

Traffic Commission Minutes
October 14, 2021

Meeting was held virtually on Thursday October 14, 2021 at 5:30pm
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/584900941> (Please click this link to attend the virtual meeting)

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

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Jacqueline Stagnari, Anna Rebelo, Nancy Bacci, Adam Polinski

Other: Fernando Cervantes, Cindy Quach

The Chair asked the members for a roll call to determine a quorum and Lt. Polito, Thomas Graney, Lena Webb and Mark Niedergang responded as present, she then called the meeting to order at 5:35pm and noted the ground rules:

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

Item #1 – Motion to Approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021 Traffic Commission meeting was made by Mark Niedergang and 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking
15 Parker St

- Nancy Bacci stated she recommends approval as the property does not have a driveway and the application was in order.

A motion to Approve was made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Lt. Polito. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Lt. Polito answered yes; Mark Niedergang answered yes; Thomas Graney answered yes; Lena Webb answered yes. The motion passed: 4-0

Thomas Graney recommended the fire department determine if a ladder truck can get down the street.

The Chair gave members a few minutes to review the locations in Item #3 and waived reading the list.

Item #3 – Request for 20mph Speed Safety Zone Area north of Powder House Blvd, between North St and Packard Ave

Street	From	To
North Street	Powder House Boulevard	City line (both directions)

Powder House Boulevard	North Street	Packard Ave (both directions)
Raymond Ave	North Street	Curtis Street (both directions)
Conwell Ave	North Street	Curtis Street (both directions)
College Hill Road	North Street	Conwell Ave (both directions)
W Adams St	Conwell Ave	City line (both directions)
Hillsdale Road	Conwell Ave	City line (both directions)
Chetwynd Road	Curtis Street	Hillsdale Road
Chetwynd Road	Hillsdale Road	W Adams Street (both directions)
Bailey Street	North Street	W Adams Street (both directions)
W Quincy Street	Bailey Street	City line (both directions)
Upland Road	Curtis Street	Hillsdale Road (both directions)
Sunset Road	Curtis Street	Hillsdale Road (both directions)
Curtis Ave	Curtis Street	Hillsdale Road (both directions)
Curtis Street	Powder House Boulevard	City line (both directions)
Teele Ave	Packard Ave	Curtis Street
Whitfield Road	Packard Ave	Curtis Street

- Adam Polinski, Transportation Planner, stated this was an extension of the ongoing effort to implement 20mph speed safety zones throughout the city.

A motion to Approve was made by Lena Webb, 2nd by Thomas Graney. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Lt. Polito answered yes; Mark Niedergang answered yes; Thomas Graney answered yes; Lena Webb answered yes. The motion passed: 4-0

Item #4 – Request to convert the two parking spaces nearest 132 College Ave, currently designated as 2 hour parking except by permit, to a Loading Zone, 20 minute commercial or 5 minute passenger parking, from 8am to 10pm and residential permit parking from 10pm to 8am.

- The Economic Development team submitted this request on behalf of the businesses on this block that are seeking accommodations for loading and unloading and pick up/drop off needs.

A motion to Approve was made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Lt. Polito answered yes; Mark Niedergang answered yes; Thomas Graney answered yes; Lena Webb answered yes. The motion passed: 4-0

Item #5 – Request to reschedule the date for next month’s Traffic Commission Meeting in observance of the Veterans Day holiday on Thursday November 11th

- The Commission discussed alternate dates for the next meeting and decided upon Thursday November 18th at 5pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48pm was made by Lt. Polito, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. The motion passed: 4-0

