

CITY OF NEWTON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012

City Hall
Room 222

7:00 p.m.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- TC69-11 ALD. SHAPIRO, requesting removal of "No Right Turn On Red" sign when turning from Walnut Street right onto Centre Street in Newton Highlands in order to reduce traffic backups on Walnut, increase motorist convenience, and reduce unnecessary idling time. (Ward 6) [12/09/11 @ 8:55 AM]
- TC67-11 JEROME GRAFE, requesting parking restrictions as necessary and the installation of a bicycle lane on Walnut Street between Homer and Forest Streets in both northbound and southbound directions. (Ward 6) [11/28/11 @ 3:16 PM]
- HP4-11 CORNELIA CAIN-HEARD, 974 Walnut Street, requesting a handicap parking space in front of 974 Walnut Street. (Ward 6) [11/20/11 @ 8:42 AM]
The Newton Commission on Disability voted on 12/12/11, to deny this request due to safety concerns.

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- TC5-12 ALD. LAPPIN, FISCHMAN& KALIS, requesting parking restrictions in the area of the blind curve on Winchester Street. (Ward 8) [01/30/12 @ 1:57 PM]
- TC4-12 ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, requesting an establishment of a school zone on Walnut Street between Watertown Street and Crafts Street to govern traffic flow around the Education Center (100 Walnut Street) inclusive of a blue zone to facilitate pick-up and drop-off of students. Several populations of Newton Public School students attend classes on the premises, including the Newton Early Childhood Program, the Middle School Stabilization Program (MSP) and the Newton Central High School. Existing traffic signals (crosswalk and pedestrian sign) are frequently ignored by motorist posing a significant safety concern. The Newton Police Department has conducted numerous directed patrols, most recently yielding an average of 3.5 violations per half hour. (Ward 2) [01/25/12 @ 9:01 AM]
- TC3-12 ALD. LINSKY, requesting the installation of a stop sign on Walker Street at the intersection of Page Road. (Ward 2) [01/13/12 @ 9:45 AM]

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special accommodation need, please contact the Newton ADA Coordinator Trisha Guditiz at 617-796-1156 or tguditiz@newtonma.gov or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089 at least two days in advance of the meeting.

- TC2-12 ALD. LINSKY, requesting consideration of change to no parking restrictions on Madison Avenue to end at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. in order to allow patrons of the New Art Center to park for morning classes. (Ward 2) [01/13/12 @ 9:45 AM]
- TC1-12 CAPTAIN MINTZ, requesting that the temporary parking restriction on Fern Street, No parking 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays, odd (south) side only, be made permanent. (Ward 4) [01/12/12 @ 9:44 AM]
- HP1-12 GERTRUD REID, 1083 Walnut Street, requesting a handicap parking space in front of 1083 Walnut Street. (Ward 6) [01/10/12 @ 1:21 PM]
- TC70-11 ALD. HARNEY AND SANGIOLO, on behalf of the residents of Pine Grove Avenue and Cornell Street, requesting that during soccer and baseball seasons, parking be allowed only on one side of Pine Grove Avenue between Grove and Cornell Streets. (Ward 4) [12/13/11 @ 7:43 PM]
HELD for trial 4-0-1 (Grafe abstained) on 01/19/12. No parking 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturdays, April 15 - November 30, residential side of Pine Grove Avenue between Cornell Street and Grove Street.
- TC68-11 ANN BASSI, 84 Atwood Avenue, requesting a one-hour parking restriction on school days between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Atwood Avenue. (Ward 2) [12/05/11 @ 12:13 PM]
- TC66-11 JEROME GRAFE, requesting parking restrictions as necessary and the installation of a bicycle lane on Walnut Street between Elm Road and Commonwealth Avenue in both northbound and southbound directions. (Ward 2) [11/28/11 @ 3:16 PM]
- TC65-11 SARAH KANG, 49 Gay Street, requesting a one-hour parking restriction on school days between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Gay Street. (Ward 2) [11/14/11 @ 12:06 PM]
- TC62-11 ALD. SANGIOLO & HARNEY, requesting parking restrictions on that portion of Williston Road, both sides, to Leighton Road and possible restrictions along Leighton Road to Oakwood Road. (Ward 4) [10/26/11 @ 2:09 PM] [Revised 01/20/12]
HELD for trial 4-0 on 02/02/12. No parking 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Monday through Friday, Williston Road between Hancock Street and Leighton Road and Leighton Road between Williston Road and Oakwood Road, north side. No parking 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, Williston Road between Hancock Street and Leighton Road and Leighton Road between Williston Road and Oakwood Road, south side.
- TC57-11 JEROME GRAFE, on behalf of Newton Bicycle-Pedestrian Task Force and Bike Newton, requesting establishment of left-turn lane on Beacon Street westbound at Glen Avenue and adding parking restrictions on north and/or south side(s) of Beacon Street, as appropriate and necessary for this action. (Wards 6 & 7) [10/07/11 3:13 PM]

