

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 13, 2017 Meeting, 7pm
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Donna Mullin, Kara Holmquist, Stephen DeLisi, Lt. John Kraemer, Tony Del Gaizo, Richard Merson, Seth Bauer.

Technical Advisor: Bob Wilson

Guests: Linda Hasenfus, Priscilla Coughlin, Paul Alpert, Joe Leghorn, Craig Segien.

CALL TO ORDER

Stephen gave a brief introduction to the guests about how the TMAC works. Item number 3 from the agenda has been removed.

I. INTERSECTION, CROSSWALK, SPEED AT INTERSECTION OF LINDEN ST AND GREAT PLAIN AVE

Joe Leghorn presented the concern about cars turning from Linden Street onto Great Plain Ave. The cars need to inch out because the sight line is blocked by parked cars. This is also difficult due to the speed of cars and trucks traveling east.

We discussed the need for the regulation to be checked because there may be a missing black and white regulatory speed limit sign in front of what used to be the Day Star nursing home (Great Plain eastbound at the 1150 block before the church). The sign should be 25mph and should be replaced pending a review of the regulation.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed to install a “no parking here to corner” sign toward Wellesley and to add cross hatching from the intersection of Great Plain Ave. and Linden St. going 20 feet back so it’s clear there should be no parking.

II. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT HIGHLAND AVE AND OAKLAND AVE

P. Coughlin presented a concern with the crosswalk at Highland Ave. and Oakland Ave. not being visible. One suggestion was for stanchions to go on Highland Street to create more visibility.

The telephone poles might obstruct the crosswalk signs. If a stanchion was put in, it might be hard for people turning to make it and it is also a corridor for ambulances. A stanchion may be damaged.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed to add on the reverse sides of the existing signs the same language that exists on the front.

III. SIGNAGE ON WEST STREET

L. Hasenfus presented a concern that people park all day and so close to her driveway she has trouble getting her car in/out on West Street (in the area across from the Trader Joe’s/CVS parking lot). There is no signage or painted markings.

The cars are there all day and likely commuters. There may already be regulations in place in that area for metered parking. If so, meters do not have to be put back, but signs could be installed allowing only for 2 hour parking.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed to look at the regulations, and, if allowed, consider 2 hour parking, Monday-Friday, and marking the spaces so that they aren't so close to the driveway.

It was noted that because the cars will just move further up, it might be good to petition neighbors from Hunnewell St. to West to also put 2 hour, Monday-Friday, parking on both sides. Linda should do a petition and come back in October.

IV. SPEED, SIGNAGE BETWEEN NEHOIDEN ST AND GARDEN ST

C. Segien presented a concern with speeding in front of his home on 226 May St. There are no speed limits signs. The speed limit is 30mph; it is thickly settled.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed to put a diamond shaped intersection ahead/30 mph. speed tab in front of 226 May St. facing from Nehoiden St. up to Garden St.

V. INTERSECTION AT HIGHLAND AVE/WEBSTER ST – ENTRANCE TO TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

Paul Alpert presented a concern with the driveway to the temple being blocked by cars sitting in traffic. During the day care's drop off and pick up times, parents are unable to turn left into the driveway. The driveway into the temple is on the northern side near Highland. It is 3 car lengths from the intersection. While there is an entrance to the temple from Davenport, this is a private way and the neighbors have complained about traffic, so it is only open on certain days, such as the high holidays.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed to paint cross hatch the section where cars block, as well as to install a sign to not block the driveway (installed on the temple's side of the Street).

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STATUS REPORT

None.

VII. APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 9, 2017

The Minutes of the August 9, 2017 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved, with one correction on Page 3, Item VI (Parking Spaces on Chestnut Street), where it should have said "(2 hours or less)" instead of "(15 minutes max)".

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15p.m.

Minutes compiled by Kara Holmquist