

MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
JULY 8, 2019

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The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 8, 2019 in the Lentz Public Health Department. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Chairman John Green called the meeting of July 8, 2019 to order at 3:00 p.m.

Commission Members

John Green, Chairman	Officer -absent
Betsy Williams	Nora Kern
Saralee Woods	Larry Hagar, CM
Marvin Neal	Feller Brown, Vice Chairman
Karen Robbins	

Staff Members

Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer	Teresa Costonis, Legal Advisor
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator	Mary Peoples, Administrative Asst.
Korby Bowden, Engineer Tech Senior	

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Green 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

Commissioner Woods moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hagar, and **approved with no opposition**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brown moved for **approval** of the June 10, 2019 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Woods, and **approved with no opposition**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda 19-07 was presented and a motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Commissioner Woods to remove items (f) and (i). The consent agenda was presented again and a motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Woods to approve. All in favor no opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution 19-07

Mandatory Referrals

- a) **CD17: 2019M-018AB-001-** A request for the abandonment of right-of-way and easement of an unnumbered alley from Alley #1140 eastward to the dead end between Charlotte Avenue and Trevor Street (see sketch for details), requested by Barge Cauthen and Associates, applicant.

Parking Regulations

- b) **CD19:** Authorize No Parking on the south side of Palmer Place from 8th Ave. to 250' west of 8th Ave.; requested by KCI Technologies
- c) **CD19:** Authorize 50' loading zone on the south side of Lea Ave. just west of 8th Ave.; requested by KCI Technologies
- d) **CD17:** Authorize no parking on the south side of Bradford Ave. from 8th Ave. to 300' west of Franklin Rd.; requested by KCI Technologies
- e) **CD19:** Request to remove valet at 601 12th Ave. South; requested by Parking Management Company
- f) **CD19:** Request to install valet parking on the east side of Almond St. at Molloy; requested by Town Park

Commissioner Kern wanted to know if this street is wide enough for valet parking. Per Diane Marshall, it does have adequate space it is about 30 feet wide. Currently, there is one valet location on the front of the hotel and are requesting this for valet overflow.

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve this request; motion was seconded by CM Hagar. All in favor no opposition, motion passed.

- g) **CD21:** Requested to install valet parking at 1703 Church St.; requested by The Parking Company
- h) **CD18:** Request for valet parking on 20th Ave. at Belcourt; requested by Parking Management Company
- i) **CD19:** Request for a shuttle stop at 414 Union St.; requested by Nashville Downtown Partnership

Commissioner Kern inquired about this item; she has broader concerns with Union Street.

Russell Payne, Nashville Downtown Partnership, spoke regarding this request. He stated that this location will serve about 1500 people per day. It will be a better way to handle pedestrian traffic from a safety perspective and it is a shared stop with MTA for that particular building.

Chip Knauf, Metro Public Works, stated that we need to look at the general layout and overlay for downtown in general. He understands both sides of the argument.

Mr. Payne reiterated the environmental benefits of this location and the effectiveness of having this stop.

Commissioner Kern stated that she wanted to make sure we are not adding more cars on Union St. She inquired about plans to do a study on valet locations downtown.

Chip Knauf, gave an explanation of an ideal situation on this street. He said a study would have to be done for the entire downtown area.

Commissioner Green wanted to know if there is a map that shows all of the valet and shuttle stops are. He stated it would be nice to have for reference.

Chip Knauf stated that there is one that could be updated and distributed to the Commission.

Commissioner Kern wants the minutes to reflect her broader concern. She feels that the commission is making decisions without having enough information. We need more information to make better future decisions as to how the downtown traffic lanes would best function.

Commissioner Stewart asked for an overview of all the locations currently operated by Nashville Downtown Partnership as well as a schedule so that the commission can know long term how it fits into the current plan.

Motion was made by CM Hagar and seconded by Commissioner Woods to approve the valet at this location. All in favor no opposition.

- j) **CD18:** Request for a loading zone at 1800 20th Ave. N.; requested by The Moxy Hotel

Traffic Regulations

- k) **CD26:** Authorize no trucks over 8 tons on Overton Rd. from Hill Rd. to Hogan Rd.; requested by CM Elrod
- l) **CD19:** Request for new traffic signal on 3rd Ave and Monroe.; requested by Neuhoff Development
- m) **CD19:** Request for new traffic signal on 2nd Ave. and Monroe; requested by Neuhoff Development
- n) **CD19:** Request for new traffic signal on 2nd Ave. and Taylor; requested by Neuhoff Development
- o) **CD18:** Request for new traffic signal at 24th Ave. S. and Pierce Ave.; requested by Vanderbilt Police Dept.
- p) **CD8:** Authorize all-way stop at Highland Circle and East Campbell; requested by CM Reece
- q) **CD20:** Authorize all-way stop at Ewing Ave. and Ash St.; requested by Ragan Smith Engineering
- r) **CD24:** Authorize all-way stop at Montgomery Bell Ave.; requested by KCI Technologies

APPEAL

1. Appeal for all-way stop at Stokes Lane and Stokesmont Rd.; requested by CM Pulley
2. Appeal for reduced speed limit on Stokes Lane from 35 mph to 25 mph; requested by CM Pulley
3. Appeal for reduced speed limit on Battlefield Dr. from 35 mph to 25 mph; requested by CM Pulley

Paul Morris, resident on Stokes Lane, he stated that his concern is that the street is a cut through and has become a bit of a problem because of the increased number of pedestrians. He presented a petition signed by the neighborhood to show interest in reducing speed limits on the mentioned streets. He wanted to know why the neighborhood was not eligible for speed cushions or stop signs.

Chip Knauf, Metro Public Works, gave statistical information regarding the driver speeds obtained in the traffic study in May 20, 2019.

Derek Hagerty, Metro Public Works Traffic Calming, gave a brief explanation of traffic calming and how it works with the different types of streets in the Nashville area. He further explained that Stokes is a collector street and we want it to function that way. He stated there may be alternatives that may help to calm speeding, he will explain in his presentation later today. He suggested that Mr. Morris and his neighborhood group apply for traffic calming and go through that program to get results.

Mr. Morris stated that he would like to work with the traffic calming program to get something in place to help with speeding.

Commissioner Kern made motion to defer item (1) for three meetings, to allow time to work with the traffic calming program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods. All in favor, no opposition.

Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve item (2), speed limit reduction. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kern. All in favor no opposition.

Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve item (3), speed limit reduction. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagar. All in favor, no opposition.

Other Items

- 1. Parklet Program update; Metro Planning Department

Elwyn Gonzalez, Metro Planning, gave an update on the Parklet Program. He gave the details of the chosen location for the parklet that will be installed.

Eric Hoke and Jolie Ayn Hockey, Civic Design Center, were present to detail the design of the pet-friendly parklet. They went over a Powerpoint presentation with pictures of the structure which will be located in front of Mike’s Ice Cream on 2nd Avenue.

- 2. Traffic Calming Update; Metro Public Works

Derek Hagerty, Metro Public Works, did a presentation on Metro Nashville Traffic Calming Program. He gave highlights of the process and guidelines for participation in the program. In addition, he explained the data collection and prioritization model guidelines.

- 3. Traffic and Parking Commission meeting for August 12 will be held at Lentz Public Health Department at 3:00 p.m.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 19-07 authorized by Chapter 9 Of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as amended

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: July 8, 2019

EFFECTIVE: July 8, 2019

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Officer Gilliland moved to **adjourn**, seconded by Commissioner Woods and **approved by voice vote with no opposition**. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Approved on the 8th day of July, 2019.

Department of Public Works

Chairperson Traffic and Parking Commission