

Traffic Commission Meeting
May 19, 2011

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

Meeting called to order @ 6pm

Stan Koty not present due to a previous meeting.

William Roche called meeting to order.

Attendance:

Members: William Roche, George Manzelli, Thomas Graney, James Polito

Staff: Donna Amenta, Terence Smith, Matt Dias, Suzanne Rinfret

Alderman Sean O'Donovan,

Resident's Frank Bucca, Pat Dugan, Margaret Lovell, Elizabeth Caffrey, John Mahoney, Brenda Caffrey

Item #1 – Acceptance of Minutes from April 21, 2011, Traffic Commission Meeting **Accepted Unanimously**

Item #2 – Request to Change the Traffic Pattern on Alpine Street
From two-way travel to one-way travel (West to East or Cedar to Princeton)

Roche asked the Traffic Commission Secretary if the petition had met the required criteria for consideration.

Amenta stated that the petition had met the criteria.

Roche sponsored the petition organizer and several residents to discuss the item. Several spoke in favor, citing reasons such as speeding, safety, parking, and reducing the conflict of the current two-way traffic pattern.

Another resident spoke in opposition, citing no concerns with the established two-way traffic pattern, in addition to praising a local business that may be adversely impacted.

Graney had questions for the Traffic Engineer, Smith; such as impacts on traffic volume and impacts on neighborhood traffic pattern networks.

Smith stated a minor increase of traffic on nearby streets, yet not significant, and fitting in well with the neighborhood traffic pattern.

O'Donovan stated that the petition originated by local residents. O'Donovan also stated for the record that Faulker Oil (Alpine and Cedar) expressed concerns that the change would negatively impact their business.

Graney stated that the Commission consider a 90-day trial period.

Roche spoke in support of the trial period.

Motion to Approve the 90-day trial period by Graney, Polito 2nd, Unanimous

Item #3 – Request for Handicap Parking:

- 11 Bailey Street
- 10 Wesley Street
- 301 C Beacon Street
- 29 Otis Street (previously approved in February for 90 day trail)
- 17 Edmands Street

Graney stated concerns with public safety vehicle access on Edmands Street if HP approved.

Smith stated that historically there have been concerns about public safety access and, as a result, HP applications have not been approved on Edmands.

Roche stated the extereme hardships of the applicant.

Graney suggested a pick up/drop off location with hours of 9am-11 am and 3pm-5pm instead of a traditional 24/7 HP spot.

Motion to Approve all HP items and the amended 17 Edmands Street item by Graney, 2nd Manzelli, Unanimous

Item #4 – Revise Loading Zone Hours
(20ft east of Central Street on Highland Ave) to 7am-11pm

Smith stated that T&P is not opposed.

Motion to Approve by Manzelli, 2nd Polito, Unanimous.

Item #5 – Request for U-Turn Prohibition
Boston Ave at Pearson Ave, and Boston Ave at Pritchard Ave

O'Donovan stated that local residents were concerned by the number of u-turns occurring on Boston Ave.

Polito indicated that the Police Department supported the item.

Smith indicated that T&P supported the item.

Motion to Approve Manzelli, 2nd Polito, Unanimous.