

Traffic Commission Minutes
September 10, 2020

The meeting was held virtually on Thursday September 10, 2020 at 5:30pm

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/751547477> (Please click this link to attend the virtual meeting)

Attendance: Lt. James Polito, Lena Webb, Steve MacEachern, Thomas Graney, Mark Niedergang
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Jackie Stagnari, Justin Schreiber, Nancy Salamoun, Alexandra Kleyman

Resident: Joanne Manning, Vinh Khuu, Joe Flaherty

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

Item #1 – Mark Niedergang made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 Traffic Commission Meeting, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 5-0.

Item #2 – Request for Loading Zone

3 Beacon St, Mon-Sat, 8am-6pm (formerly a bus stop that was recently consolidated)

- Justin Schreiber explained this bus stop was consolidated by the MBTA a while back but after construction on the street the contractor put the signs back up in error. The city has received a request from the owner of 3 Beacon St for a loading zone.

Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 5-0

Item #3 – Request for formal approval of existing fire lanes

Wyatt Circle – outside north perimeter, 142 feet in length from Wyatt St

Wyatt Circle – outside south perimeter, 126 feet in length from Wyatt St

Wyatt Circle – inside north perimeter, 92 feet in length from Wyatt St

Wyatt Circle – inside south perimeter, 110 feet in length from Wyatt St

Wyatt Circle – inside of the west perimeter is 68 feet long

- Thomas Graney explained he and Suzanne Rinfret measured the existing fire lane after a complaint from a resident that their driveway access was being blocked. It was discovered the fire lane was not listed in the regulations so this request is to make it official.
- The Chair asked if Chief Breen looked at it and Mr. Graney answered yes he submitted the request.

Motion to Approve made by Lt. Polito, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 5-0

Item #4 – Request for Fire Lane

Murdock St – extending 21 feet between #11 and #17a

Murdock St – extending 61 feet between the 2 driveways at #14

- Mark Niedergang stated there were some residents that wished to speak on the item.
- Joanne Manning stated she is in favor of this request because it would provide better access for emergency vehicles to the housing project as the driveway there often gets blocked.
- Vinh Khuu stated he also supports the request and believes it will address the problem of illegal parking.
- Joe Flaherty, 17-22 Murdock St developer, stated he also supports this request and noted the Fire Lane was a special condition for this development and because the driveway was put at an angle you cannot easily see the curb cut so this is a great solution.

- Joanne Manning stated she believes a painted curb cut would work better than a sign. Steve MacEachern explained the city doesn't typically use paint and suggested they install signage if approved and can look at it again if necessary.
- Mark Niedergang stated he supports the request; he sent an email to notify approx. 40 residents of the street of this item and did not receive one call in opposition of it.

Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 5-0.

Item #5 – Request for Handicapped Parking

65 School St

- Nancy Salamoun stated there was a question regarding ownership and use of the driveway. She spoke to the applicant who explained she owns the condo but does not have a dedicated space in the driveway and there often isn't a spot available. She also noted she was new to this address and had an HP space at her prior address.
- Steve MacEachern asked if the space at her former address was removed and Nancy replied she believes it had been and will confirm with Suzanne Rinfret.

Motion to Approve made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 5-0

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 5-0.