

Traffic Commission Minutes  
July 17, 2014

Meeting was held at the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Meeting was called to order at 6pm

Attendance: Stan Koty, Sgt. Gobiell, Thomas Graney  
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Austin Faison, Terence Smith  
Other: Captain Trant, Lauren Clayton

Item #1 – Minutes from June 19, 2014 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking  
23 Bolton Street

- Terence Smith stated T&P does not support as applicant owns the property and has a driveway, however the Alderman has requested approval for a 90 day trial period.

**Motion to Approve for a 90 day trial period made by Thomas Graney, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 3-0**

9 New Washington Street

- Terence Smith stated this request came from the ADA Coordinator. Upon review T&P found a clear and established fire lane at this location and a handicapped space cannot be placed in this location. T&P will enforce the fire lane.

**Motion to Deny made by Thomas Graney, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 3-0.**

Item #3 – Request for a 4 Way Stop  
Foley Street at Revolution Drive

- Terence Smith stated a VHB traffic study of the intersection indicates it meets the criteria for a four way stop as established by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and T&P has no objections.
- The Chair asked if they were looking at a traffic signal for this location and Mr. Smith stated at present the study found it doesn't meet the MUTCD criteria for a traffic signal.

**Motion to Approve made by Sgt. Gobiell, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 3-0.**

Item #4 – Request that the Washington Street Parking Lot (across from the Argenziano School) be posted for Permit Parking Only Mon-Fri from 7pm to 7am and Saturdays.

- Terence Smith stated T&P has no objections to the request.

**Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 3-0.**

Item #5 – Request that the Do Not Enter sign on Raymond Ave at Curtis Street be marked “Except Police”

- Terence Smith stated T&P does not support this request. The current turning restriction prohibits all vehicles and T&P believes making an exception for the private vehicles of police officers would be unfair and inequitable. He also noted the Alderman recommends approval for a 45 day trial period.
- The Chair stated after discussion with Captain Trant of the SPD regarding his concerns of the trial period expiring after the August TC Meeting but prior to the September TC Meeting the Chairman will allow the trial to run through the date of the September Meeting providing no serious complaints are received. The Chair also asked the motion be approved as an emergency action to waive the requirements of legal advertisement guidelines.

**Motion to Approve as an emergency action for a trial period until the September Traffic Commission Meeting made by Sgt. Gobieli, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 3-0.**

Item #6 – Approval of the Fire Lane on Merriam Street from the intersection of Charlestown Street to the corner of the Target Building for a distance of approximately 84ft in a southerly direction.

- Terence Smith stated this request was made by the Fire Department. He stated currently the fire lane is being enforced along the jersey barriers but cars are parking in a way that blocks wheel chair access. The Chair noted these barriers are located on City property.
- The Chair stated his concern with the Walnut Street Center losing parking and asked if they were notified. Thomas Graney stated he did not believe they were notified. The Chair asked that any motion made include a provision that the Fire Chief or his designee meet with the Director of the Walnut Street Center for their input.

**Motion to Approve the existing Fire Lane as long as the jersey barriers remain in place and pending notification and input from the Director of the Walnut Street Center, made by the Chair, seconded by Sgt. Gobieli. Motion passed: 3-0.**

Item #7 – Request from Mass DOT that the Traffic Commission sign Speed Regulation #7928 establishing a Speed Limit of 25 Miles Per Hour on Kidder Av, eastbound, College Av to Boston Av and Kidder Av, westbound, Boston Av to College Av (both copies)

**Motion to Approve and sign Speed Regulation #7928 made by Thomas Graney, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.