

Traffic Commission Minutes
April 20, 2017

Attendance: Stan Koty, Lt. Polito, Thomas Graney, Robert McWatters
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Adam Polinski, Nancy Bacci
Other: David Stewart

Meeting was held at the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St, 2nd floor

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Item #1 minutes from the March 16, 2017 Traffic Commission Meeting were accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking
32 Putnam Rd

- Suzanne Rinfret stated Traffic and Parking does not support the request as the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.

Robert McWatters made a motion to approve for a 90 day trial period, seconded by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

Robert McWatters made a motion to suspend the rules and take items 5,6, and 7 out of order, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #5 – Request for the removal of 8 residential parking spaces in area of Dane St to provide better sight lines, turning movements, and a bike lane, locations as follow: 2 spaces at 365 Washington St (on Dane St side of property); 1 space at 48 Dane St; and 5 spaces at 460 Somerville Av (on the Dane St side of the property)

- Suzanne Rinfret deferred this item to Adam Polinski
- Mr. Polinski explained this request was made based on the advice of a consultant that reviewed the area for improvements to safety. He clarified that all spaces are in fact on Dane St but the address of two of the buildings are 365 Washington St and 460 Somerville Av.
- The Chair asked if the Alderman was consulted as his concern was for the loss of parking spaces. Mr. Polinski stated the Alderman was consulted in the fall and supports the request.
- Robert McWatters asked if there was a neighborhood meeting held and Mr. Polinski replied that there was not.
- The Chair asked if anyone had spoken to the Alderman recently and Mr. Polinski answered no.

Robert McWatters made a motion to approve, seconded by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #6 – Request to rename the “Neighborhood Action Request Form” to “Traffic Calming Request Form”

Robert McWatters made a motion to approve, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #7 – Request to relocate the Teele Square Hubway Station, approved last month at the two metered spaces A68B and A69 on Broadway to one of the following locations:

a) The metered spaces A37 and A38 on Holland St

-or-

b) The metered spaces AR001 and A44 on Holland St

- Suzanne Rinfret deferred the item to Adam Polinski.
- Adam Polinski stated the Alderman requested the hubway station be moved to meter AR001 and the non-metered space next to it; however this does not provide enough space and therefore he recommends keeping option B as requested.

Robert McWatters made a motion to relocate the hubway station to where the Alderman has requested by reconfiguring the existing spaces as to not block the driveway, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

- Suzanne Rinfret noted that this approval would require the relining of all of the metered spaces on this side of the street going up to Teele Square.

Item #3 – Request for Fire Lanes

- a) Summer St, south side, before Preston Rd for a distance of 20ft and after Preston Rd for a distance of 20ft
- b) Preston Rd, both sides, before Summer St for a distance of 20ft

Thomas Graney made a motion to approve, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #4 – Request for Loading Zone

Summer St at Putnam St closest space to dog park

- Suzanne Rinfret requested the item be tabled.

Robert McWatters made a motion to table the item, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Robert McWatters made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm, seconded by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.