

Traffic Commission Agenda
April 19, 2018

Attendance: Stan Koty, Thomas Graney, Lt. James Polito, Alderman Mark Niedergang
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Anna Rebelo, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith, Nancy Salamoun
Other: Robert Cassano

Meeting was held at the Department of Public Works, 17 Franey Road

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

Item #1 – A motion was made by Lt. Polito to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2018 Traffic Commission Meeting, 2nd by Alderman Niedergang. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking

College Av at the West Branch Library

- Nancy Salamoun explained the request was made due to upcoming renovations being made at the library. She asked if the item could be taken up later in the meeting when Mr. Cassano from the library arrived.
- The Chair asked Terence Smith if he reviewed the item and he replied that he did not. The Chair explained to Ms. Salamoun all requests must be reviewed and receive a recommendation from Mr. Smith before the Commission will consider it. He suggested Mr. Cassano speak with Mr. Smith.
- Terence Smith recommended the item be tabled so Traffic and Parking can review.

The Chair made a motion to table the item, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

13-25 Warren Av – 2 spaces at Properzi Manor

- Terence Smith stated the request came from the ADA Coordinator and both Traffic and Parking and the Fire Department have concerns such as why the spaces will not be in the parking lot.
- Nancy Salamoun explained the request came from Alderman Ewen-Campen and it is her understanding there are some spaces in the lot. She requested the item be tabled and brought back when the Alderman is able to attend and explain further.
- The Chair voiced his concerns and suggested they meet with Mr. Smith to discuss all options.
- Alderman Niedergang stated he will speak with Alderman Ewan-Campen and requested the item be tabled until the next meeting.

Alderman Niedergang made a motion to table the item, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #4 – Request for Handicapped Parking

13 Laurel St

- Terence Smith stated the application meets criteria and Traffic and Parking has no objection to the request.

Lt. Polito made a motion to Approve, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #5 – Request for Handicapped Parking

19 Meacham St

- Terence Smith stated the application meets criteria and Traffic and Parking has no objection to the request.

Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve, 2nd by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #6 – Request to extend an existing Fire Lane

37-39 Clyde St, extend the existing Fire Lane 15ft east for a total length of 32ft

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking conferred with the fire department and has no objection to the request.
- Alderman Niedergang stated he supports the request and this is a tough corner.

Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #7 – Request for Fire Lanes

Innerbelt Rd, both sides, 95ft each on the inbound side of the tunnel

Innebelt Rd, 63ft at the entrance to the outbound side of the tunnel

Innerbelt Rd, outbound side of the exit to the tunnel for a distance of 95ft

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking conferred with the fire department and supports the request, as this is public safety concern he recommended the commission waive the advertisement period and put into effect immediately.

Thomas Graney made a motion to Approve with the amendment to waive the advertising period as an emergency situation, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #8 – Request for No Parking Anytime

161-165 Broadway, between the MBTA bus stop and the metered parking space

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking supports the request as the space is approximately 16ft in length and controversial; he also noted the Ward Alderman supports the request.

Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve, 2nd by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #9 – Request to designate authority to the Traffic and Parking Director, with consultation of the ADA Coordinator, the authority to make reasonable modifications to the residential handicapped parking program under the Americans with Disabilities Act

- Nancy Salamoun explained under ADA regulations the current policy can be modified to accommodate an immediate and/or temporary concern, such as a resident that needs an HP space for a visiting family member. She is requesting in such situations, providing all paperwork is in order, an immediate approval be given prior to the Traffic Commission meeting.
- The Chair asked who would give the approval and Ms. Salamoun answered the Traffic Director with consultation of the ADA Director. She also noted this would only be to address immediate concerns arising prior to meetings.
- The Chair stated currently Terence Smith does research for all requests and worries this could become a bone of contention if the signs for these temporary spaces are not removed in a timely manner. He stated in weighing the public good he believes these spaces would have to be reviewed by the Traffic Engineer.
- Alderman Niedergang asked how long it takes for Traffic and Parking to vet an application once received and Terence Smith explained normally 2 weeks but in an emergency situation 48-72 hours.
- Terence Smith recommended if approved there be an end date for all requests.
- The Chair suggested a policy be redrafted by the Law Department with input from the Traffic Engineer and include a sunset clause.

The Chair made a motion to table the item, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Thomas Graney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.