled with all day parkers and that often a van has been observed waiting to pick up all day parkers to take them downtown.

The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and has received several responses, however the staff recommended that this item be held another month to allow time for additional responses.

Deputy Commissioner Soyk stated: In the last week, more responses were received with only one opposed to this new regulation. It is not recommended to hold this item for additional time because it is not likely the numbers will change. It is recommended to proceed with granting the request. Mr. Gouldner added that the problem has been going on for years and residents have been hoping it would go away when he finally decided to write the letter. It interferes with garbage pickup. It was recommended by Deputy Commissioner Soyk that the regulation be put into effect by placing signs on Greenridge Avenue between Bryant Avenue and Stratford Avenue.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the recommendation of Deputy Commissioner Soyk.

III. New Business

1. Overlook Road - Request from Ms. Beth Wooters, 80 Overlook Road to remove the "2 Hour Parking" on Overlook Road. She states she often receives tickets and does not feel the restriction is needed since it is a residential area.

The staff has already sent letters to the residents in the area and has received several responses, however the staff recommended that this item be held another month to allow time for additional responses.

Deputy Commissioner Soyk commented that it did not seem like we would get many additional responses and he believed that we could identify a location to cut regulations based on the responses so far. The recommendation made was to remove the regulation north of the southern boundary of address number 90 for that section of Overlook Road. The regulation was a two hour regulation.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved Deputy Commissioner Soyk's recommendation.

2. Hall Avenue @ Woodale Place - Request from Mr. Richard Constantino, 998 Hall Avenue to install a Stop sign on Hall Avenue southbound. Mr. Constantino has witnessed many near misses and this location is also a school bus stop. He feels a stop sign would make the intersection safer.

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

Mr. Constantino addressed the Commission he disagreed that a stop sign would not make a difference. He stressed the need to be proactive and not reactive. There is a bus stop in the area that is of concern. You cannot see coming down Hall and people entering the City from West Harrison are speeding. He has letters from the neighbors and has been working with the police department. He felt that there must be some kind of deterrent.

Deputy Commissioner Soyk suggested that there are other adjustments that can help the present problems at that intersection. DPW can address the growth and request that homeowner's in the

area cut back to improve sight distance. A temporary electronic sign can be installed that initially takes baseline data and then records speed in the area and displays the current speed to drivers. The information is shared with police to follow up with enforcement as needed.

Deputy Commissioner Soyk added that there were not a lot of accidents in that area but we will address the concerns with our available resources.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

3. Mamaroneck Ave - Request from Ms. Jennifer Hahn, to increase the parking meter time limit for the meters on Mamaroneck Avenue in the vicinity of the YMCA. She states that the YMCA does not have any parking for members and that the current one hour limit is not adequate for working out there.

The staff discussed Ms. Hahn's request. Since the majority of the businesses in this area need short term parking and since there are municipal lots and garages nearby, they did not recommend any changes to the time limit for these meters.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue (OSG Mamaroneck, LLC) - Request for extension to the special permit and site plan approvals.

The staff has no traffic related concerns.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

2. 12 Water Street (Westchester Bank) - Request to relocate an existing exterior sign at 12

Water Street.

The staff has no traffic related concerns.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.

V. ADDENDUM

1. West Post Road (The Boulevard) - Request from the Planning Department to discuss the previously proposed "bulb out" on West Post Road in front of "The Boulevard" site.

There has been further discussion with DPW regarding one location, the intersection of Post Road at Highland Avenue. While "bulb outs" can be a problem for the plows, it has the positive impact of making the crosswalk distance shorter. It was recommended that there be only one crossing at Highland which would be on the east side of that Highland and Post intersection. The "bulb out" would be on the south side of that crosswalk. That will be the only bulb out for this site.

The Commission would have to modify the correspondence to the council regarding the change to the plan in that regard.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the change.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:45AM.