

City of Waltham

Traffic Commission

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PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION TO BE HELD: WEDNESDAY March 30, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

At the request of residents in the Summer Street, Faneuil Road, Harris Street, Pleasant Street and Ellison Park area the Traffic Commission will hold a hearing Wednesday March 30, 2011 at 7:00 PM to discuss issues relative to on street parking, one-way patterns, stop sign control and any other possible change to the present existing conditions in this area. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The meeting will be held at Waltham Government Center, Public Meeting Room located at 119 School Street

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cc: Members
Co. Waddick, Ward 6
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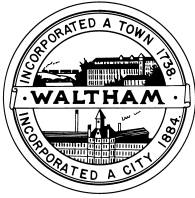
Wednesday March 30, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
Government Center, Public Meeting Room

Chairman, Police Chief LaCroix, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. All attendees were asked to sign in as Off Committee Speakers. It was explained that the Commission would listen to requests and suggestions to improve traffic flow in the neighborhood. All night parking in the area is a problem for emergency vehicles to pass.

1: Ward 6, Councilor Robert Waddick was asked to speak first on this subject. He thanked the Commission for this meeting. He stated that there is a need for Stop Sign and speed limit enforcement. He realized that Summer Street is narrow (24.5 feet wide) but this is not the only street of this size in the City. There are approximately 35 vehicles that park on Summer Street everyday and just as many at night that park All Night long. He requested the Commission investigate the possible use of one-ways to help deter and control the through traffic.

2: Mr. Brad Pierowway, Middlesex Circle, asked for more crosswalks

- 3: Ms. Robin Bordenca, Middlesex Rd., Secretary for the Tenants Association, spoke of the speeding that occurs on Summer Street . She would like to have the sidewalk on the north side (GardenCrest side) of Summer Street moved back about 6 feet so that a parking lane could be created for the Overnight Parkers. She also spoke of the signal timing at Lyman and Summer Street; she believes the yellow light is to short.
- 4: Mr. Paul Semeone, Ellison Pk, stated that snow mounds at the curb make for one-way travel. He also felt that the City should not use “pickup” trucks to plow because they can not move the snow to the curb.
- 5: Mr. Gerald Olsen, Ellison Pk. – spoke of “traffic calming” options that the Commission may consider that will not change the parking as it presently exists.
- 6: Ms. Beth Guerin, Pleasant St. - spoke of the speeding on Summer Street and Stop violations that are occurring. There is a need for enforcement
- 7; Mr. Tom Casey, Ellison Pk. – very high traffic volume and speeding. Removing the parking will encourage speeding. Summer Street has two school bus stops. In addition, Main Street should have signage “Do Not Block Intersection” at Pleasant and Harris Street.
- 8: Mr. Pat King, Faneuil Rd. – supports No residential parking and no All Night Parking
- 9: Mr. Keith Whitmore, Harris St. – Garden Crest should provide more parking for the tenants
- 10: Mr. Charles Brophy, Harris St. – The Signal at Main & Lyman should be evaluated to determine if the timing can be rearranged to relieve the long delays on Lyman Street. On street Overnight parking is a problem that was created by Garden Crest; ANP enforcement should be implemented in the entire area. Consideration should be given for additional stop signs and limiting left hand turns during rush hours.
- 11: Mr. Donald Brophy, Harris St. – the intersections along Summer Street are very difficult to negotiate due to the radius. Squared (right angle) corners would improve the site distances.
- 12: Ms. Elaine Cooney, Faneuil Rd.– expressed concerns of the use on one-ways because this may have traumatic effect on traffic in the neighborhood.
- 13: Mr. Paul Estin, Garden Circle – stated that due to the lack of off street parking, approved all night parking is needed
- 14: Ms. Jennifer Sloon, Summer St. – agreed that there is not enough parking and that ANP is needed.
- 15: Mr. Sahouvik Gangopadhyay, Ellison Pk. – consideration should be given to have a signal installed on School Street and the corner clearances need to be improved.
- 16: Ms. Judy Slade, Ellison Pk. – ANP is a problem because it creates difficulty in entering/exiting the driveway.
- 17: Ms. Annemarie Yetten, Garden Circle – the signal at Lyman & Summer needs to be reviewed; she also stated that Summer Street has a lot of speeding.



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18: Mr. Vincent Passaretti, Pleasant St. – believes that two-way traffic on Summer Street is not practical and the intersections have very poor sight distances.

19: Ms. Alexnadra Sterng, Pleasant St. – the light at Summer & Lyman needs to be reviewed. On Main Street there should be No Right or Don Not Enter during rush hours for Harris and Pleasant St. Corners needed to be squared off and consideration should be given to make Harris & Pleasant one-way streets.

20: Mr. David Matayabus, Summer St. – corners need to be squared and police enforcement

21: Ms. Kate Johnson, Garden Circle– has 2 cars, and one parking space. There is a need for more off street parking.

22: Mr. Bobby Wonson, Summer St. – consideration for cyclists' is needed.

Upon completion of this portion, Chief LaCroix asked Mr. Diaz, Traffic Engineer (our GPI Consultant) for his comments. Recent volumes recorded for Ellison Park revealed that 2,000 vehicles traveled south per day and 200 vehicles traveled north per day. The numbers are indicative of heavy “cut-through” in this neighborhood. The consensus of this meeting, appeared to be directed toward this conclusion; too much through traffic. Ellison Park does not experience speeding (the 85% = 25 mph). Summer Street was not included in this review. Traffic Calming measures should be investigated, such as one-way patterns, reducing corner radius where possible, a step raised chicane, alternate on street parking (Summer Street) and possibly a posted Speed Limit. (Summer Street must be reviewed with a Speed Study Analysis.) Mr. Diaz also pointed out that such measures may have an effect on all the residents and cause some inconvenience.

This item will be placed on the April 21 meeting for a further review.

Respectfully Submitted

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Attendance: All members except Mr. Magno. Mr. Diaz (GPI) and Ms. Gerlach
Councilor Waddick and 48 area residents.

