

Traffic Commission Minutes
September 8, 2022

Meeting was held virtually on Thursday September 8, 2022 at 5:30pm.

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Attendance:

Traffic Commission Members:

Jill Latham, Lena Webb, Sean Tierney, Councilor Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad, late arrival Lt. Rymill

Staff:

Suzanne Rinfret, Anna Rebelo, Adrienne Pomeroy, Brad Rawson, Jessica Bellow.

Meeting Ground Rules:

1. Listen to the other side
2. Focus on issues, not personalities
3. Avoid questioning motives
4. Be polite

Item #1 – Acceptance of Minutes from the July 14, 2022 Traffic Commission Meeting

Motion to approve made by Lena Webb, 2nd by Sean Tierney. A roll call vote was taken, Lena Webb -yes; Sean Tierney-yes; Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad-yes. Motion carries 3-0-1 (chair abstained)

Chair Latham asks to take item 2, 3 and 13 out of order as they all relate to accessible parking. Hearing no objections items 2, 3 and 13 were heard.

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking 91-93 Electric Av

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking 38 Pearl St

Item #13- Regarding the ramp at the entrance to Lincoln Park, request to convert approximately 20 feet of resident permit parking to accessible parking.

Motion to approve Items 2,3, and 13 made by Lena Webb, 2nd by Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad. A roll call vote was taken, Lena Webb-yes; Sean Tierney-yes; Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad-yes. Motion carries 3-0-1 (chair abstained)

Item #4 – Request for Fire Lane

- a) Belmont Place, even side, from Belmont St for a distance of 20ft easterly
- b) Belmont Place, odd side, from Belmont St for a distance of 183ft easterly

Item #5 – Request for Fire Lane

Snow Terrace, both sides, from Jaques St for a distance of 97ft southerly

Item #6 – Request for Fire Lane

Tannery Brook Row, between Gorham St and Elmwood St, both sides, for a distance of 365ft

Item #7 – Request for Fire Lane

Marion St, at #28 from the telephone pole extending 10ft to the corner

Motion to approve Items 4,5,6, and 7 made by Lena Webb, 2nd by Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad. A roll call vote was taken, Lena Webb -yes; Sean Tierney-yes; Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad-yes. Motion carries 3-0-1 (chair abstained)

Item #8 – Request to relocate the existing Handicapped Parking space on Highland Av opposite Vinal Av, back 15ft, to accommodate a new accessible curb ramp and crosswalk at the Highland/Vinyl intersection. This will result in the loss of one general parking space

Motion to approve made by Lena Webb, 2nd by Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad. A roll call vote was taken, Lena Webb -yes; Sean Tierney-yes; Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad-yes; Lt. Rymill. Motion carries 4-0-1 (chair abstained)

Item #9- Request to remove the loading zone on Highland Avenue North 30'W of Lowell Street and replace with no parking here to corner and 2 hour except by permit 8AM-2:30AM and permit parking 2:30AM-8AM.

Motion to approve made by Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad, 2nd by Sean Tierney. A roll call vote was taken, Lena Webb -yes; Sean Tierney-yes; Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad-yes; Lt. Rymill-yes. Motion carries 4-0-1 (chair abstained)

Item #10- Regarding the curb on the east side of Josephine Ave from approximately 20 ft south of Broadway to approximately 40 ft south of Broadway, request to convert the existing metered parking space to an accessible parking space.

Motion to approve made by Lena Webb, 2nd by Lt. Rymill. A roll call vote was taken, Lena Webb -yes; Sean Tierney-yes; Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad-yes; Lt. Rymill-yes. Motion carries 4-0-1 (chair abstained)

Item #11- Discussion of the administration’s decision to temporarily make Perkins Street between the Boston City Line and Mt. Pleasant Street two-way for bicycle traffic as an emergency safety response to the shutdown of the Orange Line.

No vote required for this discussion.

Item #12-Request to designate the following streets as 20 mph safety zones:

Street	From	To
Cameron Ave	Holland St	Seven Pines Ave (both directions)
Bromfield Rd	Warner St	Dearborn Rd
Pearson Rd	Dearborn Rd	Broadway
Merriam St	Washington St	Somerville Ave
Merriam St.	Charlestown St	Somerville Ave
Linden St	Somerville Ave	Charlestown St (both directions)
Thorpe St	Highland Ave	End of roadway (both directions)

Motion to approve made by Lt. Rymill, 2nd by Lena Webb. A roll call vote was taken, Lena Webb -yes; Sean Tierney-yes; Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad-yes; Lt. Rymill-yes. Motion carries 4-0-1 (chair abstained)

Item 14: Discussion of revisions to Holland St striping plan in response to the fatal crash on Broadway in August, and request to hold a special meeting of the Traffic Commission within the next 10 business days to provide a detailed request regarding the curb regulation changes that are needed to accommodate the new plan.

No vote required for this discussion.

Motion to adjourn at 6:10PM:

Motion to approve made by Lena Webb, 2nd by Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad. A roll call vote was taken, Lena Webb -yes; Sean Tierney-yes; Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad-yes; Lt. Rymill-yes. Motion carries 4-0-1 (chair abstained)

A complete transcript is available online.

