

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: JANUARY 15, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M.  
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

**The Chair accepted a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.**

Voted to accept December's minutes.

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. 135 Second Avenue – Proposed Hotel Traffic Impact Study**

VHB presented the traffic impact study for this project. Mr. Robert Nagi, VHB and proponent Mr. Ara Aftandilian attended summarized the proposed hotel at this location. A new seven story building with 138 rooms, extended stay, a small meeting room and a board room. The facility will provide a lounge option for their guests where light food items and beverages could be purchased. The site will be served by a single, relocated driveway along Second Avenue. The site will also provide 140 parking spaces for guests and staff. Level of Service (LOS) at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Winter Street is E in the PM and LOS A in the Am. The project is not expected to change the LOS in the area. A crosswalk, with possible easements will be installed, at a mutual agreed location on Second Avenue. Contribution to the infrastructure fund was stated to be \$100,000.

Member, Ms. Cagle asked for bicycle racks to be visible and a digital transportation board be installed with updated transport information. T.E. Mr. Garvin concurred with the report relative to trip estimates and a crosswalk.

**Voted to forward the report to the City Council for their use in considering a Special Permit.**

**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. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal (10/13)
- D. Lake St. at Princeton St. – Pedestrian Flashing Light (11/13)(9/14)
- E. Lowell Street at Washington Avenue – Traffic Study (6/14)(9/14)(10/14)
- F. Appleton Street – Reinstallation of No Parking Except. Sunday & Holiday (6/14)
- G. Villa Street between Summit and Cedarwood Aves. – Speeding Issues (9/14)(11/20)

- H. **" Move from Block" defined in Rules and Regulations** (12/14) Voted to remove from the table. Mayor McCarthy asked to be heard on this item. She expressed her concern for the multitude of signage and the need for "balance". She also had concerns relative to the signs having a red background. T.E. Mr. Garvin said a solution is close and he also has concerns with too many signs. Member Mr. Magno stated the public must receive a clear message moving a vehicle a short distance is still a violation of overtime parking.

**Voted to table**

- I. Taxicab Rules & Regulations, Article 21, Section 3, Subsection 4f and 4i (TC 12/14)

**Voted off the table.**

Mr. Charles Frost, a Taxi Owner attended the meeting and was allowed to address the Commission relative to the age of a Taxi. He stated that he has two seven (7) year old vehicles and they are maintained in a safe condition. He also, intends to register a 10 year old vehicle that has 3,000 miles. In addition to appealing to the Commission, he has asked for assistance from Councilor Logan. Councilor Logan has requested an opinion from the Law Department concerning the Traffic Commission's authority for this regulation. **Voted to table this item and place in the February agenda for a full discussion.**

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- A. Parking Meter Report . . total funds for the year down \$81K
- B. Main St. at Newton St. and Main St. at Lyman./Heard Sts. – Update Signals need coordination; installation was in December
- C. South Street at Highland Street – Update – going out to bid this month
- D. Spruce Street and Walnut Street Parking Lot Reconstruction – Update contract has been awarded
- E. Pay Stations – Update Five (5) new stations being installed at the Central Square Parking Deck
- F. Transportation Master Plan – Update . . bid for proposals February 5.
- G. Parking Demand Management Plan Funding – Update. . Grants will be reviewed for possible funding, a consultant is needed and the program in general is for guidance and will be flexible. The project has the support of Mayor McCarthy

**4. LATE FILED:**

Adjourned @ 10:56 AM

Attendance: Absent members Mr. Kelly & Mr. Malone. Robert Nagi VHB. Mr. Ara Aftandilian KW Development. Mayor McCarthy and Mr. Charles Frost.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank S. Lombardo  
Clerk

### Off Committee Speakers

# Waltham Traffic Commission

**Date of the Meeting: January 15, 2015**

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