

Traffic Commission Meeting
March 24, 2004

Meeting held at the Traffic & Parking Office, 133 Holland St

Meeting called to order @ 6:00 pm

Attendance:

Members: Stan Koty, Dep. Chief Tom Graney, Lt. Paul Upton, Alderman Robert Trane,
George Manzelli

Staff: Captain Robert Bradley, Stephen Jones, Todd Blake, Laura Accaputo

Other: Alderman Maryann Heuston, Patrick Reffett, Margo Grossberg, Joseph Lynch

Item #1 – Minutes from 2-18-04 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for 2 Handicapped Parking Spaces for City Hall Employees only
School St

Motion to **Approve**, Dep. Chf. Graney, 2nd Lt. Upton, unanimous

* a motion was made by Dep. Chf. Graney to amend this item to include the approval of 1 handicapped parking space near the entrance to Somerville High School and was approved unanimously

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

78 Ten Hills Rd

Motion to **Deny** Robert Trane, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

58 Bow St

Motion to **Approve** George Manzelli, 2nd Lt. Upton, unanimous

Item #4 – Request for Medical Pick Up/Drop Off Mon-Fri 8am-6pm

47-49 Crown St

Motion to **Deny** Lt. Upton, 2nd Dep. Chf. Graney, unanimous

Item #5 – Request for Business Permits

Broadway - #585-595

Springfield St @ Concord Av

Motion to **Approve** Robert Trane, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #6 – Request for No Parking 7am-3pm, Mon-Fri, Sept-June

Meacham St (south side) School Lot to Edgar Ave

Motion to **Approve** Lt. Upton, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #7 – Request to add days/times to an existing Loading Zone

63 Elm St – Mon-Fri 7am-5pm

Motion to **Approve** George Manzelli, 2nd Robert Trane, unanimous

Item #8 – Request for Residential Permit Parking

Delaware St

Motion to **Approve** George Manzelli, 2nd Robert Trane, unanimous

Item #9 – Request that the Traffic Commission petition the Mass Highway Department to authorize a change in the posted speed limit in the Davis Square business district from 30 m.p.h. to 20 m.p.h. to include the following roadways:

Holland St – both directions, from Wallace St to Dover St

Elm St – east bound, from Day St to beyond Russell St

Elm St – west bound, from beyond Windham St to Cutter Av

Cutter Av – north bound, from Elm St to Highland Av

Highland Av – west bound, from West St to College Av

College Av – both directions, from Morrison Av to Highland Av

Grove St – both directions, from Highland Av to Elm St

Motion to **Approve** Lt. Upton, 2nd Dep. Chf. Graney, unanimous

? Tabled Items

Item #10 – Request for No Parking Anytime (tabled from Dec 03)

Hinckley St - east side, for a distance of 50 feet south of Broadway

Motion to **Approve** George Manzelli, 2nd Robert Trane, unanimous

* the Traffic Commission requested that the Department of Traffic & Parking install a No Parking sign on Broadway @ Hinckley St 20 feet from the intersection as this is a very dangerous area

Item #11 – Proposed Parking Plan (submitted by Design Consultants on behalf of Somerville Housing Group) for Columbia Street. (Tabled from Nov 03)

Existing Conditions

- Two way traffic
- 20 on street parking spaces (8 on north side and 12 on south side)
- Street cleaning restrictions

Proposal

- Two way traffic
- 6 Loading Zone Parking Spaces
- 14 on street parking spaces (3 on north side and 11 on south side) restricted to one hour parking
- Existing street cleaning restrictions will not change

Recommendation

- The Department of Traffic & Parking is recommending that parking be eliminated on the entire west side of Columbia Street. This is necessary in order for this street to become a functioning two-way with both a northbound and southbound travel lane that can accommodate the additional volume that will result from the new parking garage

Motion to **Approve**, as recommended by the Traffic & Parking Department, Lt. Upton, 2nd Dep. Chf. Graney, unanimous

? Items for Discussion

Item #12 – Valet Parking in Davis Square

Motion to **Table**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm