

Traffic Commission Meeting
October 18, 2012

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Meeting was held at the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St, 2nd floor

Meeting was called to order @ 6pm by Stan Koty

Attendance: George Manzelli, Stan Koty, James Rooney, Thomas Graney
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith
Other: Lauren Clayton

Item #1 – Minutes from September 20, 2012 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for a new MBTA Bust Stop opposite 120 Middlesex Av.
Motion to Approve made by George Manzelli, 2nd Stan Koty, unanimous

Item #3 – Request for a change in location for two Bike Share locations (approved last month, not yet installed):

Highland Av at Somerville Hospital changed to Crocker St.

Powderhouse Blvd at Packard Av changed to Packard Av.

Motion to Approve made by George Manzelli, 2nd James Rooney, unanimous

Item #4 – Informational Item:

Comments submitted by Lauren Clayton regarding the Bike Corral at Powderhouse Rotary.

Clayton, 16 Kenwood St, requested the Bike Corral at Powderhouse Rotary adjacent to the bus stop be moved across the street to an off street space on the sidewalk. The chair instructed the secretary to forward this request to OSPCD for their review.

Mr. Clayton then asked to speak on other issues not on the agenda. The Chair made a motion to suspend the rules and allow him to speak on these issues.

Mr. Clayton stated the solar panel sign on Kidder Av should be re-aligned. He also requested a speed limit sign be placed at this location.

Traffic Engineer stated that the minimum height requirement for signs is 7ft from the ground and that T&P would review.

Mr. Clayton stated that the Bike Committee wanted to exclude bikes from certain Do Not Enter regulations and that he did not want to see bikes treated differently. His comments will be placed on file.

Item #5 – Review of Law Departments opinion regarding Handicapped Parking Placards relative to metered/timed parking

Traffic Engineer explained that per the City Solicitor anyone displaying a HP plate or placard can park all day without penalty at a meter or in a timed parking zone and that a local ordinance cannot change this rule.

The Chair made a motion to suspend the rules and separate Item #6 and take Item #6b first

Item #6 – Prior Business:

b) Handicapped Parking Space at 15 Adrian St (approved in July 2012 for a 90 day trial period).

Motion to Approve permanently made by James Rooney, 2nd Thomas Graney, unanimous

The Chair called for a roll call vote for the Commission to go into Executive Session for Item #6a; 4 yes 0 no

Item #6 – Prior Business:

a) Handicapped Parking Space at 8 Melvin St (approved in June 2012 for a 90 day trial period; tabled last month pending review by Traffic Commission of medical documentation from application).

The Chair adjourned executive session with no vote taken. A motion was made to Approve permanently by George Manzelli, 2nd Stan Koty, unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm