

Traffic Commission Meeting
June 26, 2013

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

Meeting was called to order @ 6pm

Attendance: Stan Koty, Robert Trane, James Polito, Thomas Graney
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Matthew Dias, Terence Smith
Other: Lauren Clayton

Item #1 – Minutes from May 16, 2013 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking:

- 32 Bond St

Smith stated applicant owns property and has a driveway. He requested the secretary contact applicant for more information. A motion to table was made by Graney, 2nd Koty, unanimous.

- 36 Pearson Av

Motion to approve made by Graney, 2nd Polito, unanimous

- 201 Summer St

Motion to approve made by Graney, 2nd Polito, unanimous

Item #3 – Request for Fire Lane:

Henderson St, west side, from Wilton St extending 25ft southerly

Motion to approve made by Trane, 2nd Koty, unanimous

Item #4 – Request for Loading Zone 8am -12noon (Live Deliveries Only):

500 Medford St

Motion to approve made by Trane, 2nd Graney, unanimous

Item #5 – Request to consolidate the bus stop locations on Holland St, eastbound, from the TAB Building to Teele Square, from three stops to two stops.

Correspondence from three people, one in opposition and two in support, were distributed to members for their consideration.

A motion to approve was made by Trane, 2nd Koty, unanimous

Item #6 – Request for No Commercial Parking:

Foley St from Middlesex Av to Grand Union Blvd

Grand Union Blvd from Mystic Av to Rte 28

New Rd from Grand Union Blvd to Mystic Av

Motion to approve (all) made by Trane, 2nd Koty, unanimous

Item #7 – Request for a Do Not Enter Restriction:

Marshall St at Broadway, 7am-9am, Residents Only

Smith stated T&P was unable to speak with the Alderman in regards to this request. A motion to table was made by Graney, 2nd Koty, unanimous

Item #8 – Prior Business:

a) Request to extend the 48 hour parking rule beyond 48 hours:

- Dias stated Alderman Gewirtz was unable to attend the meeting but supports abolishing the 48 hour rule altogether.
- Dias stated Traffic and Parking, provided a measure was added to the Traffic Regulations that would do two things:
 - i. preserve public safety 48 hours after a snow emergency was lifted, and
 - ii. allow public safety officials (SPD) to remove and ticket abandoned vehicles
- He stated some residents would be in favor, while others would not
- He also stated T&P's current policy:
 - i. Issued by complaint only
 - ii. First issuance is a warning
 - iii. Among the most rare violations issued by the city
 - iv. HDias stated that
- He also stated that Boston and Cambridge do not have a similar provision, and it
- Trane asked given the low amount of ticketing and complaints he gets about cars not moving if it could just be modified to 72 hours.
- He stated this would accommodate those going away for trips and long weekends. He also felt eliminating the restriction would cause a hardship for the elderly, those with accessibility issues, and especially those living on our most congested streets
- Graney concurred with Trane and was stated his support of perhaps extending the hourly provision, but not abolishment.
- Dias stated Gewirtz would likely want to speak before the Commission again prior to a formal vote
- Trane made a motion to table the item for further review and consideration, 2nd Koty, unanimous.

b) Request to determine the end position of an existing Fire Lane on the west side of Meacham Rd.

Graney explained that the end point should be 84ft from the first sign. Motion to approve made by Koty, 2nd Polito, unanimous

LATE ITEMS

Item #9 – Request for Handicapped Parking in front of the main entrance to the Department of Public Works building on 1 Franey Rd.

Motion to approve made by Trane, 2nd Koty, unanimous

Item #10 – Request for a change to the Traffic Pattern on Harding St between South St and Ward St from one-way travel to two-way travel From July 1st through July 21st during the construction of the MBTA Bridge over Medford St.

Trane asked if this was discussed at the neighborhood meeting and if neighbors were ok with the change.

Dias answered yes.

Motion to approve by Trane, 2nd Polito, unanimous

Meeting adjourned @ 6:10pm