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Community Development Department

PARKING COMMITTEE
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026 @ 5:00PM
City Council Chambers
37 Green Street, Concord, NH 03301

Committee Members in Attendance:

Brent Todd, City Councilor, Parking Committee Chair
Mark Davie, City Councilor (*arrived at 5:03 p.m.*)
Aislinn Kalob, City Councilor
Judith Kurtz, City Councilor
Ali Sekou, City Councilor (*arrived at 5:04 p.m.*)

Absent:

None

Staff:

Tim Thompson, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development
David Florence, Parking Supervisor

Public:

Tony Schinella
Jim Corkham, Concord High School
Hannah Whitmer
Michael Donovan
Crissie Ferrara
Serena Varley
Paul Varley
Janet Dineen
Megan Hewey

Chair Todd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome by Chair Todd: Chair Todd welcomed those in attendance, and informed the audience that items would be taken out of order from the agenda based on people in attendance for specific items.

2. Adoption of April 27, 2026 Minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Kurtz and duly seconded by Councilor Kalob to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Davie arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Councilor Sekou arrived at 5:04 p.m.

3. Citizen Requests and City Council Referrals

- 1 g) Citizen Request: Concord High School Parking Discussion with incoming CHS Principal Jim
2 Corkum (*at request of Tony Schinella following up on 2025 requests*)
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4 Mr. Schinella and Mr. Corkum discussed the challenges of parking in the area surrounding
5 Concord High School (CHS). Mr. Schinella in particular encouraged the committee to look at
6 expanding parking opportunities in the area around the school, and asked that the committee
7 reconsider 2 of his previous requests (20-minute parking on Warren Street and the
8 enforcement hours for those spaces) and further study broader changes to parking in the areas
9 surrounding CHS. Mr. Corkum added that most meetings that take place at the school are
10 longer than 20 minutes and parking for any meeting by parents is challenging.
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12 Mr. Thompson referred the committee to his 2023 memo and summary of the existing parking
13 restrictions related to CHS, and reminded the committee that the policy direction for years
14 relative to CHS was to minimize the impact of student parking on the surrounding
15 neighborhoods, and that expanding parking in these areas would be a significant policy shift.
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17 The committee discussed the challenges of parking in the area, determined that discussion of
18 the CHS area would be a recurring agenda item, and determined that the initial 2 requests
19 should be move on to the City Council.
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21 On a motion made by Councilor Kalob and seconded by Councilor Sekou, the Committee
22 unanimously directed staff to prepare an ordinance to increase the maximum parking time on
23 spaces on the north side of Warren Street between Westbourne Road and the entrance to CHS
24 from 20 minutes to 1 hour.
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26 On a motion made by Councilor Kurtz and seconded by Councilor Kalob, the Committee
27 unanimously directed staff to prepare an ordinance to reduce the enforcement hours for the
28 spaces on the north side of Warren Street between Westbourne Road and the entrance to CHS
29 from 7 a.m. to midnight to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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- 31 f) City Council Re-Referral: Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code;
32 Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6, Schedule I, to
33 modify no parking restrictions on Church Street between Bradley and Rumford Streets
34 (***Referred back to the Parking Committee at the May 11, 2026 City Council meeting***)
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36 Mr. Thompson summarized the City Council's decision to re-refer the ordinance back to the
37 Parking Committee.
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39 Ms. Whitmer, Ms. Ferrara, and Mr. Donovan presented their thoughts to the committee. They
40 expressed thanks to Councilor Davie for organizing a meeting of those residents in the area.
41 The Committee and residents discussed the issues associated with parking along the stretch of
42 Church Street, and reached consensus on a compromise position of a seasonal restriction on the
43 north side of the street located between Jackson and Lyndon Streets.
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45 On a motion made by Councilor Kurtz and seconded by Councilor Kalob, the Committee
46 unanimously directed staff to prepare a modification to the tabled ordinance to enact a winter
47 season (January 1 through March 1) parking restriction on the north side of Church Street
48 between Jackson and Lyndon Streets.
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- 50 b) City Council Referral/Citizen Request: Columbus Avenue Parking Sign (*referred by City Council*
51 *on 4/13/26*) and request from Columbus Avenue Residents to remove parking restrictions on
52 the east side of roadway (*Serena & Paul Varley, Pete & Molly Brandt, Sarah & DJ Burdette, and*
53 *Charlie Russell*) ***Continued from 4/27/26***
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1 Mr. Thompson summarized the changes to the previously prepared staff memo in April, due to
2 an error in the side of the street the residents are seeking to change the parking restrictions on,
3 concluding that the decision to make a change would be a policy decision, and not one that
4 requires any planning or engineering design consideration.

