

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chair), Yates, Cote, Fuller, Lipof, Schwartz, Johnson and Harney  
Also Present: Ald. Lennon, Leary and Albright  
City Staff: Lt. Fred Boudreau and Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department and David Koses, Transportation Coordinator

#41-11(3) ALD. LENNON, LEARY, CICCONE, JOHNSON requesting implementation of an overnight parking pilot program for the period of November 15, 2014 through April 15, 2015 in Ward One. [07/07/14 @ 1:33 PM]

**HELD 7-0 on 09/03/14**

**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0, Ald. Fuller not voting**

**NOTE:** Ald. Lennon, Ald. Leary, Lt. Boudreau and Sgt. Babcock joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Sgt. Babcock provided Committee members with a spreadsheet tracking the number of tickets issued from November 15, 2014 to February 3, 2015 in Ward One, by precincts, attached to this report. During this time, he noted that there have been 3700 tickets issued Citywide, including 965 in Ward One. The 'See above' notation indicates the location the officer issued the ticket. The computer analysis uses the same language the officer provided. He then said that permit parking does not override the overnight parking ban Citywide.

Chair Ciccone stated that this item was originally docketed because there are some residences within the City that do not have parking on-site creating a hardship for residents who need a place to park their vehicles. Since the Board of Aldermen approved raising the overnight parking fine from \$5.00 to \$25.00 effective on November 1, 2014, he has received very few complaints from residents and very few expressions of need for parking and suggested voting no action necessary on this item.

Ald. Lennon agreed with Chair Ciccone. He asked Sgt. Babcock to explain the breakdown of the spreadsheet. He asked if the number of tickets issued were issued to the same driver perhaps due to a hardship or lack of parking. Sgt. Babcock answered that he could not differentiate, as he did not have data if tickets were issued to the same driver. When tickets are issued only the street name is on the ticket, they do not have a specific address. He would have to request the vendor to break down the tickets issued by the license plate number. Ald. Lennon then suggested the exploration of using City owned municipal parking lots, realizing this does not include school properties.

Ald. Leary noted that Waban Park and Walnut Park have a very high number of tickets issued, it is concerning because these residents have off-street parking. She would like to have a discussion with the Commissioner of Parks & Recreation Department requesting that residents with hardships be accommodated with parking; perhaps including school properties.

Committee members asked if municipal parking lots are at full capacity? Sgt. Babcock answered that the department issues permits to the number of available spaces. He said that the Chapel Street parking lot is full. Adams Street, Newton Centre, Richardson Street and Pelham Street parking lots have available parking.

Ald. Johnson suggested docketing a discussion item with the Commissioner of Parks & Recreation, Commissioner of Department of Public Works and the School Department to determine and discuss parking options including school properties based on the current municipal parking lot programs including the issuance of permits.

Ald. Lennon said that he is working with Information Technology Department on maps delineating City owned properties within 500 feet from residences and the closest location available for them to park.

Lt. Boudreau said the department experienced problems in the past when residents were allowed to park behind the Horace Mann School because they would not remove their vehicle when informed.

Without further discussion, Ald. Johnson made the motion to vote no action necessary with the understanding an item will be docketed as suggested. Committee members agreed 7-0, Ald. Fuller not voting.

#326-14      ALD. ALBRIGHT, requesting a discussion and a plan to replace all Newton parking meters within two years. [08/19/14 @ 9:16 AM]  
**HELD 5-0 on 09/17/14, Ald. Harney and Lipof not voting**  
**ACTION:      HELD 6-0, Ald. Fuller and Johnson not voting**

**NOTE:**      Chair Ciccone asked that this item be held because the Director of Transportation is unavailable due to snow removal operations.

Without discussion, Ald. Cote made a motion to hold. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Johnson and Fuller not voting.

#150-13      ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, requesting the Planning Department create a traffic and parking management plan for the Education Center, Day Middle School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Carr School neighborhood area by December 2013. (Wards 1 & 2) [03/29/13 @ 9:11 AM]  
**ACTION:      HELD 7-0, Ald. Fuller not voting**

**NOTE:**      Lt. Boudreau, Sgt. Babcock, Mr. Koses and Ald. Albright joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Mr. Koses provided Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report. He described the following parking management plans and progress made to date.

