

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1040
Minutes
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
Thursday, June 14, 2018

Call to Order. Called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from Traffic Board Meeting 1039, held on **Thursday, May 10, 2018.**

Traffic Board Members Present: Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; William Yeager, Assistant Chief-BPD; Ray Standish, Engineering; Bernice St. Clair, DPW

Traffic Board Members Absent: Giovanni Scaringi, Councilman

Also Present: Dan Correll, Retired BPD-Traffic; William Lescault, BPD Traffic; Dave Petryszyn, BPD Traffic; Katherine Hendrickson, BPD; Cindy Paddick, BMTS; Kevin Maher, BMTS Intern

Moved by: R. Standish, W. Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)

Ayes J. Kraham, W. Yeager, R. Standish, B. St. Clair

Nays: None

Absent: G. Scaringi

Items Considered

No Parking Overnight Parking on Washington St. Councilman Taylor is requesting that the No Overnight Parking be removed from Washington Street. He stated that several business owners are complaining that their clients have having difficulty in parking early in the morning due to the overnight parking rules. He also stated that it would benefit the students. Mr. Correll and Mr. Kraham indicated that the reason it was set up this way was because of the students. They were constantly leaving their cars there overnight and into the day. Traffic will look into this further and report back in January 2018. Mr. Wandall suggested that this should not be allowed because students will leave their cars over the weekend and no parking spaces will be available for the customers going into the shops on the street. Both Traffic and Mr. Kraham thinks there perhaps the 2am to 6am No Parking rule may work. There are some concerns about new business coming into the area. Traffic feels that any changes should be on hold until the completion of the Hawley Street project.

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61 Prospect Avenue . Mr. and Mrs. Martin are requesting that Prospect Avenue and Lewis Street is measured for on street parking on Prospect Street and Lewis Street. Mr. Kraham noted that the Firestone perpendicular parking is in violation. Zoning will report back on findings of non-compliance. Traffic reported that they are waiting on zoning before they can re-measure due to the sidewalk issue. Traffic still hasn't head back from zoning on this. Mr. Kraham spoke with Firestone and they don't have an issue with people parking there. It is now more of a zoning issue. **Item complete.**

Signal at Riverside Drive and Murray Street. Mr. Standish is recommending a 90-day study period of the removal of the light signal and placement of stop signs on Murray Street and Riverside Drive. Ms. Paddick reported that the accidents she looked at were not related to the light. Mr. Standish indicated that it has been up since June 1, 2018. **Hold until Thursday, July 12, 2018 Traffic Board Meeting**

Signal at Broad Avenue and E. Frederick Street. Recommended removal of signal and placement of stop signs on E. Frederick Street, 90-day study period. Ms. Paddick reported that the accidents she looked at were not related to the light. There are sight issues, special needs issues, etc. Mr. Kraham is going to reach out to the Executive Director at STIC and report back in July. **Hold until Thursday, July 12, 2018 Traffic Board Meeting**

Signal at Tompkins Street and Webster Street. Mr. Standish will request BMTS to perform warrant checks on this signal. If warranted, he will submit an IPP to BMTS for TIP funding for signal upgrade. Ms. Paddick is waiting for the accident reports on this intersection. She also reported that this was not originally on the list for removal but she will look into it again. Mr. Standish suggested upgrading the light at this intersection. Ms. Paddick reported that there aren't a lot of problems at this

intersection. There are some bikes lanes but at the end just south of Webster Street. **Hold until Thursday, July 12, 2018 Traffic Board Meeting**

Parking on Washington St. near "The Garage". Mr. Kraham is requesting the possibility of adding more parking spaces at this location. Mr. Correll reported that they looked into this and the owner of The Garage said that this is where deliveries are made throughout the day. Mr. Correll stated that someone made a complaint that when turning left from Washington on Henry, it is difficult to see oncoming cars. Mr. Correll reported that kiosk parking was added since the last meeting. He reported that there were only 2 reports of accidents in the past few years but nothing that indicated there is a line of site problem. He stated that at this time there can either be kiosk parking or a loading zone. There is room for 3 parking spaces. **Hold until Thursday, July 12, 2018 Traffic Board Meeting**

Road Study for streets near Ben Franklin. Ms. Paddick reported that the Southside Group wants a road study done near Ben Franklin school. Ms. Paddick reported that they visited the site for about an hour. She will report more by the end of the summer. **Hold until Thursday, July 12, 2018 Traffic Board Meeting**

