

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:00p.m.
Room 314, City Hall

Chairman Scott Liberty explains the process of the Traffic Commission, announces the commissioner in attendance, and calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Scott Liberty, Brian Gomes, Brad Markey, Richard Simmons, Manuel Silva, Jacob Gonsalves, Michael Baker

Absent: Patrick Sullivan

Motion by Commissioner Silva to accept and approve minutes from 02/27/19 Traffic Commission meeting; second by Commissioner Markey, the Ayes have it

PUBLIC HEARING

PH1.

John Souza, Kevin Mendoza, 42 Brown Street is requesting to install three curb cuts at 101 Belleville Ave one 11' x 8' curb cut on Cotter Street, one 22' x 8' on Cedar Grove Street and one 18' x 3.7' on Belleville Ave and also remove 51' of existing curb cut on Belleville Ave (Plot 85, Lot 300)

Commissioner Silva motioned to open PH1; second by Commissioner Markey the Ayes have it.

Jim Bernardino of Bohler Engineering states the proposal is to construct a new Dunkin Donuts facility it will be a complete raise and rebuild to allow for the construction of new Dunkin Donuts. Jim Bernardino states he is front of the Traffic Commission for approval for three curb cuts, 22ft on Cedar Grove which is a full two way access, 18ft wide on Belleville which will be an entrance only and 11ft cut off of Cotter Street which will be exit only to allow for traffic that doesn't want to go through the drive thru. There is an existing curb cut along Cedar Grove Street that will be modified and relocated to accompany the new development. Chairman Liberty asked any questions for the petitioner. Chairman Liberty asked any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva stated that it has been approved by planning. Commissioner Silva states to modify the petition that the curb for Belleville Ave should read 18' x 9'. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or anyone would like to speak in opposition. Commissioner Silva motioned to close PH1; second by Commissioner Simmons; the Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to amend the petitioner that it states 18' x9' on Belleville Ave, second by Commissioner Markey. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve PH1, second by Commissioner Gonsalves; the Ayes have it.

Passed 5-0

Commissioner Silva motioned to open PH2; second by Commissioner Markey the Ayes have it.

PH2.

City of New Bedford, 133 William Street is requesting to install three curb cuts at 890 Brock Ave one 20' x 10' curb cut on Salisbury Street and two curb cuts one 20'x 17' and 92' x 17' both on Brock Ave and removing 165' of existing curb cut on Brock Ave (Plot 15, Lot 154, 167).

Alicia Monks, Watham, Ma project manager spoke on behalf of PH2. Chairman Liberty asked any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva states this is same situation this is a public facility that is going to be built down in the south end on Brock Ave and Ruth Street this is a city project for EMS, Fire and Police they worked with DPI to make sure everything was in the accordance with the law. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak or be recorded in favor or anyone would like to speak or be recorded in opposition. City Councillor Joseph Lopes Ward 6 asked to be recorded in favor. Commissioner Silva motioned to close PH2, second by Commissioner Markey; the Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve PH2, second by Commissioner Markey; the Ayes have it.

Passed 5-0

PETITION

1. PETITION

Russell R Jadlowic, 125 Clifford Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, there is a driveway).

Councillor Giesta spoke on behalf of Russell R Jadlowic she stated that Rusty is legally blind and that this is a necessary request for him, Councillor Giesta states that he lives alone and that he clearly needs the parking area to be able to have his family pick him up and drop him off and not have a injury situation. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva asked who uses the driveway that is there he states it looks like the stairs that leads right into the driveway, so it would make more sense for him to use the driveway. Laurie Alfonso read Russell Jadlowic petition stating why his request for the signs. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak or be recorded in favor or anyone would like to speak or be recorded in opposition. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve, second by Commissioner Markey; the Ayes have it.

Passed 5-0

2. PETITION

Cesar Cardoso, 266 Nash Road, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, there is a driveway).

Cesar Cardoso stated that he is requesting the signs because he has a tough time getting in and out of the driveway he also states that Nash Road is such a busy street it's very hard to get in and out of the driveway. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Markey asked that sometimes if you have other cars park in the driveway. Commissioner Silva advised that we could put the signs there but that still isn't your space, anyone can park there that has plates. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak or be recorded in favor or anyone would like to speak or be recorded in opposition. Councillor Maria Giesta, Ward 2 spoke in favor for the petitioner. Commissioner Markey motioned to approve P2, second by Commissioner Simmons; the Ayes have it.

Passed 5-0

3. PETITION

William Rogers, 111 Florence Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, there is a driveway).

William Rogers states that he is requesting for a handicap outside the home. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Markey asked if the spot is just to make it easier to get in and out Mr. Rogers states that since they put in the handicap ramp it is hard to get anywhere. Commissioner Silva asked if someone uses the driveway they state when we have snow storms or street sweeping they let them use the driveway. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak or be recorded in favor or anyone would like to speak or be recorded in opposition. Councillor Morad spoke in favor of the petitioner he states he has a hard time moving those gates and then walking around. Councillor Lopes and Councillor Giesta both requested to be recorded in favor. Commissioner Markey motioned to approve; second by Commissioner Simmons; the Ayes have it.

Passed 5-0

4. PETITION

Jeremy Demoranville is requesting to install a **STOP** sign on Nauset Street @ Hathaway Road stopping westbound traffic on Nauset Street (*Angular Accident Report 2017=5, 2018=2, 2019=3*)

Manny Silva wanted to be recorded that the city is going be rebuilding this area in 2020. It will be funded 80% federal and 20% state and that this area will include actual traffic signal.

Commissioner Markey motioned to table P4, second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it

Tabled 5-0

5. PETITION

Nathan Souza, 525 Ashley Blvd, property owner of 525 Ashley Blvd is requesting to rescind the **15 MINUTE** parking sign in front of 535 Ashley Blvd.

Nathan Souza states that when he bought his house there were two things that he wanted to address, fixing a pothole and the Bus Stop sign that is located outside of 525 Ashley Blvd, the pothole took two years to fix. The bus stop sign I called the city they redirected me to SRTA I called them around 2015 if they could move further north, they said yes I figured with the pothole it could take equally as long. Six months ago the bus stop sign was moved further north; recently there was then a 15 minute sign that was put up. I called the city and found that there was a petition for the timeframe sign. Nathan Souza voiced his concerns on the timeframe parking and why he was against the signs. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Councillor Giesta, Councillor Lopes and Councillor Morad all spoke in opposition for the petition. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak or be recorded in favor or anyone would like to speak or be recorded in opposition. Derek Fernandes, owner of 525 Ashley Blvd also spoke in opposition for the petition. He also stated that the reason why we had Mon-Sat for the sign was because they were originally open on Saturday. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve P5; second by Commissioner Gomes. Roll Call Vote (Gomes=no, Markey=no, Baker=no, Simmons=no, Silva=no, Gonsalves=yes)

Failed 6-0

6. PETITION

Nick Ricciardi owner of Café Italia Ristorante, 555 Pleasant Street is requesting to install a Loading Zone in front of said business

Nick Ricciardi owner of Café Italia Ristorante requested for Loading Zone outside of business. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva asked if this was on the Pleasant Street side and what was the length that was needed. Nick Ricciardi advised that yes it was and he only needed the length of one meter, he was looking for the first meter from Market Street Commissioner Silva asked if it was only going to be used as a Loading Zone, Mr. Ricciardi stated yes. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or anyone would like to speak in opposition. Linda Morad Councillor at Large spoke in favor of P6. Councillor Ian Abreu and Dana Rebeiro had letters placed on file also speaking in favor of the petitioner. Commissioner Gomes motioned to approve second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it.

Passed 6-0

Commissioner Silva motioned to approve HP1-HP9, second by Commissioner Gonsalves; the Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve rescinded HP signs, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.

NO PARKING EXCEPT HP OR V PLATES REQUESTS

HP1.

Patti O'Brien, 134 Butler Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed on the Moss Street side of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no driveway).

HP2.

Maria Puscizna, 155 Belleville Road, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence, for 22 ft. (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner on file, there is no access driveway)

HP3.

Peter J Chongarlides, 66 Penniman Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence, for 22 ft. (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, there is no driveway).

HP4.

Roy D Thimas, 125 Campbell Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

HP5.

Carmen Rosa Garcia, 64 Chestnut Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, no driveway).

HP6.

Dennis Monty, 618 Summer Street Apt 1 is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, no access to driveway).

HP7.

Dennis Rego, 1930 Acushnet Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed on the Hadley Street side of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, no access to driveway)

HP8.

Heidi Callahan, 13 Brigham Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, no access to driveway)

HP9.

Faith Bettencourt, 32 Sycamore Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP plate is on file, property owner, no driveway).

RESCINDED HP SIGNS

52 Fair Street
65 Katharine Street
289 County Street

66 Monroe Drive
111 Reynolds Street

35 Jenny Lind Street
292 Davis Street

TABLED ITEMS

T1.

Michael Mathieu, owner of property for 450 Bolton Street, is requesting two **NO PARKING 8am-5pm** signs to be installed in front of business to allow containers to be delivered in and out of the warehouse.

*Michael Mathieu, 1395 North Hicksville Road requesting **NO PARKING** signs. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva asked if he was looking for the sign on the west side across from the driveway. Michael Mathieu stated that he was looking for signs of where the three bays are they would need three signs one on the left side one on the right side and one across. Commissioner Silva motioned to table the petition to notify the residents across from 450 Bolton Street in order from them to speak in favor or oppose the position. Commissioner Silva motioned to table, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.*

Tabled 6-0

RESCINDED HP SIGNS

239 Ash Street
167 Wood Street
13 Pope Street

33 Crapo Street
213 Mt Pleasant Street
185 Ash Street

82 Eugenia Street
23 Malden Street
510 Ashley Blvd

LATE FILE

L1.
Chairman Scott Liberty, 51 Elm Street is requesting to review the approved petition from the 03/28/18 Traffic Commission meeting in which the board approved to install a **STOP** sign on South Rodney French Boulevard and Brock Avenue. This stop sign was approved as a temporary measure in order to give SRTA bus time to fix their scheduled route.

Commissioner Silva tabled L1, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.

Commissioner Gonsalves motioned to adjourn time 7:10pm; second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it