Horace Mann Elementary School - 70 staff, 20 off-street parking spaces are available. On street parking is available on Albemarle Road, approximately 40 spaces. The path to Albemarle Road has been recently improved including lighting.

Carr School - 70 staff, 48 off-street parking spaces are available. Eight buses park daily on Nevada Street. Concerns include that there are too many vehicles in front of the Carr School, loading buses may cause backups onto California Street, limit access onto Nevada Street during school hours, no Blue Zone. Focus on busing and pick-up/drop-off locations on residential streets. Recently, Traffic Council developed and implemented a resident and staff permits parking plan allowing them to park in the "authorized parking only" section of Nevada Street. Vehicles are restricted access to one block of Nevada Street. Mr. Koses noted that this plan has worked well.

Education Center – The parking lot has expanded from 162 to 176 parking spaces and remains at 100% capacity. Overflow spaces are available on Churchill, Crafts and Walnut Streets. Permits are issued to employees allowing them to park. A School Zone, restricted parking near crosswalks and a short-term parking zone are recent improvements made to Walnut Street for better visibility and for parent pick-up/drop-offs.

Day Middle School - 180 staff, 53 parking spaces on-site. Staff have to be encouraged not to park in the Education Center parking lot. Principal Turner continues to encourage staff to park on Albemarle Road, not in the Education Center parking lot and not on neighboring streets. A neighborhood permit system is not an optimal solution due to the additional signage and new restrictions for residents. In many cases, staff parking would be a further walk from school. Sgt. Babcock agreed a parking program is not necessary.

Mr. Koses then said that there are three items on the Traffic Council Agenda relating to parking at these locations.

Ald. Johnson agreed that the Carr School neighborhood appears to be working well. She said that she has requested from the School Department that they consider transferring the Horace Mann Elementary School students to the Carr School and convert the Horace Mann Elementary School to a temporary school. The Horace Mann Elementary School is not adequate.

Ald. Johnson asked if a creation of a bus inlet on school property was considered to allow bus parking at the Carr School? Sgt. Babcock explained that the Transportation Team provided three options for bus parking including the current bus location, side of the school and an inlet. Approximately five vehicles per day pass school buses when the bus arm is extended. The Police Department is citing these drivers. Sgt. Babcock prefers an inlet accommodating 3-4 buses.

Ald. Johnson and Ald. Albright are happy to hear that Principal Turner continues to encourage staff to park on Albemarle Road, not in the Education Center parking lot and not on neighboring

streets. Sgt. Babcock said that if a two-hour parking restriction were implemented, it would be necessary for staff to park on Albemarle Road. Ald. Albright agreed and suggested implementing a two-hour parking restriction with resident permits. Lt. Boudreau suggested the school require staff register their vehicle with them allowing the Police Department to use their hand-held devices to determine where staff is parking.

Mr. Koses said that he would like to discuss Crafts Street options with Traffic Council members and the Board of Aldermen to determine if parking should be allowed on Crafts Street or a parking prohibition.

Ald. Johnson said that this docket item also requests the creation of a traffic plan at the Education Center, Day Middle School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Carr School neighborhood. Chair Ciccone said that the Director of Transportation would be asked to discuss the traffic plan concerns on this item.

Without further discussion, Ald. Schwartz made the motion to hold this item to allow the Director of Transportation to discuss traffic plans at these locations as the docket requests.