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6 Mr. & Mrs. Varley noted that the majority of their neighbors were in support of the request to
7 remove the school year parking restrictions from the west side of Columbus Avenue, due to the
8 availability of on-site parking at Bishop Brady High School, which has seen less utilization over
9 recent years and plenty of open and available spaces during the school day.

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11 On a motion made by Councilor Sekou and seconded by Councilor Kalob, the Committee
12 unanimously directed staff to prepare an ordinance to remove the school year (September
13 through June 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.) parking restriction on the west side of Columbus Avenue.

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15 a) Citizen Request: Request for a comprehensive traffic study of Knoll and Wyman Streets to
16 implement a No-Parking designation on both streets (Robert Murdoch, 6 Knoll St) **Continued**
17 **from 3/23/26 & 4/27/26**

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19 Ms. Dineen discussed the various concerns that she shared with Mr. Murdoch regarding traffic
20 in the area, parking too close to intersections and driveways and the impact on public safety
21 access to Knoll Street from Wyman Street.

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23 The committee and staff discussed the request, and remarked that, while sympathetic to the
24 issues seen in the area, the low levels of traffic volume and ample room design-wise for parking
25 to be allowed on the streets, no ordinance action was warranted. The committee urged Ms.
26 Dineen and others in the neighborhood to utilize the “see-Click-Fix” app or contact the Parking
27 Division should there be a need for enforcement action for vehicles too close to intersections
28 and driveways.

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30 e) Citizen Request: No parking sign at 142 Pleasant Street (Megan Hewey, 142 Pleasant St)
31 **Continued from 4/27/26**

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33 Ms Hewey gave an overview of the issues near her home, as high schoolers park for longer than
34 the time limit and too close to her driveway, which resulted in her having an auto accident in
35 February. She stated the closeness to the driveway was the more significant issue, and does not
36 think adding no parking would be effective in this location, as it will likely not deter students
37 from parking there.

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39 The committee discussed the request, and remarked that high school student parking will
40 always be a challenge in this area, and agreed that making the area no parking will likely not
41 change that. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement activities, and potential for physically
42 striping the area on the pavement to specify the parking space distances from driveways. The
43 consensus of the committee was to take no formal action, and Councilor Kurtz indicated she
44 would touch base with the City Manager about potential for striping.

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46 c) Citizen Request: Extending no parking zone at intersection of Rumford & Wyman Streets
47 (Audrey Melewski, 131 Rumford St) **Continued from 4/27/26**

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49 No one was present to discuss this item.

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51 The committee discussed the request, and determined no additional action was necessary, and
52 remarked that this was in the same area discussed earlier in the evening under agenda item 3a.

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54 d) Citizen Request: Loading Zones in downtown (Corey Neveu) **Continued from 4/27/26**

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2 No one was present to discuss this item.
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4 The committee reiterated their discussion from April on this item that, while sympathetic to the
5 lack of loading areas downtown, illegal parking is not the solution to the problem, and that
6 people need to explore options not in the immediate vicinity of their destination.
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8 **4. Financials**
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10 Mr. Thompson reviewed the April and May reports indicating that expenditures and revenues
11 are ahead of budget, but behind in revenue compared to previous years, primarily due to late
12 parking lease payments and the conversion of leases to permits in the Storrs Street Garage.
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14 **5. Other Business**
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18 **6. Review Future Meetings**
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20 The Committee indicated that there would be a focus on the CHS area at the next meeting on
21 July 27.
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23 **7. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM, following a unanimous vote on a motion by Councilor
24 Sekou and seconded by Councilor Davie.
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26 Respectfully Submitted,
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28 Timothy J. Thompson, AICP
29 Assistant Director of Community Development