

Traffic Commission Meeting
March 15, 2012

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

Meeting was called to order @ 6pm by Stan Koty

Attendance: George Manzelli, Thomas Graney, James Polito, Stan Koty
Staff: Terence Smith, Suzanne Rinfret, Matthew Dias, Laura Accaputo
Other: Sarah Spicer, Hayes Morrison, Luigi Buonopane

Item #1 – Minutes from February 16, 2012 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking:

- 30 Whitman St

Traffic Engineer explained that the applicant is the property owner and has a driveway and therefore Traffic and Parking was not in favor of approving the request. He also stated that in the past the Traffic Commission approved similar requests on a trial basis and that the Ward Alderman was in favor of a trial approval. A motion was made by Manzelli to approve for a 90 day trial period, 2nd Polito, unanimous

Item #3 – Request for Bike Corrals at various locations throughout the City

Item #4 – Request for Hubway Stations at various locations throughout the City

- Item 3 and Item 4 were discussed together
- Sarah Spicer from OSPCD stated the locations for the record.
- Koty asked if the Ward Alderman were notified and Hayes Morrison from OSPCD said they were emailed.
- Koty then asked if there had been any discussions with the Alderman as he wanted to be sure they were aware of the request. Hayes Morrison replied that she did not speak to them personally.
- Sarah Spicer explained that the last minute push was due to time constraints and to meet the MAPC grant reimbursement schedule the corrals must be installed by April 1st
- Luigi Buonopane, a business owner, stated his concerns over the loss of parking if a hubway station or corral were placed in front of his business in Ward 5
- Hayes Morrison explained that the hubway locations chosen had to have two continuous spaces, be visible, on a level surface, and in direct sunlight (solar powered)
- At this point the chair moved to table the item and move it to the last item of the agenda, 2nd by Polito, unanimous

Item #5 – Prior Business:

- a) Review Handicapped Parking Space at 45 Berkeley St

Traffic Engineer explained that the applicant withdrew his request and the application was resubmitted by the applicant's father and had the support of the Ward Alderman for a 90 day trial period. A motion was made by Polito to approve for a 90 day trial period, 2nd Manzelli, unanimous

- b) Review Handicapped Parking Space at 12 Putnam St

Traffic Engineer explained that during the 90 day trial period there were no complaints and that Traffic and Parking had no objection to making the restriction permanent. A motion was made by Polito to approve permanently, 2nd Koty, unanimous

The Chair called a short recess @ 6:15

The Chair called the meeting back to order @ 6:18

Discussion of Items 3 and 4 resumed

- Koty asked Matt Dias, Traffic Director to offer a compromise solution to the location of the hub-station in Ward 5
- Dias recommended eliminating 1 additional space at 715 Broadway in front of True Grounds (the loss of 1 metered space was already approved at this location for the installation of a bike corral) and installing the Hub way station at this location instead of the corral. He also indicated that his Department would reevaluate the meter configuration at this location to determine if a reconfiguration would prevent the loss of a visitor parking space.
- An amendment was made to the hubway station locations to strike the Ward 5 location at 152 Boston Av and replace with a new location at 715 Broadway

A motion was made to approve as amended and to leave the plan open to further amendment as recommended by OSPCD.

A motion was made by Graney, 2nd Polito, unanimous

Meeting was adjourned @ 6:30pm