

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012

Note: Below is a summary of Traffic Council actions only. A full meeting report summarizing the Council's discussion and public testimony regarding each agenda item will be posted on the City website in approximately two weeks following the above meeting date.

Present: David Koses, Transportation Planner; Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department; Ald. Ciccone, Jerome Grafe, Citizen Representative and Patrick Baxter, Transportation Engineer

Also Present: Capt. Marc Gromada, Newton Police Department; Ald. Linsky and Albright

HP3-12 HELEN SITU ZHOU, 135 Algonquin Road, requesting a handicap parking space in front of 135 Algonquin Road. (Ward 7) [06/04/12 @ 11:40 AM]

The Newton Commission on Disability voted on 07/09/12, to recommend to the Traffic Council that a HP space be designated in front of 135 Algonquin Road.

ACTION: APPROVE (5-0).

TC7-12 PATTY GREENE, 39 Jefferson Street, requesting Resident Permit Parking Only or a one-hour parking restriction on Nonantum Place. (Ward 1) [03/27/12 @ 1:09 PM]

ACTION: APPROVE (3-2, Grafe, Koses opposed) Resident Permit parking, Monday-Friday. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2012.

TC36-12 DAVID KOSES, requesting that the parking spaces on Richardson Street, which are currently reserved for Parks and Recreation Employees on weekdays, be changed back to metered parking spaces. (Ward 1) [09/11/12 @ 10:16 AM]

ACTION: APPROVE AS AMENDED (5-0). One hour limit, Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, except Parks and Recreation Vehicles. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2012.

- 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 motorists 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]
(A) APPROVE (5-0) on 07/26/12, creation of new School Zone on Walnut Street in front of the Education Center property.
This item may be appealed through the close of business August 15, 2012
(B) HELD FOR TRIAL (5-0) on 07/26/12, 15 minute parking zone, Walnut Street, east side (Education Center side), between the Education Center Building driveway entrance and Watertown Street, 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- ACTION:** **APPROVE (5-0). 15 minute parking zone, Walnut Street, east side (Education Center side), between the Education Center Building driveway entrance and Watertown Street, 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2012.
- TC44-12 DAVID KOSES, requesting parking changes to add opportunities for Day Middle School staff to park within a five minute walk of the school on the following streets: Walnut Street, Crafts Street and Linwood Avenue. (Ward 2) [10/05/12 @ 1:34 PM]
- ACTION:** **DENIAL (4-1, Koses opposed).**
This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2012.
- TC11-12 ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, requesting a) revocation of loading zone located on the south side opposite 439 Newtonville Avenue and b) reinstatement of parking along with further consideration to accommodate delivery needs for Newtonville village center businesses. (Ward 2) [04/30/12 @ 8:51 AM]
Traffic Council Approved 5-0, on 10/27/11 (TC18-11) A Loading Zone in front of 440 Newtonville Avenue, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday.
- ACTION:** **APPROVE (5-0). Current Loading Zone at 440 Newtonville Avenue to be replaced by a two-hour parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. zone; Current one-hour parking zone at 454 Newtonville Avenue to be replaced by a two-hour parking meter zone.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2012.
- TC30-12 DAVID KOSES, on behalf of the Planning Department, requesting the installation of three handicap parking spaces on Hull Street between Walnut Street and Dexter Road, near the ramp leading to the tennis courts. (Ward 2) [06/26/12 @ 3:53 PM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVE (5-0). Three handicap parking spaces to be added on the north side of Hull Street, just to the west of the ramp. The current Live Loading Zone to be shortened.**

DISCUSSION ITEM: Discuss and vote on Traffic Council Policy #3: Prioritization of On-Street Parking and Bicycle lanes.

ACTION: ADOPT (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair