

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: JANUARY 16, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. 130 / 180 Third Avenue - Traffic Impact Report

VHB will be presenting the Traffic Impact Report for this development.

Mr. Richard Monopoli, Boston Properties gave a presentation explaining the project. Proposed is an office project located on Third Avenue to house Thermo Fisher Scientific Global Headquarters. Originally, a restaurant had been included, however it has been removed. The project will redevelop the existing site of 61,000 square feet, by eliminating the existing buildings and construction of approximately 412,000 square feet of office space in two separate buildings. One building (Phase 1) will be approximately 136,000 sf of office space, with 430 parking spaces and the other building (Phase 2) will be 270,000 sf and 900 parking spaces. A total 1,330 parking spaces to support the project and will be served by three driveways off Third Avenue and the second building will have an additional driveway on Fourth Avenue. The intersections along Winter Street, Wyman Street, Totten Pond Road and Third Avenue were all reviewed for traffic impact and evaluation. Additionally, consideration was given to anticipated projects that are in some level of progress. Total new trips for the project is expected to be 4,380 trips per weekday, which includes 630 trips in the AM peak hour and 575 in the PM peak hour. Without mitigation, the intersection of Third/Ave/Wyman and Totten Pond road as well as other off-site intersections will experience a decline in Level of Service. There has been tentative discussion with developers of the Polaroid Site (1265 Main Street) and with the State DOT for the possibility of another service ramp off Rt.128, however, there are no immediately plans at this time. Mitigation has been offered for traffic improvements in the amount of \$730,800.targeted to upgrade and improve transportation facilities in the general vicinity of the Project Site.

- A Winter Street corridor and Piety Corner.
- B Wyman St/Rte128 NB ramp exclusive left lane turn lane; and signal adjustments
- C Third Avenue – add fourth southbound lane; striping and signal adjustments
- D Third Ave. – add exclusive left turn lane for southbound at Fourth Avenue
- E All sidewalks surrounding the project will be reconstructed
- F Transportation Demand Management – membership to 128 Business Council

Voted to accept these recommendations and forward the comments on the Traffic Impact and Access Study to the City Council for their deliberations on the issuing a Special Permit.

B. 749 – 751 Main Street TD Bank – Traffic Impact Report

McMahon Associates, Inc. will be presenting the Traffic Impact Report for this development. Mr. Jason Adams McMahon Traffic Engineer, and Mr. Josh Smerling Bohler Engineering appeared on behalf of this project. Proposed is the razing of the existing buildings on the north-west corner of Main/Exchange Streets (749-751 Main St.) and construct a 2,500 square foot bank with two-remote drive-thru-lanes. There will be a full access driveway on Main Street and a right in/right out driveway on Exchange Street. The peak hour trip generation is estimated to result in an increase of approximately 16 new vehicle trips in the morning peak hour; and 13 new trips in the afternoon peak hour. Saturdays will have an additional 26 trips during the mid-day peak hour. These increases will have minimal impact on traffic operation in the vicinity of Main/exchange and School/Exchange. The driveways and the internal traffic pattern have sufficient width to handle entering (queuing) and vehicles turning around. **Voted to accept the Traffic Impact Report and forward these comments to the City Council for their deliberations on the application for a Special Permit.**

C. St. Jude's 3rd Annual Family 5K

Ms. Norma Newell is requesting permission for this race to be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Lt. Cavallaro reported no streets to be closed; Police will be present; and it is expected to have 400-600 participants. **Voted to recommend a permit to issue.**

D. 14 Cross Street – Handicap Parking Space

Mr. Thomas O'Connell is requesting a handicap space in front of his residence. Traffic Engineering reported the request has met all the requirements for an on street parking space. **Voted to add the following to Schedule 6 Handicap Parking**

Add: Cross Street, west side, 1 space in front of #14 Cross Street

2. TABLED ITEMS:

- A. Highland St. "Spur" at Curtis St. – Removal of "No Right Turn" Restriction (9/12)(10/12)
Waiting for Law Dept. opinion
- B. Ellison Park traffic issues (9/13)(10/13)
- C. Warren Street at Beaver Street – Proposed Traffic Signal Study (9/13)
- D. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal (10/13)
- E. Longfellow Rd. at Fairfax Rd. – Removal of 4-Way Stop (11/13)
- F. Lake St. at Princeton St. – Pedestrian Flashing Light (11/13)
- G. Moody Street Sidewalk Project (11/13)
- H. Farmers Market Relocation to Central Square Parking Deck (11/13)

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report . . .Receipts for the year 2013 were down approximately \$16,000.
- B. Forest Street at Trapelo Road Update – Information Only
On street pole has been removed and area repaved; electrical service to be connected shortly which will allow for flash operation; full actuation is expected by April
- C. Main St. at Newton St. and Main St. at Lyman./Heard Sts. Update– Information Only
Final design plans underway
- D. Lyman Street at Summer Street – Traffic Signal Study (5/12)(12/12)
Initial cost to install mast arm, estimated at \$32,000.; item must go to bid
- E. Parking Meter Staffing. . Meter Supervisor Joseph Cacciatore has announced his retirement effective January 17, 2014

AND ANY LATE FILED ITEM(S) THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

**Attendance: All members except Mr. Malone (business meeting) and Ms. Gerlack (sick).
Adjourned @ 11:20 A.M.**

Respectfully Submitted

Frank S. Lombardo, Clerk

Waltham Traffic Commission**Date of the Meeting:****Please Print**

Name of Speaker	# Street, City	Affiliation i.e. Attorney - Abutter Interested party - Petitioner	For/Against Item No:
Richard Monopoli	800 Boylston Street Boston, MA	Boston Properties	1A
Rob Nagi	101 Walnut Street Watertown, MA	V H B	1A
Spruille Braden	81 Wyman Street Waltham, MA	Thermo Fisher Scientific	1A
Jim Ward	155 Seaport Blvd Boston, MA	Boston Properties	1A
Phil McCourt	15 Church Street Waltham, MA	Attorney Boston Properties	1A
Jason Adams	45 Bromfield Street Boston, MA 02108	TD Bank Traffic Engineer	1B
Josh Smerling	352 Turnpike Road Southborough, MA	TD Bank Bohler Engineering	1B