

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 8, 2017 Meeting, 7pm

Public Services Administration Building

Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Donna Mullin, Kara Holmquist, Stephen DeLisi, Lt. John Kraemer, Richard Merson, Seth Bauer, Suzanne Stein

Technical Advisor: Bob Wilson

Guests: Aaron Adler, Khadijah Cottom, Karen Mulvey, Andrew Needleman, Mark Harney, Jason Tuchin, Linda Hasenfus

CALL TO ORDER

Stephen gave a brief introduction to the guests about how the TMAC works.

I. SIGNAGE ON WEST STREET

Linda Hasenfus appeared and brought with her a petition as discussed in a previous TMAC meeting. The petition was signed by 5 people in addition to herself. These people are: Randi Morse, 43 West Street; Matthew Urban, 49 West Street; Anastasia Tyurina, 19 West Street; Maria Romero, 7 West Street; Sunyoung Kim, 37 West Street. The petition was titled "We, the undersigned West Street neighbors, are in favor of prohibiting all day parking along West Street".

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed to limit parking to 2 hours, 7 days a week up and to have the DPW paint lines to mark where people should not park too close to the driveways. Where the area should begin would be crafted in a regulation.

II. INTERSECTION, CROSSWALK AT LINDBERGH AVENUE AND MANNING STREET

No one showed up to address this.

III. SIGNAGE ON ELIOT ROAD

J. Tuchin appeared to express concern about speed on Eliot Street. The street has 2 curves and 2 bends. It is used a cut through and buses use it too. He is concerned about these sharp turns and visibility to be able to see kids, etc. His son was almost hit on his bike. When there are cars parked on the side, it is difficult for cars to hug the curb. He wasn't sure about the best solution to the problem and asked the TMAC for advice.

A myriad of options were discussed including making it a one-way street, cutting into the berms to make the angle of the curve better, restricting parking on one side of the street, and signage.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed to paint lines at the bends (at #37 Eliot Street and #15 Eliot Street) to see if that will help.

IV. PARKING ON CRAWFORD STREET

Aaron Adler appeared to discuss a concern with parking near his office building. His tenant's business has grown and has more employees who are now parking on Crawford Street. After seeing signs restricting street parking on a nearby street, Mr. Adler had concerns that Crawford Street parking could be restricted in the future.

The TMAC responded that there was nothing to prevent them from parking on Crawford St. and that there is nothing before the TMAC that would prohibit this. If someone comes before the TMAC with such a request, they would be notified as neighbors.

No action was taken.

V. OTHER BUSINESS/STATUS REPORT

Donna mentioned an issue that might be similar to II. on the agenda. She has concerns about the intersection of Lindberg St. and Manning St. People go flying down Manning and are not stopping at the crosswalk.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed to install a crosswalk warning sign on Manning St. at Lindberg St. in both directions.

Richard Merson said that due to a change in his responsibilities, Rhain Hoyland would be taking his place on the TMAC.

VI. APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11, 2017

The Minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Kara Holmquist