At approximately 9:10 pm, Ald. Harney made a motion to adjourn. Committee members agreed 7-0, Ald. Fuller not voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

Street Name	Precinct	Tkts Issued
ALLISON ST	1	4
BEECH ST	1	-
CALIFORNIA ST	1	14
CAPITAL ST	1	3
CHAPEL ST	1	8
COOK ST	1	8
DALBY ST	1	16
FAXON ST	1	22
FAYETTE PL	1	1
FAYETTE ST	1	- See Above
GARDNER ST	1	10
GREEN CT	1	8
GREEN ST	1	- See Above
JACKSON RD	1	17 Jackson and Jacksonn
JACKSON TER	1	- See Above
JASSET ST	1	3
JEWETT ST	1	26
KENNEDY CIR	1	-
LOS ANGELES ST	1	3
MIDDLE ST	1	5
MIDLAND AVE	1	-
MORGAN PL	1	-
PEARL ST	1	28
POND AVE	1	-
POND ST	1	-
RIVERDALE AVE	1	-
ROCKLAND ST	1	-
RUSTIC ST	1	-
WABAN PARK	1	45
WABAN ST	1	- See ABove
WALNUT PARK	1	40
WASHBURN ST	1	4
WATERTOWN ST	1	18
WILTSHIRE CT	1	7
WILTSHIRE RD	1	- See ABove
ARUNDEL TER	2	-
AVON PL	2	-
BACON ST	2	3
BELLEVUE ST	2	-
BENNINGTON ST	2	20
BIGELOW TER	2	-
BOYD ST	2	-
BUNNY CIR	2	-
CARLETON ST	2	4
CENTRE AVE	2	9
CENTRE ST	2	See Above

CHANNING ST	2	-	
CHURCH RD	2	-	
CHURCH ST	2	-	
CLAREMONT ST	2	-	
CRESCENT SQ	2	9	
DORIS CIR	2	0	
EMERSON ST	2	5	
GARDNER ST	2	-	See ABove
GORDON TER	2	2	
HERMON TER	2	-	
HILLTOP ST	2	-	
HOLLAND ST	2	-	
HOLLIS ST	2	22	
HOVEY ST	2	6	
HOWARD ST	2	3	
JEFFERSON ST	2	1	
JEWETT ST	2	-	See Above
LANGDON ST	2	2	
LEWIS ST	2	5	Lewis St and Lewis Terrace
MAPLE AVE	2	31	
MAPLE CIR	2	-	See Above
MAPLE TER	2	-	See Above
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MT IDA TER	2	-	See Above
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OAKLAND ST	2	11	
PEABODY ST	2	35	
PEARL ST	2	-	See Above
PRINCETON ST	2	-	
RICHARDSON ST	2	1	
SCHOOL ST	2	2	
SUMMIT ST	2	-	
THORNTON PL	2	3	
THORNTON ST	2	-	See Above
VERNON ST	2	6	
WABAN ST	2	-	See Above
WASHINGTON ST	2	59	Washingt and Washington
WELDON RD	2	-	
WESLEY ST	2	10	
WILLIAM ST	2	6	William and Williams
WINTHROP AVE	2	3	
WORTH CIR	2	-	
ARLINGTON ST	3	1	
BALDWIN ST	3	-	
BARNES RD	3	-	
BELMONT ST	3	-	

BLACKSTONE TER	3	-	
BREAMORE RD	3	-	
BRETT CT	3	-	
CHARLESBANK RD	3	5	Charles Bank
CHARLESBANK TER	3	21	Charlesbank
COPLEY ST	3	0	
DURANT ST	3	0	
ELDREDGE ST	3	0	
ELMHURST RD	3	0	
ELMWOOD ST	3	3	
FAIRVIEW ST	3	0	
GRASMERE ST	3	-	
HIBBARD RD	3	-	
HUNNEWELL AVE	3	-	
HUNNEWELL CIR	3	-	
HUNNEWELL TER	3	-	
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LINDER TER	3	-	
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MARLBORO ST	3	-	
MERTON ST	3	-	
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ORCHARD ST	3	6	
PARK ST	3	6	
PEMBROKE ST	3	-	
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REMICK TER	3	11	
RICKER RD	3	14	
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SIMPSON ST	3	-	
ST JAMES CIR	3	-	
ST JAMES ST	3	-	
ST JAMES TER	3	-	
TREMONT ST	3	54	
VERNON ST	3	-	See above
WASHINGTON ST	3	-	See Above
WAVERLEY AVE	3	-	
WHITTEMORE RD	3	4	
WILLARD ST	3	-	
ADAMS CT	4		
ADAMS ST	4		
ADAMS TER	4	28	
ASHMONT AVE	4	20	
BARRIEAU CT	4	-	
BEMIS RD	4	4	

