

Traffic Commission Minutes
August 17, 2021

Meeting was held virtually on Tuesday August 17, 2021 at 5:30pm

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Attendance: Thomas Graney, Lt. Polito, Jill Lathan, Mark Niedergang

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Jacqueline Stagnari, Nancy Bacci, Ali Kleyman, Justin Schreiber

Other: Mark Chase, Bella Levavi

Meeting Ground Rules:

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

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

**Item #1 – Acceptance of Minutes from the July 15, 2021 Traffic Commission Meeting
Motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0**

The Chair reordered the agenda and took Item #5 next

**Item #5 – Request for Handicapped Parking
91 Belmont St**

- Nancy Bacci, Deputy Director of HHS, reviewed the application and confirmed with property owner that driveway was not available for the applicants use. She supports the request.

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

Item #2 – Request for 20mph Speed Safety Zones east of Davis Square

Street	From	To
Highland Ave	Cedar Street	Cutter Ave (both directions)
Summer Street	Cedar Street	Willow Ave (both directions)
Summer Street	Elm Street	Willow Ave
Winslow Ave	Grove Street	Clifton Street
Cutter Ave	Elm Street	Highland Ave
Windom Street	Summer Street	Elm Street
Elston Street	Elm Street	Summer Street (both directions)

St. James Ave	Elm Street	Summer Street (both directions)
Willow Ave	Elm Street	Highland Ave
Banks Street	Summer Street	Elm Street
Burnside Ave	Summer Street	Elm Street
Hancock Street	Summer Street	Elm Street
Hancock Street	Summer Street	Charnwood Rd
Hancock Street	Charnwood Rd	Lexington Ave (both directions)
Cherry Street	Steeves Circle	Highland Ave (both directions)
Ashland Street	Sartwell Ave	Summer Street
Cedar Street	Highland Ave	Elm Street
Hall Street	Cherry Street	Cedar Street
Aberdeen Rd	Highland Ave	Cedar Street
Spencer Ave	Hancock Street	Cedar Street
Lexington Ave	Hancock Street	Cedar Street
Hawthorne Street	Cutter Ave	Willow Ave
West Street	Hawthorne Street	Highland Ave (both directions)
Charnwood Rd	Hancock Street	Willow Ave
Windsor Rd	Hancock Street	Willow Ave
Henry Ave	Highland Ave	Lexington Ave
Lesley Ave	Highland Ave	Lexington Ave (both directions)

- Ali Kleyman explained this covers Davis Square as they make their way around the city creating speed safety zones.

Motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0

Item #3 – Request to convert 3 spaces at 292-298 Beacon St from the existing 2 hour parking regulation to a new Loading Zone regulation that extends the existing Loading Zone at 288 Beacon St northwest to Eustis St. The Loading Zone will be regulated as 20 min commercial loading and 5 min passenger loading from 8am-10pm and as permit parking only from 10pm-8am.

- Justin Schreiber stated there is an existing small one space loading zone and this proposal is to make the loading zone larger to accommodate larger vehicles. It will also add time limits to allow overnight resident permit parking only.
- The Chair asked if the businesses were notified and if so how many and Justin explained this has been a long standing issue and this request provides a larger space and deters from parking on the cycle track.

Motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0

Item #4 – Request to implement the following parking regulation changes adjacent to the SomerNova complex to reduce traffic crowding at the Tyler/Properzi intersection:

- a) Convert 40 feet of curb space on the west side of Properzi Way at Tyler St from the existing two hour parking regulation to a new Loading Zone (20 min commercial loading and 5 min passenger loading) from 8am-10pm and permit parking only from 10pm-8am
 - b) Convert 30 feet of curb space on the north side of Tyler Way opposite 8 Tyler Way, from the existing permit parking regulation to a new Loading Zone (20 min commercial loading and 5 min passenger loading) from 8am-10pm and permit parking only from 10pm-8am.
 - c) Convert 20' of curb space on the south side of Tyler St at Properzi Way from the existing two hour parking regulation to a new Accessible Parking.
- Justin Schreiber stated this proposal will provide space for multi-purpose loading and drop-off/pick-up for the businesses at this location in 2 different locations. He noted Item 4 (c) was previously approved and was placed on the agenda in error.
 - Mark Chase, Transportation Planner, stated the goal is to make the street work better and the tenants of the property agree with the proposal. He noted the corner at Tyler and Properzi is a mess and drop offs back up the traffic, this will allow Uber and Lyft drivers to stop further away from the intersection.
 - Mark Niedergang stated this was well thought out and he appreciates the businesses being informed of the proposal; he agrees these changes are needed.

Motion to Approve Items 4a and 4b was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito.

Motion passed: 4-0

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm was made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Lt. Polito.

Motion passed: 4-0.