

Traffic Commission Meeting
March 17, 2011

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

Meeting was called to order @ 6:00pm

Attendance: William Roche, George Manzelli, Thomas Graney, James Polito
Staff: Donna Amenta, Matt Dias, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith
Other: Angelo Rago, Harold Campbell, Alderman Thomas Taylor

Item # 1- Minutes from February 24, 2011 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicap Parking

19 Simpson Avenue

William Roche and members discussed the item and asked for an opinion from Traffic and Parking (T&P).

Terence Smith, City Traffic Engineer, was opposed because Applicant is the property owner and the driveway does not have adverse restrictions as to grade and width.

Roche asked if there were other HP spots on Simpson St. Smith replied there is one.

Roche sponsored Applicant to speak on. Applicant indicated that he is the owner of the property, and tenants currently use his driveway, along with family members.

Further discussion ensued by members of the committee.

Motion to **Table** and convene onsite review of location at a later date by Roche, 2nd by James Polito.

Item #3 – Request for Loading Zone

100 Highland Avenue (Monday-Saturday; 8am to 6pm, with 20 minute passenger vehicle option) for a 90-day trial period

Thomas Graney expressed concerns regarding number of loading zones citywide and the length of this particular loading zone, as well as its proximity to existing fire hydrant.

Thomas Taylor indicated that he had spoken with applicant, and supported the location on a trial basis.

Smith indicated concerns regarding the location due to proximity of hydrant and driveway, as well as the number of deliveries warranting establishment of a loading zone.

Further, concerns regarding the enforcement of the 20 minute passenger vehicle restriction were raised.

Motion to **Approve** 90-Day Trial period by Graney, 2nd George Manzelli.

Item #4 – Request to post 10ft No Parking Zone on both sides of NSTAR curb cut on Linwood Street and Chestnut Street (Joy St)

Roche recused himself, as an employee of NSTAR.

T&P had no objections.

Motion to **Approve** Polito, 2nd Graney.

Item #5 – Request to establish fire lane; north side of East Albion Street, from Mooreland Street to Freemont Street, entire length

T&P had no objections.

Graney expressed the need for a fire lane due to public safety vehicle access concerns.

Motion to **Approve** Graney, 2nd Manzelli

Item #6 – Renew existing residential handicap parking spaces:

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| • 22 | Albion St. | • 127 | North St. |
| • 29 1/2 | Alston St. | • 7 | Oak St. |
| • 21 | Appleton St. | • 35 | Otis St. |
| • 5 | Brook St. | • 62 | Partridge St. |
| • 23 | Conwell St. | • 36 | Packard Ave. |
| • 22 | Crescent St. | • 33 | Perkins St. |
| • 14 | Cypress St. | • 34 | Putnam St. |
| • 51 | Dane St. | • 6 | Putnam St. |
| • 12 | Hammond St. | • 17 | Russell St. |
| • 11 | Hancock St. | • 202 | School St. |
| • 272 | Highland Ave. | • 31 | Simpson Ave. |
| • 16 | Holyoke Rd. | • 411 | Somerville Ave. |
| • 16 | Houghton St. | • 69 | Sterling St. |
| • 14 | Homer Sq. | • 27 | Summit St. |
| • 27 | Howe St. | • 17 | Sunset Rd. |
| • 16 | Lee St. | • 44 | Vernon St. |
| • 17 | Lesley Ave. | • 202 | Washington St. |
| • 16 | MacArthur St. | • 22 | Wesley St. |
| • 11A | Malvern Ave. | • 112 | West Adams St. |
| • 378 | Medford St. | • 43 | Whitfield Rd. |

Item #6 Cont. – Renew existing residential handicap parking space (by spouse or member

of original applicant). Applicant met requirements:

- 29 Preston Rd.
- 78 Partridge Ave.

T&P indicated that this is part of a bi-annual renewal process. All applicants above met qualifications.

Motion to Approve Polito, 2nd Manzelli

Late Item:

Item #7- Request to create Passenger Vehicle Parking Only Zone on the corner of Foley Street at Assembly Square Drive.

T&P relayed information from the City Solicitor indicating late item was appropriate for consideration under the Open Meeting Laws.

T&P had no objections.

Motion to **Approve** Graney, 2nd Manzelli

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.