

Traffic Commission Meeting
August 21, 2008

Attendance

Members: George Manzelli, Stan Koty, James Stanford

Staff: Laura Accaputo, James Kotzuba, Terence Smith, Lawrence Murphy

Other: Frank Senesi, Director, Veterans Services; Albion Street residents

Meeting called to order @ 6pm

A motion was made to suspend the rules to take an item (#3) out of order by George Manzelli, 2nd James Stanford, unanimous

Item #3 – Request for One Way Street

Albion St – (Lowell St to Cedar St)

Alderman O'Donovan supports this request. James Kotzuba, Director of Traffic & Parking recommended that the Commission approve this for a 6-month trial period at the end of which he will present to the Commission any feedback he has received from the residents of this street. He also states that he is concerned that the elimination of the two-way conflict on this street may result in an increase of speeding on this street.

Motion to **Approve**, for a 6-month trial, period made by James Stanford, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #1 – Minutes from July 17, 2008 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

While under Suspension of the Rules, Item #6 was taken out of order

Item #6 – Request from Frank Senesi, Director of Veterans Services, for discussion of parking permits for Active Duty Military Personnel

Frank Senesi inquired as to the current fees being charged for parking permits for Active Duty Military Personnel, which are double the amount of residential permit fees.

Lawrence Murphy explained that the only permits that cost double are the “special placards” that are issued to out of state vehicles and thus are valid only on the street in which the person lives. Any residential permits issued to Military Personnel whose vehicles are registered in Somerville pay only the regular fee of \$10. Frank Senesi then suggested that the fee be waived across the board. The Traffic Commission at the request of Alderman Pero, suggested that this issue be referred to the Veterans Committee and the Traffic Committee of the Board of Alderman. A motion was made to lay this item on the **table** by Stan Koty, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking

30 Horace St

Motion to **Deny** made by George Manzelli, 2nd James Stanford, unanimous

Item #4 – Request for Fire Lanes (submitted by Chief Kelleher)

a) Belmont St – south of Summer St on the westerly side extending 30ft from Summer St

b) Belmont St – south of Summer St on the easterly side extending 50ft from Summer St

c) Belmont St – westerly side at the bend between numbers 12 and 14 Belmont for a distance of 90ft

Motion to **Approve** (all) made by George Manzelli, 2nd James Stanford, unanimous

Item #5 – Request for 2 Hour Parking 8am-6pm, except by permit

Broadway – both sides, Simpson Av to Packard Av

Motion to **Approve** made by George Manzelli, 2nd James Stanford, unanimous

Item #7 – Tabled Item

No Parking Here to Corner on Cedar St from the driveway at #197 Cedar St extending to the corner of Clyde St, approved for a 180 day trial period effective February 21, 2008, tabled from last months Traffic Commission Meeting

Motion to **Approve** permanently made by Stan Koty, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Meeting adjourned @ 6:05pm