

Traffic Commission Meeting  
September 20, 2007

Where: Traffic & Parking Office, 133 Holland St  
When: Thursday September 20, 2007 @ 6pm

Attendance:

Members: Stan Koty, Chief Kelleher, Sgt. Rooney, Ald. Sullivan, George Manzelli  
Staff: James Kotzuba, Terry Smith, Larry Murphy, Laura Accaputo  
Alderman O'Donovan  
Public: Seth Read

Meeting called to order @ 6pm

**Item #1** – Minutes from August 16, 2007 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Motion to suspend the rules to take an item (#3) out of order made by Dennis Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Manzelli, unanimous

**Item #3** – Request for a change to existing regulations:

**a) Clyde St**, south side, approaching Cedar St, currently No Parking Here to Corner for a distance of 100 ft, change to a distance of 20 ft

**b) Cedar St**, approaching Clyde St, currently No Parking Here to Corner for a distance of 100 ft, change to a distance of 20 ft

*Alderman O'Donovan and Seth Read spoke in favor of this request (both a and b) as they feel that the current restriction is unnecessarily eliminating parking spaces and that the restriction was put in place back when there was a business on the corner that had several large trucks exiting the property. Seth Read also stated that he did not think the original restriction was quite as lengthy and that when the original sign was knocked down and subsequently replaced it was moved back to create a longer restriction. Stan Koty also commented that the new owners of this property have made significant improvements to the property and should be commended. Terry Smith, Traffic Engineer for the City of Somerville stated that he is against approving either request as decreasing the length of these restrictions would significantly increase the risk to public safety as the sight line of oncoming traffic at both locations would be greatly impaired and would create a very real likelihood for accidents. Sgt Rooney suggested that he could research the accident history in this area both prior to and after the restriction was changed to see if the change has had an impact on the number of accidents. A motion was made by Stan Koty to **Approve** the request temporarily for a 90-day trial period. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Manzelli, and was unanimous.*

**Item #2** – Request for a fine increase for Parking Within 10 ft of a Fire Hydrant and Obstruction of a Fire Lane, both increasing from \$50 to \$100

*Motion to **Approve** made by Chief Kelleher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stan Koty, unanimous*

**Item #4** – Request for a Loading Zone, Mon-Sat 6am-8pm

**497 Somerville Av**

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

**Item #5** – Request for Handicapped Parking

**39 Madison St**

*Motion to **Deny** made by George Manzelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Kelleher, unanimous*

**Item #6** – Per the special permit granted to One Davis Square by the Zoning Board, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> parking meters on the east side of Dover St, heading south from Elm St, will function as a loading zone Monday through Saturday from 8am to 12pm. This is a condition for granting the Certificate of Occupancy

*Motion to **Approve** made by Dennis Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Kelleher, unanimous*

**Item #7** – Director of Traffic & Parking will address the Commission regarding last months request for the implementation of a new policy requiring explicit signage on bagged meters

*James Kotzuba updated the Commission on the progress that has been made regarding the above request. The Department of Traffic & Parking is currently posting signs on bagged meters that list the dates and times that the meter has been reserved for and that new meter bags have been ordered that will enable Traffic & Parking to insert a card into the meter bag that will show the restriction*

Before the meeting was adjourned, Alderman Sullivan requested that Traffic & Parking look into the possibility of issuing guest cards to residents of elderly housing that are not on permit parking streets if the surrounding streets require permits. James Kotzuba agreed to research this request and report back at next months meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:30pm