MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
March 12, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012, at the Sonny West Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Gene Ward, Chairperson	Council Member Frank Harrison
Richard Morin, Vice Chair	Breonus Mitchell Sr
Feller Brown	Brenda Sanderson
Sgt. Denton, MPD	Steven Turner
John Green	

Staff Members

Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech II	Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer
Julie Herring, CNT	Benny Word, Collier Engineering
Jenny Howard, Legal Advisor	Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator

Guests
As noted in minutes

Chairperson Gene Ward called the meeting of March 12, 2012 to order at 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gene Ward mentioned Ordinance No. BL2006-1050 regarding the appeals process of the Traffic and Parking Commission.

"If you are not satisfied with a decision made by the Traffic & Parking Commission, you may appeal the decision by filing for a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court. Your appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the entry of the Commission's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Morin moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Green and **approved with no opposition.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Morin moved for approval of the February 13, 2012 Minutes and seconded by Mr. Green and **approved by voice vote with no opposition.**

APPEALS

1. Request to appeal the installation of permit parking on both sides of Barton Avenue from 24th Avenue South to 26th Avenue South from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday-Friday and one hour non- permit parking and both sides of 25th Avenue South from Fairfax Avenue to Barton Avenue from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday-Friday and one hour non-permit parking. ***Deferred from November 2011.***

Ms. Marshall stated that the original request was approved in September 2011. She stated the justification behind the permit parking was the petition signed by over 75 percent of the neighborhood. Since the implementation of the signs, Martin Learning Center has expressed concerns. Representatives from Martin Learning Center stated that it is a must to have on street parking for the attendees of the meeting. The removal of the restriction was requested in fall 2011. Public Works staff recommended that the parking restrictions remain in place, therefore, resulting in the appeal heard in November 2011.

Council Member Burkley Allen stated she was there representing District 18. She stated that the residents of the neighborhood and representatives of the Martin Learning Center have worked together and try to come up with a solution that works with everyone. She stated that Martin Learning center needs more spaces closer to the facility that they can use. Council Member Burkley is asking that Public Works change the one hour non permit parking to two hour non permit parking to allow time for Eakin Elementary parents enough time at the school.

Ms. Meredith Libbey, representative for Metro Schools and also a resident of Fairfax, stated that she is very familiar with the parking issues. She stated that she agrees with Council Lady Allen and is requesting that the 1 hour non permit parking be changed to two hour non permit parking.

Mr. Gary Shockley stated that he lives on the corner of Fairfax Ave. and 25th Ave. He stated that it has made a small difference with the permit parking, however, there are still parking issues that need to be enforced. He is request that the commission deny the request to appeal the permit parking.

Ms. Keysha Ray stated that she manages the Martin Learning Center and that they have hired security to monitor their parking lot and the streets surround it making sure that there attendees are not in violation. She said that they would like to see four hour non permit parking, but will make the two hour work if they can get that.

Commissioner Ward closed the public hearing.

Ms. Sanderson asked how permits were issued in that area.

Ms. Marshall responded and stated that 30-40 have been issued for that area.

Ms. Sanderson asked if there was a fee

Ms. Marshall noted there is a ten dollar annual fee.

Mr. Morin asked if a resident has a permit, is it possible that the resident cannot park in front of their home?

Ms. Marshall stated that if there is someone occupying the space in front of the resident's home they currently have one hour at the space before we can enforce.

Mr. Turner asked the residents how things have improved since the regulations went into place in September.

Mr. Nearhaus responded to Mr. Turner's question by stating that it is a little better except when the Martin Learning Center is having a conference.

Rev. Mitchell made a motion to **deny** the appeal, seconded my Mr. Green and **approved with no opposition.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 12-03: Consent Agenda**

- Authorize all way stops on:
  - East Fairview Dr. at Haynes Park Dr.
  - Ordway Pl at N 17th St
  - Pitts Ave at Clifton
- Authorize stop signs on:
  - Oxford St. at Norvel Ave.
  - Oakfield Way at Oakfield Grove
- Prohibit Trucks over 8 tons on Bienville Dr. from Nolensville Pk. to Sunnywood Dr.
- Modify speed limit on Brook Hollow and Davidson Rd from 35 mph to 30 mph. ***Change in records only.***
- Modify speed limit on Anderson Rd from Smith Springs Rd to Couchville Pk from 40 mph to 35 mph.

REPORTS

1. Parking
2. Engineering

Mr. Morin made a motion to **approve**, seconded by Ms. Sanderson and **approved with no opposition.**

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 12-03 authorized by Chapter 9 of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as amended

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Traffic and Parking Commission of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as follows:

SECTION I: That Chapter 12 of said Metropolitan Code, said Chapter being entitled 'Vehicles and Traffic' is amended as follows:

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be published in a daily newspaper in Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee and that a certified copy be filed with the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police Department, and that a certified copy be filed with the Metropolitan clerk, and that said Resolution take effect five (5) days thereafter.

APPROVED: March 12, 2012 EFFECTIVE: March 17, 2012

The above mentioned Resolution items were previously approved under the Consent Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Sgt. Denton moved to ***adjourn***, seconded by Mr. Morin and ***approved by voice vote with no opposition***. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved on this the 9th day of April, 2012.

Assistant Director
Department of Public Works

Chairperson
Traffic and Parking Commission