

Traffic Commission Meeting  
October 20, 2011

**Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

Meeting called to order @ 6pm by Stan Koty

**Attendance:**

**Members:** Stan Koty, George Manzelli, Lt James Polito, Thomas Graney

**Staff:** Donna Amenta, Terence Smith, Suzanne Rinfret, Matthew Dias

**Public:** Frank Bucca, Arnold Melo, Louis Leland, Frank Leland, Pat Dougan, Margaret Lovell, Todd Lovell, Helen Mahoney, William Cheng, Marie Cheng, Jose Rezendes, Megan Sedita, Elizabeth Caffrey, Raymond Benoit

**Item #1-** Acceptance of Minutes from September 22, 2011, Traffic Commission Meeting  
**Accepted unanimous**

**Item #2-** Request to Approve Alpine Street Traffic Pattern Change and Review 90-day Trial Period:

From two-way travel to one-way travel (West to East or Cedar to Princeton)

Dias submitted for the record several emails from residents unable to attend – both in favor and opposed. Dias also stated the petition was resident driven, and several residents contacted him both in favor and opposed.

Lt. Polito stated SPD has been actively administering traffic pattern change and issued many violations after an extended period of issuing warnings.

Koty then asked for public comment:

- Many residents expressed strong support, citing public safety, more desirable area for walking and biking, less competition and confrontation between approaching motor vehicles, etc.
- Many residents expressed concerns such as extended commute times, difficulty accessing Broadway, less parking, vehicles not obeying one-way regulation, and because street was not a high accident corridor prior.
- Several residents in favor of the petition originally requested that their names be withdrawn.
- Smith stated the trial period could extend into winter months to allow for additional season of testing prior to seeking final approval.
- Chairman Koty supported the recommendation citing what appeared to be an equal amount of residents in favor and opposed.

- Dias ensured the neighborhood would be notified at least 3 weeks prior to the February 20, 2012, Traffic Commission Meeting.

**Motion to extend 90-day Trial Period** until the February 16, 2011, Traffic Committee Meeting by Graney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous.

**5 Minute Recess Called by Chairman Koty**

**Request to take Item #6 Out of Order** – by Koty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Polito

**Item #6-** Request for Handicapped Parking:

- 45 Berkeley Street:

Owner stated request for family member of Veteran status wishing to park in driveway.

Smith stated the individual requesting HP spot should apply.

Koty requested the individual secure the necessary forms and apply within 90-days

**Motion to approve** 90-day trial period Polito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graney, unanimous.

- 220 Summer Street:

Smith stated property owner has driveway and Summer Street has no parking on the even side already reducing parking availability for residents/visitors.

**Motion Denied** by Graney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koty, unanimous.

- 19 Virginia Street:

Smith stated no objection.

**Motion to Approve** by Polito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous.

**Item #3-** Request to Revise Parking Restrictions 92 Highland Avenue:

Loading Zone, Monday-Saturday 7:30am-7pm.

Change 30 minute parking to 15 minute Parking.

**Motion to Approve** by Graney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous.

**Item #4-** Request to Eliminate Parking Meter Space; East side of Chester St at intersection of Elm St.

Smith stated necessary due to turning radius.

**Motion to Approve** by Manzelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graney, unanimous.

**Item #5-** Request to Eliminate Two Parking Spaces in front of 21 Columbus Avenue:

Smith stated support due to ADA and environmental considerations.

**Motion to Approve** by Polito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous.

**Item #7-** Request for Traffic Calming Measures via Letter from Resident:  
Warwick Street at Clyde Street  
Smith stated strong support for traffic calming measures citywide on a priority basis.  
This location is not a high priority.

**Motion Denied** by Graney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous.

**Item #8-** MBTA Request for Bus Stops:

- 645 Broadway west and east bound both sides (approx. 80 ft)
- Smith stated safety issues for pedestrians and elimination of parking spaces.  
Graney stated support for Smith's assessment of location.

**Motion Denied** by Graney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous

**Item #9-** Request for Turn Prohibitions:

- Tannery Brook Rd no left turn onto Elmwood St
  - Tannery Brook Rd no left turn onto Howard St
- Smith requested the item tabled until T&P can further evaluate location.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:10pm** by Polito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:11**