BRIDGE ST	4	6 Bridges
BROADWAY	4	1
BROADWAY TER	4	
BURTON AVE	4	4
CALIFORNIA ST	4	- See Above
CHANDLER ST	4	5
CHURCHILL ST	4	3
CHURCHILL TER	4	- See Above
CLINTON ST	4	30
COLONIAL AVE	4	4 Colonial and Colonial
COTTAGE CT	4	3
CRAFTS ST	4	11
EMERALD ST	4	6
HAWTHORN ST	4	33 Hawthorn and Hawthorne
JENISON ST	4	1
JONES CT	4	-
JUDKINS PATH	4	-
LAWN AVE	4	-
LINCOLN RD	4	20
LINWOOD AVE	4	23
LOTHROP ST	4	1
MELBOURNE AVE	4	-
MELVILLE AVE	4	1
MURPHY CT	4	2
NEEDHAM TER	4	-
NEVADA ST	4	2
PARKWAY RD	4	-
QUIRK CT	4	-
SHAMROCK ST	4	3
SILVER LAKE AVE	4	-
TRAVERSE ST	4	-
WATERTOWN ST	4	- See Above
WOODROW AVE	4	6



Without further discussion, Ald. Yates made the motion to approve this item. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Harney and Fuller not voting.

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**ACTION:** HELD 7-0, Ald. Harney not voting

**NOTE:** Committee members were provided with a letter on behalf of residents of 457 Centre Street, attached to this report.

Ald. Lennon, Mr. Koses, Captain Gromada and Sergeant Babcock joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Chair Ciccone stated that Ald. Lennon, Leary and Johnson agree that there are many residents opposed to implementing this pilot program.

Chair Ciccone stated that in February 2014, the Board of Aldermen approved raising the overnight parking fine from \$5.00 to \$25.00 effective on November 1, 2014. He then asked Sergeant Babcock to track the number of violations, violation locations and if any, number of complaints received from November 2014 to January 2015. Chair Ciccone requests that this item be held this evening pending Sergeant Babcock's report and stated that if residents continue to express their needs for parking, he anticipates discussing this item in January or February 2015. If there is no expression of needs, he anticipates this item will not be discussed.

Ald. Lennon said that this item was docketed because there are some residences within the City that do not have parking on-site creating a hardship for residents who need a place to park their cars. The intent is to allow a possible permitting process for residents with parking hardships. Many of the residents of Nonantum receive frequent tickets for overnight on-street parking during the winter months because they do not have a place to park overnight. The approval of overnight parking permits is at the discretion of the Police Traffic Bureau.

Without discussion, Ald. Yates made the motion to hold this item pending Sergeant Babcock's report. Committee members agreed 7-0.

#201-13(2) 128 BUSINESS COUNCIL, requesting an amendment to board order #201-13 of the Needham Shuttle Bus License, which includes revisions and approval to travel on Oak, Eliot, Woodward and Lincoln Streets and eliminate travel on Forest and Columbus Streets. [08/18/2014 @ 12:50 PM]

**ACTION:** APPROVED 6-0-1, Ald. Yates abstaining and Ald. Harney not voting

**NOTE:** Sergeant Babcock joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Sergeant Babcock stated that 128 Business Council contacted him requesting an amendment to their shuttle route. 128 Business Council would prefer to travel on Oak, Eliot, Woodward and

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#326-14 ALD. ALBRIGHT, requesting a discussion and a plan to replace all Newton parking meters within two years. [08/19/14 @ 9:16 AM]

**ACTION:** HELD 5-0, Ald. Harney and Lipof not voting

**NOTE:** Ald. Albright and Mr. Paille joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Ald. Albright stated that she docketed this item due to the number of broken parking meters in the City. She is hopeful meters will be repaired and eventually new meters will be installed that are capable of receiving other forms of payment such as credit cards.

Mr. Paille answered that he anticipates new meters be installed within two-years. The City has been reviewing the status and condition of meters. Data is inaccurate due to the condition of the meters. The City is very far behind in repairing or replacing meters. The City has been reviewing, testing and performing trial runs on different style meters including what payment they accept, if pay by phone application is acceptable, if a credit card payment is acceptable, will coin remain an option, if paying electronically on-line is acceptable and other features. The City will determine and review the available options on what style meter will be purchased and installed in the municipal parking lots, on-street meters and if they will be a kiosk style. Kiosk style "Luke" in the Cypress Street lot is not working as expected.

Meter replacement is now timely because the Police Department hand-held computers can now verify if meters have been paid. There are approximately 830-850 on-street meters and approximately 700 municipal parking lot meters.

The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) includes \$850,000 to cover on-street meter replacement. Mr. Paille anticipates that new meters will begin to be installed in January/February 2015. Meter revenue is approximately 1.8 million dollars per year. This does not include tickets.

Ald. Yates made the motion to hold until Mr. Paille provides an update to this Committee on progress. Council members agreed 5-0, Ald. Harney and Lipof not voting.

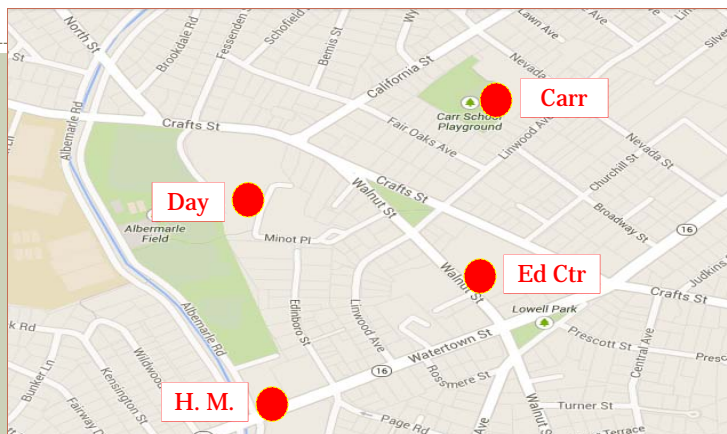
At approximately, 9:45 pm the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

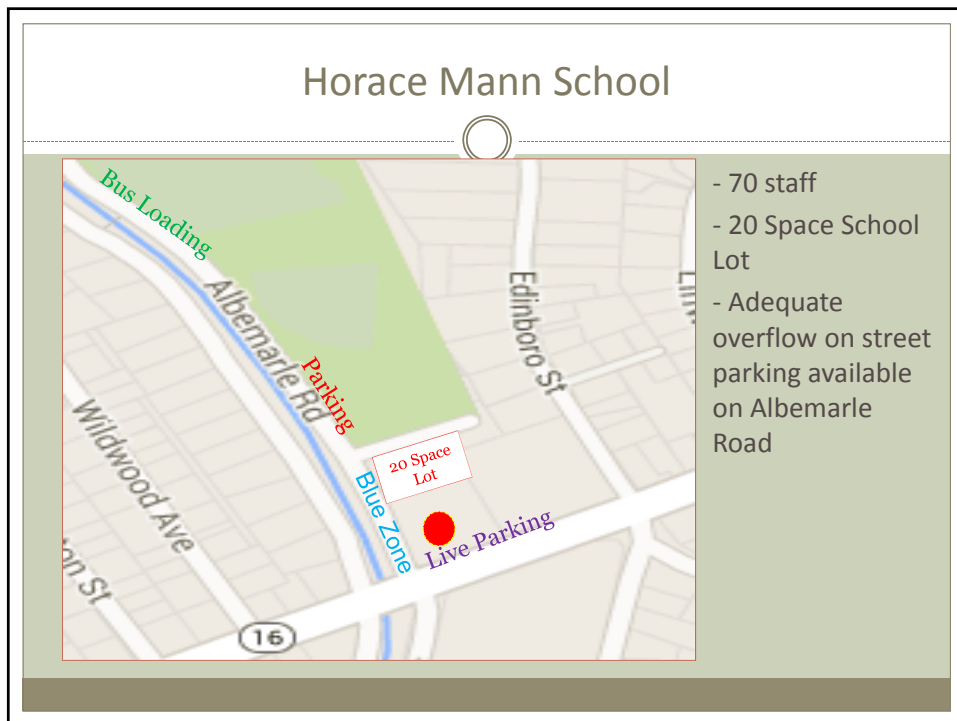
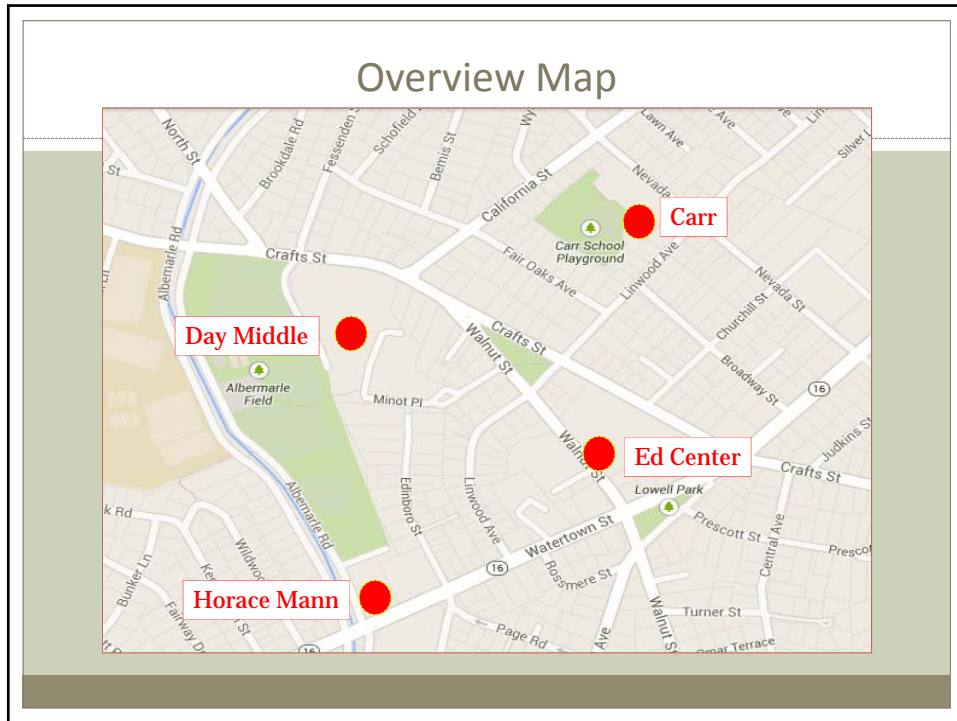
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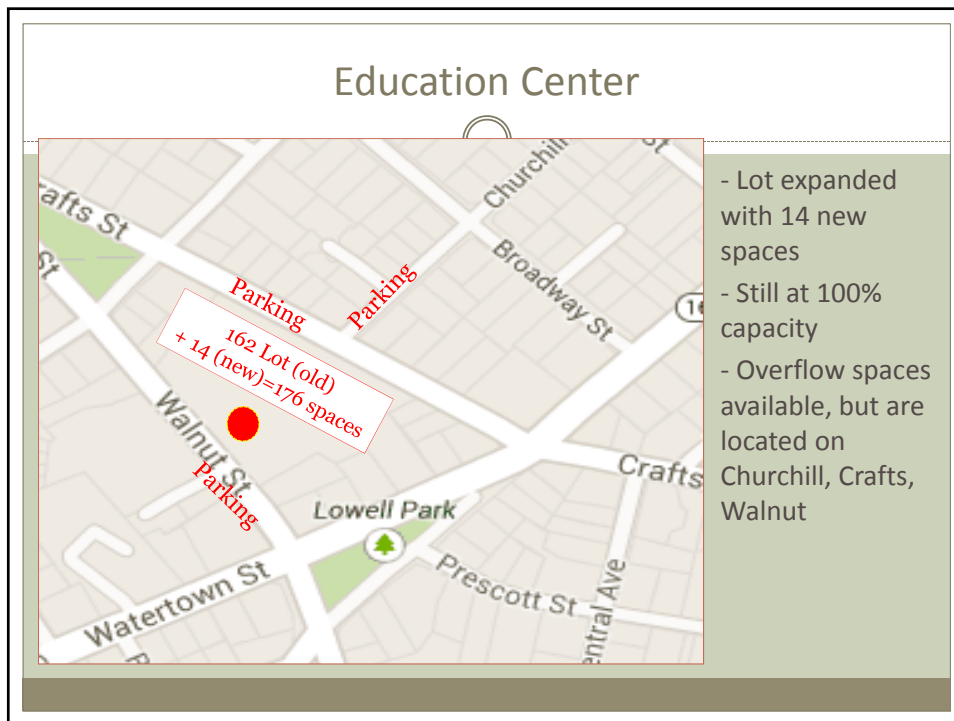
