

Traffic Commission Meeting  
August 16, 2007

Where: Traffic & Parking Office, 133 Holland St  
When: Thursday August 16, 2007 @ 6pm

Attendance

Members: Stan Koty, Sgt. Rooney, George Manzelli, Alderman Sullivan  
Staff: James Kotzuba, Terry Smith, Laura Accaputo  
Public: Tina Delellis (Johnny D's), Carla Delellis (Johnny D's), Alderman Gewirtz,  
Alderman Desmond

Meeting called to order @ 6:05pm

**Item #1** – Minutes from July 12, 2007 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted  
unanimously

**Item #2** – Request for Handicapped Parking

**7 Jay St**

**141 Capen St**

Motion to **Approve** (both) made by Alderman Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Manzelli, unanimous

**23 Alston St**

**Tabled**

**Item #3** – Request for Loading Zone, Mon-Sat 6am-8pm

**497 Somerville Ave** (Mon-Sat 6am-8pm)

**Tabled**

**524 Somerville Ave** (Mon-Sat 8am-6pm)

Motion to **Approve** Monday-Friday 8am-6pm made by Alderman Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> George  
Manzelli, unanimous

**Item #4** – Request for Permit Parking

**Marshall St** (Broadway to Oakland Av)

Motion to **Approve** made by Sgt. Rooney, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Manzelli, unanimous

**Item #5** – Request from Alderman Gewirtz that Traffic & Parking institute a policy  
requiring explicit signage when no parking requests are made at parking meters (bagged  
meters) in Davis Square

**Tabled**

Carla and Tina Delellis of Johnny D's along with Alderman Gewirtz, spoke regarding an  
incident that occurred in Davis Square when the City bagged meters in the vicinity of  
their establishment and then failed to remove the bags in a timely fashion which impacted  
their business. They asked that the City start including signs on the meter bags stating  
which days and/or hours the meters are being reserved for so that if the bags are not  
removed on time the spaces would still be available for parking. James Kotzuba then  
spoke regarding the policies for bagged meters and stated that the Traffic & Parking

Department is working to find a way to ensure that the bags do not remain on the meters for too long. One solution that was considered was using plastic bags, however they are not durable and tend to shred. He also stated that budgetary concerns would make it difficult to replace the existing meter bags and/or have signs made. Alderman Desmond added that he concurred with Alderman Gewirtz that some sort of sign should be used. Alderman Sullivan made a motion that Traffic & Parking should research ways to resolve the issue and report back to the Commission at next months meeting. Stan Koty amended his motion to add that effective immediately Traffic & Parking begin placing the dates and/or times that the meter is to be bagged for. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Manzelli, and was unanimous

**Item #6** – Request for Fire Lanes

**Direnzo Ter.** – west side, from the back of the sidewalk on Vernon St for a distance of approximately 72 ft northerly to a point at the end of the brick wall currently in place

**Direnzo Ter.** – east side, from the back of the sidewalk on Vernon St for a distance of approximately 108 ft northerly to the existing utility pole

Motion to **Approve** made by Sgt. Rooney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Sullivan, unanimous

Meeting adjourned @ 6:25pm