- TC56-11 STEVEN OSTROW, 44 Travis Drive, requesting restricted on-street parking for three hours during 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Travis Drive. (Ward 7) [09/28/11 @ 2:22 PM]
- TC55-11 ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR A& SHAPIRO, requesting 1) Installation of a pedestrian activated crossing signal on Centre Street in the vicinity of Allerton Road to make crossing Centre Street safer for pedestrians, including the many who cross to and from Crystal Lake and the elementary school bus stops on Centre Street. 2) A discussion of speeding and possible traffic calming in this area of Centre Street. (Ward 6) [9/28/11@ 8:59 AM]
- TC50-11 ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR & SHAPIRO on behalf of Mary Costanza, 53 Lake Avenue, requesting no parking between the driveway at 51 Lake Avenue and south to the curve at Cronin's Cove, Crystal Lake; and examination of other potential traffic calming measures to make the Cronin's Cove area of Lake Avenue safer for pedestrians and those entering and exiting driveways. (Ward 6) [09/16/11 @ 11:42 AM]
- TC40-11 ALD. FREEDMAN, FISCHMAN AND LAPPIN, requesting a review of traffic council conditions on automobiles, parking and pedestrian safety in the area of the intersection of Dedham Street and Rachel Road with particular attention to changes that may occur with the opening of the new Beth Menachem Chabad. (Ward 8) [07/18/11 @ 9:32 AM]
HELD 3-1 (Danila opposed, Grafe not voting) on 12/15/11. Enact 60-day trial, no parking, south/east (even numbered) side of Rachel Road between Mosley Road and Dedham Street.
- TC37-11 ALD. SALVUCCI, requesting study of traffic signalization and traffic flow in West Newton Square with recommendations to improve traffic congestion. (Ward 3) (06/27/11 @ 11:14 AM)
- TC28-11 JAMES AND KARIN RIZZA, 19 Cornell Street, requesting that during soccer and baseball seasons parking be allowed only on one side of Cornell Street. (Ward 4) [05/13/11 @ 8:57 AM]
HELD for trial 4-0-1 (Grafe abstained) on 11/17/11. No parking, Saturdays, April 15-November 30, residential side of Cornell Street between Grove Street and Pine Grove Avenue.
- TC23-11 ALD. CICCONE, on behalf of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee and Ald. Lennon requesting improvements of pedestrian safety, activity and traffic situations in the area of Charlesbank and Nonantum Roads. (Ward 1) [05/04/11 @ 11:09 AM]
- TC13-11 SHEILA NUTT, 14 Central Terrace, requesting parking restrictions on Central Terrace. (Ward 4) [04/13/11 @ 3:28 PM]
HELD for 60-day trial 5-0 on 01/19/12. No parking 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Central Terrace, odd side (outside), all days except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. No parking, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Central Terrace, even side (inside), all days except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

TC29-10 ALDERMEN BAKER, FULLER AND SCHNIPPER requesting installation of pedestrian activated warning light at a crosswalk location to be determined on Beacon Street between Hammond Street and Reservoir Avenue, together with suitable illumination, or other enhancements, to facilitate Safe pedestrian crossing while maintaining through traffic flow. (Ward 7) [08/26/10 @ 8:53 AM]
HELD 4-0 on 08/09/11

TC17-10 TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of School Department, requesting parking restrictions on Walnut Street between Hull Street and Otis Street. (Ward 2) [05/12/10 @ 4:30 PM]
B) HELD (5-0) on 06/24/10 for 60-Day Trial, No standing, both sides, School Days 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, between a point where the northbound left-turn lane to Elm Road begins at Hull Street.
B) HELD (4-1, Grafe) on 09/30/10 to extend existing 60-day trial.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair