

Traffic Commission Meeting
July 17, 2008

Attendance

Commission Members: DPW Commissioner Stan Koty, Chair; Chief Kevin Kelleher, Somerville Fire Department; Alderman Robert Trane, Board of Alderman Designee; Lieutenant James Stanford, Somerville Police Department Designee; Laura Accaputo, Traffic Commission Secretary

Absent: George Manzelli, General Member Resident Designee

Other: James Kotzuba, Lawrence Murphy, Terence Smith, Arn Franzen

Meeting called to order @ 6:00pm

Item #1 – Minutes from June 19, 2008 Traffic Commission Meeting Accepted Unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking

4 Oliver St

Traffic & Parking recommends Denial

Motion to **Deny** made by Robert Trane, 2nd Kevin Kelleher, unanimous

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

80 Partridge Av

Traffic & Parking recommends Denial

Motion to **Deny** made by Kevin Kelleher, 2nd Stan Koty, unanimous

Item #4 – Request for Handicapped Parking

163 Summer St

Traffic & Parking recommends Denial

James Kotzuba, Director of Traffic & Parking, stated to the Commission the Departments policy for Handicapped Parking Applications of only one approval per applicant.

Terence Smith presented an email from the City Solicitors Office stating that this policy is legal. Please note that Traffic & Parking also stated that this department would review any subsequent Handicapped Parking Applications in the same area based on standard criteria and then present recommendations to the Traffic Commission for their consideration

Motion to **Deny** made by Kevin Kelleher, 2nd Stan Koty, unanimous

Item #5 – Request for Handicapped Parking

23 Wisconsin Av

Traffic & Parking recommends Approval

Motion to **Approve** made by Robert Trane, 2nd Kevin Kelleher, unanimous

Item #6 – Request for Business Permits

Albion St (6)

Alpine St (2)

Traffic & Parking recommends Approval

Motion to **Approve** made by Robert Trane, 2nd Kevin Kelleher, unanimous

Item #7 – Request for New Parking Designations on Highland Ave as Part of the New Park Plan for Central Hill Memorial Park

- a) Eliminate 5 Parking Spaces at the Library Driveway (2 Hour Parking, Library Patrons Only, 9:00 am-9:00 pm, Mon-Sat) and Relocate them to Highland Av, north side, 122 feet west of Walnut St for a distance of 100ft
- b) Eliminate 8 Parking Spaces at the High School Driveway (Tow Zone, Somerville School Dept. Permit Parking Only, 7:00 am-4:30 pm, Mon-Fri, Sept-June) and Relocate them to Highland Av, starting at the western side of the existing Library Driveway directly in front of the playground for a distance of 160ft.
- c) Change 4 Parking Spaces on the High School Concourse at the Eastern End from High School Staff Parking to Tow Zone, Somerville School Dept., 15 Minute Day Care Permit Parking Only, 7:30 am-4:30 pm, Mon-Fri and place the High School Staff Parking Spaces at the most eastern parking section of the northern side of the concourse (these spaces are currently designated for City Hall Employee Parking)
- d) Relocate the Aforementioned City Hall Employee Parking Spaces to Highland Av, west of the curb cut for the High School Concourse exit extending 42ft to the Fire Hydrant (2 spaces) and extending 80ft after the fire hydrant (4 spaces)

Traffic & Parking recommends Approval

Arn Franzen of the Mayors Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development gave an overview of all of the requested changes to parking as part of the new park plan for Central Hill Memorial Park. Robert Trane voiced his concern regarding City Hall Staff parking in the designated visitor parking spaces and the Commission asked that the Mayors Office send out a reminder memo emphasizing that the City Hall Staff not park in these spaces. The Commission also asked that all affected personnel be notified of the changes being made. Motion to **Approve** all changes as requested made by Robert Trane, 2nd Kevin Kelleher, unanimous

Item #8 – Previous Items

- a) Request for No Parking Here to Corner on Cedar St from the driveway at #197 extending to the corner of Clyde St, approved for a 180 day trial period effective February 21, 2008

Motion to **Table** until next months meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 6:20pm

After the meeting was adjourned, Ellen Frith of 163 Summer St (see Item #4) dropped off a letter to James Kotzuba and requested that it be placed on file with the Traffic Commission minutes.