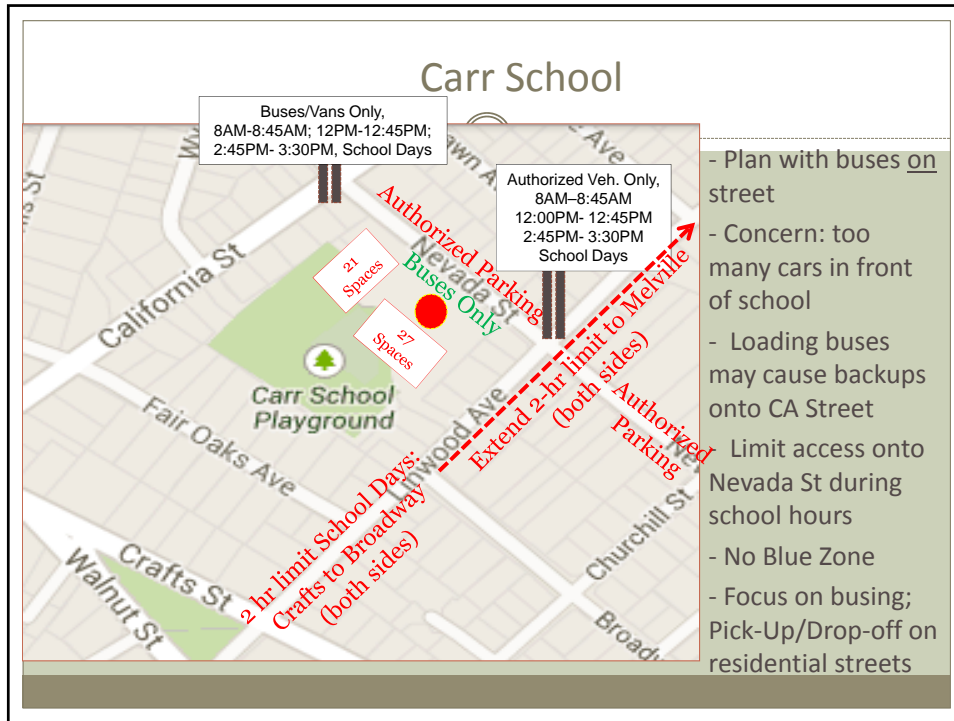
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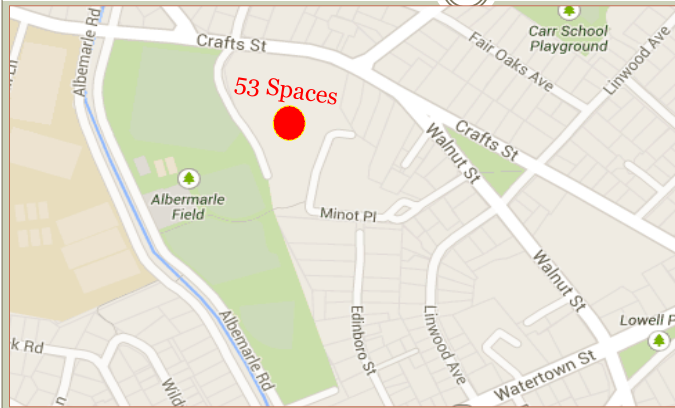
### Docketed Item

