

Traffic Commission Meeting
June 18, 2009

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

Meeting was called to order @ 6:10pm

Attendance: Robert Trane, James Polito, Stan Koty

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

Other: Michael Yenke, Ron Shapiro, Deborah Bartolomeu, Olga Bartolomeu, Doreen Evans, Niveria Melo, James Theophile, Julieann Covino, Nathan Henstra, Emanuel Morais

Item #1 – Minutes from May 21, 2009 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Motion to suspend the rules and take an Item (#6) out of order made by Robert Trane, 2nd James Polito, unanimous

Item #6 – Request for a change in Traffic Pattern (submitted by Alderman Heuston)
Concord Av – Two Way Traffic changed to One Way, east bound, Springfield St to end of island (upon installation of island by DPW)

Residents from this area addressed the Commission regarding this request. Some felt that the reason for this proposal was to help with speeding however they felt that this was more of a problem at the Prospect St end of Concord Av. Mr. Morais then stated that he had no idea who any of the Traffic Commission members were and Chairman Koty apologized and made introductions. Traffic Engineer Terence Smith went on to explain that this change in traffic pattern will help reduce speeding and that the placement of several impact recovery signs have also helped. The residents asked if there were any other options available such as speed bumps, painting a center yellow line, or making the entire street a one way. Stan Koty explained that speed bumps were very costly and due to the hard financial times that the city is facing this was not a viable option. Terence Smith explained that due to MUTCD regulations this street did not qualify for a center yellow line, he also stated that making the entire street one way would cause heavy traffic congestion in the neighborhood. Terry Smith cited accident history at this location (3 accidents in 12 years) did not show sufficient cause for any greater measures to be taken. Residents then raised the possibility of having the speed limit lowered. Lieutenant James Polito explained that speed limits were set by the state. He suggested placing speed boards on the street and increasing enforcement for moving violations. Alderman Trane asked if any of the residents in attendance had attended any of the neighborhood meetings with Alderman Heuston regarding this matter. It was requested that this matter be tabled pending more discussion, however, Stan Koty explained that any delay could cause funding to be lost as it is the end of the fiscal year. Alderman Trane asked for a 1 minute recess so that he could contact Alderman Heuston by phone. When the meeting was called back to order he explained that she did not want this item tabled for the same fiscal reasons already stated and that she would have another neighborhood meeting and

requested a copy of the attendance from this meeting. Stan Koty then suggested that the Commission take a vote on this matter, he explained that if it is approved it can always be rescinded. A motion was made to **Approve** by Robert Trane, 2nd James Polito, unanimous

**Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking
181 Boston Av**

Motion to **Approve** made by James Polito, 2nd Robert Trane, unanimous

Item #3 – Request for an Increase to Parking Fines and RMV Surcharge

| OFFENSE | FINE | ENFORCING PERSONNEL |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Unattached Trailer | \$40.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Traffic Island/Safety Zone | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Taxi Stand | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Restricted Zone | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Permit Parking | \$50.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Wrong Direction | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Overtime Parking | \$25.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Over 48 Hours | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Over 1 Ft. From Curb | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| On Sidewalk | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Obstruct/2 ft. Driveway | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking, Police |
| No Stop Zone | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Parking Meter | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Loading Zone | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Leave 10 Ft. Passage | \$40.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| High School Concourse | \$25.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Double Parking | \$50.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Construction Zone | \$30.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Commercial Overnight | \$40.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| Bus Stop | \$100.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| 20 Ft. Intersection | \$40.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |
| RMV Surcharge | \$40.00 | Traffic & Parking; Police |

Motion to **Approve** made by James Polito, 2nd Stan Koty, unanimous

Item #4 – Request to revise existing Commercial Overnight Restriction as follows:

Commercial Overnight - vehicles with 2 Axles or less

Heavy Commercial Overnight - vehicles with 3 Axles or more

Motion to **Approve** made by Robert Trane, 2nd James Polito, unanimous

Item #5 – Request for Loading Zone

46A Broadway – Mon-Fri 8am-12noon

Motion to **Approve** made by James Polito, 2nd Robert Trane, unanimous

**Broadway @ Patsy’s Bakery, Mon-Fri 8am-12noon, “Live Deliveries Only”
Table**

* Please note that both of the above locations are metered spaces and will revert back to metered parking when Loading Zone is not in effect

Item #7 – Request for No Thru Traffic, Residents Only, 7am-9am and 4pm-6pm, 90 day trial period

Myrtle St @ Washington St

Tufts St @ Washington St

Motion to **Approve** made by Robert Trane, 2nd Stan Koty, unanimous

Item #8 – Prior Business

Request to make permanent an amendment to Loading/Service Zones in and around Davis Square which eliminated 5 minute parking for passenger vehicles and designates parking for “Delivery Vehicles Only”

Motion to **Approve** made by Stan Koty, 2nd James Polito, unanimous

Item #9 – Tabled Items

a) Request for Fire Lanes (submitted by Chief Kelleher)

Sellon Pl, both sides, entire length

Hamlet St, west side, 25ft in a northerly direction from Boston St

Boston St, north side, 25ft in a westerly direction from Hamlet St

Hooker Av, easterly end near Endicott Av ~ 14ft wide

Motion to **Approve** (all) made by Robert Trane, 2nd Stan Koty, unanimous

A motion was made by Robert Trane to add the following to the agenda:

- Four Resolutions from Alderman O’Donovan were submitted and placed on file
- Traffic Commission send a letter to the Basil Tree Café requesting their appearance at next months Traffic Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 7pm