Jackson Street and Tompkins Street. C. Paddick reported that the Southside Group is concerned for handicapped people not being able to cross the street safely to get to the bus stop on Tompkins. There is no cross walk and no concrete landing for handicapped people to access the bus. Mr. Standish will look into this further. Mr. Standish reported that it is on the ADA list to be done. **Item Complete.**

39 Riverside Drive. Mr. Michael Wright, the attorney for Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Drive, requesting that two handicapped parking spaces be inserted adjacent to that Synagogue, one on Riverside Drive and one on Murray Street, for access to that facility for the handicapped. Traffic recommends the following:

"The Traffic Division received a copy of the attached correspondence from Michael Wright, the attorney for Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Drive, requesting that two handicapped parking spaces be inserted adjacent to that Synagogue, one on Riverside Drive and one on Murray Street, for access to that facility for the handicapped. Mr. Wright indicates that the Synagogue has no off street parking available to reserve spaces for them. With the insertion of those spaces handicapped worshipers at that facility would benefit by having accessible parking near the entrance to this facility.

The Traffic Division, upon responding and reviewing the area, recommend that the request be approved. It therefore recommends that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

INSERT: Section 22.3 (2) No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle within the following spaces designated as "Restricted Parking-Handicapped" except for those displaying a handicapped parking or handicapped parking registration plate as required by law:

Murray Street – East Side – From 30 feet south of Riverside Drive to 52 feet south.

The Traffic Division will review the additional request with the appropriate departments follow up in the near future."

Motion to insert handicapped parking sign on Murray

Moved by: W. Yeager, R. Standish,

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)

Ayes J. Kraham, W. Yeager, R. Standish, B. St. Clair

Nays: None

Absent: G. Scaringi

Vestal Avenue and Park Avenue. Safety island issue. The issue is that because the street is so wide, it difficult for pedestrians to cross safely. Mr. Correll will pull the accident reports and report back in July. **Hold until Thursday, July 12, 2018 Traffic Board Meeting**

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. Parking. Mr. Correll stated that they will wait until the next school year. **Hold until Thursday, July 12, 2018 Traffic Board Meeting**

Fairview Avenue. Mr. Daniel Grassi, of 121 Fairview Avenue is requesting a No Parking Zone be inserted on Fairview Avenue. Mr. Grassi states that there is a bend in the street in the area of 37 Fairview Avenue. He also indicates that parking

is allowed on both sides of the street and when vehicles, especially large box vans, park in the area of the bend, it narrows the roadway down to a single lane. Traffic recommends the following:

“The Traffic Division received a copy of a correspondence, directed through Bureau Dispatch, from a Daniel Grassi, 121 Fairview Avenue, requesting a No Parking Zone be inserted on Fairview Avenue. Mr. Grassi states in that correspondence that there is a bend in the street in the area of 37 Fairview Avenue. He also indicates that parking is allowed on both sides of the street and when vehicles, especially large box vans, park in the area of the bend, it narrows the roadway down to a single lane. He states that he and his neighbors had several near accidents while driving from Robinson Street to Court Street. He also stated that he had a near head on collision in that area while driving around a parked van obstructing his view while driving up towards Robinson Street recently. He requests that parking be prohibited to one side of the street.

The Traffic Division responded to that area and observed that there is a slight angle along the frontage of 41 Fairview Avenue, but it didn’t appear to be sufficient to obstruct any line of sight for the motorist passing through that area. Parking is permitted on both sides of the roadway, but at the time of the review, was pretty much void.

The Traffic Division then reviewed the reported accidents on Fairview Avenue between Riverview Avenue and Robinson Street, from June 1, 2015 to present, and found only two incidents in that time period, as follows:

January 11, 2017 – South bound vehicle, in area of 35 Fairview Avenue, slid on the ice into a vehicle parked on the west side of the street.

January 11, 2018 – Vehicle parked on the west side of the street, in the area of 41 Fairview Avenue, hit and run over night by a north bound vehicle. No witnesses.

*Neither incident, nor the number of incidents, supports the insertion of a prohibited parking zone in this area. The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the Traffic Code not be updated. “ **Item Complete.***

Front Street Parking. Parking Near North Street. Binghamton High School is trying to find more parking for their students. Mr. Kraham also noted that there is student housing in that area as well. Mr. Correll will look into this and report back.

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Motion to Adjourn at 9:33 a.m.

Moved by: R. Standish, W. Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)

Ayes J. Kraham, W. Yeager, R. Standish, B. St. Clair

Nays: None

Absent: G. Scaringi