#150-13 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, requesting the Planning Department create a traffic and parking management plan for the Education Center, Day Middle School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Carr School neighborhood area by December 2013.



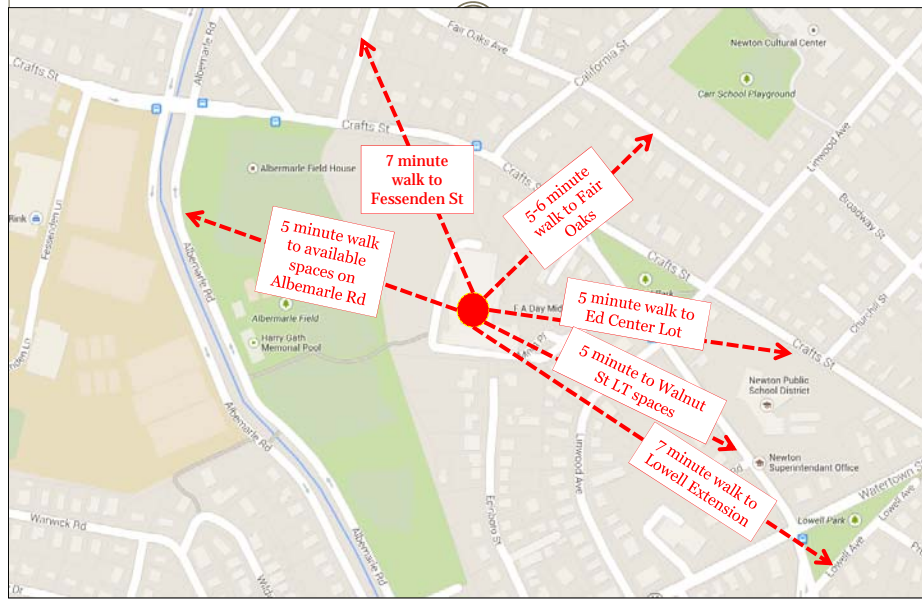


### Day Middle School – On-site Parking



- 180 staff
- 53 spaces on-site
  - 50 general
  - 3 handicap

### Walk Time to/from Day Middle School



### Albemarle Road



### Albemarle Road to Day Pathway

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## Progress To Date

- **Develop and Implement Carr School traffic and parking plan**
  - Permit system in place for residents and staff on 2 blocks of Nevada Street.
  - Restricted vehicular access to one block of Nevada Street
- **Encourage Day staff not to park in Ed Center lot**
  - Memo from Principal to Day staff, regular reminders
  - Permits issued to Ed Center employees to park in the Ed Center Lot
  - Improved pathway between Albermarle Road and Day MS, including lighting
- **Walnut Street Changes**
  - Added a School Zone near the Ed Center
  - Restricted parking near crosswalks near Ed Center (due to poor visibility)
  - Added short-term parking zone near Ed Center (for parent pick-up/drop off)
- **Expand Ed Center Parking Lot by 14 spaces**
  - However, Ed Center use continuing to intensify

## Continued Work

- **Current Traffic Council Items:**
  - DAVID KOSES, requesting discussion and possible action related to parking regulations and parking flow on Crafts St between North St & Washington St
  - EMILY NORTON, requesting discussion and possible implementation of parking restrictions on the east side of Albemarle Road between Crafts St & Watertown St
  - ALD LENNON, requesting to extend the resident permit provision to Linwood Avenue of the established Carr School parking district
- **Neighborhood permit system not optimal solution**
  - Adds additional signage, new restrictions for residents
  - In many cases, staff parking would be further walk from school
- **Day MS Principal continue to encourage Staff to park on Albemarle Rd, not in Ed Ctr Lot, not on neighborhood streets**
  - 43-48 empty, available spaces/day between on Albemarle Road.
    - × 5-6 minute walk to Day MS



## Discussion

