

Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2017

Attendance: Stan Koty, Thomas Graney, Robert McWatters

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith, Susan Callahan, Mike Tremblay

Other: Barbara Rubel, Jeffrey Parenti, Mike Skeldon, Deputy Chief Mark Keith

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

Robert McWatters made a motion to take an item out of order and go to Item #3, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #3 – Request for the removal of the parking spaces on the east side of College Av between Dearborn Rd and the crosswalk north of Professors Row (approximately 7 spaces) to allow for pedestrian safety upgrades, including construction of a curb extension in the northeast corner of the intersection of College Av and Dearborn Rd

- Mike Tremblay stated in the fall of 2017 Tufts will conduct additional studies on pedestrian desire lines and bicycle turning movements between the Medford town line and Talbot Av to determine what additional treatments will be provided.
- The Chair stated he spoke with Brad Rawson who confirmed the concerns of the Aldermen have been worked out.
- Alderman McWatters stated his main concern is pedestrian safety and he supports the request.

Robert McWatters made a motion to approve, with the amendment for additional studies and treatments to be provided in the fall of 2017, seconded by Thomas Graney. Motion passed 3-0 as amended.

Item #1 Minutes from the April 20, 2017 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking
6 Miller St

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking does not support this request as the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.
- Alderman McWatters stated while he respects Traffic and Parking's position regarding the driveway there are extenuating circumstances. He recommends a 90 day approval with a follow up review.

Robert McWatters made a motion to approve for a 90 day trial period, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed 3-0.

Robert McWatters made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed 3-0.

