

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 21, 2004

Meeting held at the Traffic & Parking Office, 133 Holland St

Meeting called to order @ 6:00 pm

Attendance

Stan Koty, Deputy Chief Thomas Graney, Lieutenant Paul Upton, George Manzelli
Captain Robert Bradley, Stephen Jones, Todd Blake, Laura Accaputo
Alderman John Connolly, Christine Murphy-Meehan

Motion to suspend the rules and take an item (#4) out of order, George Manzelli, 2nd
Lt Upton, unanimous

Item #4 – Request for Traffic Calming

Elston St & Willow Av @ Elm St

Christine Murphy-Meehan spoke on behalf of the neighborhood concerning the volume and speed of traffic in the Elm St area and more specifically on Elston St. Ward Alderman John Connolly also spoke on behalf of the neighborhood. Lt Upton explained that the speed limit on the street is 30mph and while that may seem to be too high for the street, it is state regulated. He also explained that intensive enforcement in the area has yielded very few citations, as most vehicles are not exceeding the speed limit. Captain Robert Bradley then explained that the Porter Sq Shopping Center will be undergoing major renovations and that eventually vehicles will be able to exit the parking lot and take a left onto Mass Av, which is currently not an option. This should alleviate some of the cut through traffic. He then explained that the Traffic Commission regulations with regards to Traffic Management and Calming require a petition signed by 66% of the residents in that neighborhood. Once this petition is submitted, a neighborhood meeting will be set up. The petition along with a copy of the regulation was given to Ms. Murphy-Meehan. The Commission agreed that the neighborhood, ward alderman, and traffic engineer should work together to come up with some simple solutions that may help alleviate the problems this neighborhood is having before resorting to any type of major re-construction of the road/sidewalk. The Commission will look into the possibility of placing a No Turn on Red sign on Russell St @ Elm St in the hopes that this restriction will deter people from cutting down Elston St, and some of the other side streets in this area, while trying to avoid sitting through the red light. They will also look into restricting vehicles from turning onto Elston St from Elm St during peak hours, except residents. The Commission will review this issue again at next months meeting.

Item #1 – Minutes from June 23, 2004 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request to change 2 Hour Parking Except by Permit 8am-6pm to 2 Hour Parking Only 8am-6pm

Washington St – (Rose St to Parkdale St)

Motion to **Approve** George Manzelli, 2nd Dep Chf Graney, unanimous

Item #3 – Request to amend existing regulation for No Left Turn 7am-9am on Broadway at Lincoln St to include 4pm-6pm

Motion to **Approve**, with the addition of “except residents”, Lt Upton, 2nd George Manzelli, unanimous

Item #5 – Request for Fire Lane

Delaware St (at the bend)

Motion to **Table** pending notification of Alderman Roche

Item #6 – Request from Department of Traffic & Parking to issue Business Permits

Medford St (Trull-Partridge) – 2

Trull St – 1

Motion to **Table** pending notification of Alderman O’Donovan

Item #7 – Request for Handicapped Parking

57 Heath St

Motion to **Approve** George Manzelli, 2nd Lt Upton, unanimous

Item #8 – Tabled Items

A) Request for Loading Zone (6-23-04 T/C)

Broadway – north side, adjacent to median at the Winter Hill Parking Lot

B) Request to extend hours in timed parking area from 6pm to 10pm (6-23-04 T/C)

Broadway – north side, adjacent to the median at the Winter Hill Parking Lot

Motion to **Deny** (both) George Manzelli, 2nd Lt Upton, unanimous

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm