

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

October 06, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE: Chair Elena Proakis Ellis, Councilor Jack Eccles, Commissioner Rossi, Commissioner Krechmer, Commissioner Parenti, Sgt. Goc, Chief Lyle

I. Continued Business:

1. Approve minutes from June 16, 2021

Chief Lyle would like ask a question regarding following up item 1 from last meeting. He would like to know if anyone has contacted DCR about adjusting the timing of the lights on the Fellsway @ Green St.

Elena stated that DCR has not been contacted as of yet.

Chief Lyle also inquired if there has been any progress with the tabled proposal for Franklin St. He would like to know if Stantec was contacted to conduct a traffic study.

Elena responded that Engineering had been out there prior further down and a traffic study was done at that time. The City can start with additional signage and paint. She will be reaching out to Stantec.

Motion to approve minutes by Chief Lyle seconded by Commissioner Rossi.

All in favor, minutes approved.

II. New Business

2. City request for crosswalks at Cochrane and Glendale and at Park and Spear to connect newly installed curb ramps.

Elena reads City's request for crosswalks.

Motion to open to public comment by unanimous consent.

Donna a resident who lives on the corner of Cochrane and Glendale would like an explanation of the proposal.

Elena explains that when the streets were paved accessible curb ramps had been added and city would like to add cross walks on the west side of the street.

Donna then states that she lives on the East side of street and there has been none on her side. No objection but is it a safety issue.

Elena explained that it is for accessibility.

Councilor Thomas states that he is firmly in favor of crosswalks at Park St and Spear St. to join the new curb cuts for ADA disabilities and safer path to the Hoover School.

Elena asks for any objections to closing public comments. No objections from the committee, unanimous consent. Public comment closed.

Elena explains that when paving, it is now required to add curb ramps, which has been done on all the complete streets program projects and it is a given to put a crosswalk where there is a 4 way stop. Elena also weighed in that both are on hills. The Park St new sidewalks only go up the south side of street, so you would need to cross at Spear to the school in order to stay on the sidewalk the whole way. Elena also stated that she didn't feel strongly about either and thought it best to go to the committee to weigh in.

Councilor Eccles asked to follow up on Councilor Thomas' statements on Park St. and feels strongly about it. He feels less strongly about the other at Cochrane and Glendale but added that both make sense. They are both on pretty frequented pedestrian routes.

Commissioner Rossi agrees and doesn't feel as strongly about Glendale at Cochrane but did state that both aren't far from schools. Park and Spear makes sense.

Elena invites resident Donna from Cochrane/Glendale to speak again and she stated that there is not a four way stop there and that sometimes the cars fly down the hill.

Commissioner Krechmer expressed that he felt that both were a good idea. There is a good population north of Glendale and Cochrane. He states he is in favor of both.

Sgt. Goc states that he was under the impression that this was brought up by the neighborhoods and usually defers to that. He then asked is there a cross walk at the top of Park.

Elena answered that there isn't one anymore.

Councilor Thomas added that there is one on the Beech Ave. side of Whitman and none from Meridian to Spear only Whitman at Glendower and Whitman at Echo.

Commissioner Parenti added that if the wheelchair ramps are already built it would be strange if the crosswalk is not there.

Motion to accept by Chief Lyle, seconded by Councilor Eccles, all in favor.

Motion passed for crosswalks at Cochrane and Glendale and Park and Spear.

3. Request by Councilor Cory Thomas to add a stop sign on Swains Pond Avenue at the intersection of Penney Road and Swains Pond Avenue.

Elena reads request from Councilor Cory Thomas and opens to have him speak.

Councilor Thomas states that the Commission had previously approved a stop sign on Dexter to Penney and at the bottom of Penney at Swains Pond Avenue. He would ultimately like to see an all-way stop at upper Swains to lower Swains, Dexter and Penney.

Councilor added that the only vehicles that don't have to stop are the ones coming in from the Malden side.

Councilor Thomas agreed and stated that he walks that route and the cars are coming in at a high rate of speed. He has spoken to other neighbors and they would really appreciate it.

Commissioner Krechmer asked if there have been any safety issues or concerns and if so what are they.

Councilor Thomas states that coming from Swains Pond and Lebanon is a straight away and cars tend to accelerate higher than normal. He also stated that residents of Maple Grove, Worth, Hillside Park, Regan's Way, and Dexter Road have unsafe walking and crossing conditions. Crossing and walking is unsafe at Penney and Dexter to lower Swains Pond.

There is only side walk on Swains and crossing at Swains/Penney/Dexter cars are coming from blind spots. There have been no accidents but many close calls.

Elena states that there is no one in the queue for public comment so no need to open.

Elena then explains that typically a stop sign is not approved to slow traffic and would not be in favor for that alone. She then states that this intersection however is one of the odd ones she doesn't understand. There is a stop sign on one side of Swains but not the other side of the intersection. A stop sign there would make sense making it less confusing of an intersection. She would have no objection to putting one in there.

Commissioner Rossi agrees with everything Elena said stating again that they don't generally put stop signs at every intersection or the whole city would request one. He also said that they will if the intersection is unusual. He would also like the signs to say All-Way, which this one is as it is kind of a Y as opposed to a four way stop and can be confusing coming down from Swains Pond, which is mostly rural road until that point. He stated that he would be in favor.

Elena added that it is in essence a 3-way stop. She doesn't consider Dexter part of the 4-way because it actually comes onto Penney, and Penney has a stop sign coming down to Swains Pond. Elena is not seeing the need for All Way sign on Dexter, since that's not really part of the intersection.

Commissioner Krechmer added that there should be advance notice when the new sign is going in.

Elena stated that a message board could be put up warning of stop ahead, like at Dell and Foster when it was made a 4-way.

Motion to accept by Councilor Eccles, seconded by Chief Lyle, all are in favor.

Motion passed to add a stop sign on Swains Pond Avenue at the intersection of Penney Road and Swains Pond Avenue.

4. Request by Councilor Thomas to add a blinking yellow signal or three-way stop at the intersection of Lebanon and Sylvan Streets.

Elena reads request

Councilor Thomas states that he lives on the opposite corner of Linwood from Sylvan and Lebanon. He is making the request not only as a homeowner but as the Rep. of Ward 7. He believes that this will provide another way to safely cross Lebanon and Sylvan St. He also wants to extend kudos to Chief Lyle and Sgt. Goc for traffic enforcement on that stretch of Lebanon; it was very much appreciated. He has seen a lot in recent weeks and over the summer including the traffic trailer. He also added that the traffic readings show that there is still speeding on the street. This causes it to be dangerous to cross, especially at Malvern. There was an accident in the last week ago or so at Malvern and several prior. He also stated that there are few areas on Lebanon that you can cross safely and adding a stop sign, blinking yellow light or even a cross sign would make it easier on pedestrians and cyclists.

Chief Lyle asks Councilor Thomas if he is looking for a crosswalk light or a blinking yellow light.

Councilor Thomas states that initially he was asking for a three-way stop or a blinking yellow but as he was explaining the issue he thinks a crosswalk light that can be pushed would work.

Commissioner Rossi asked for clarification asking Councilor Thomas if he was looking for the lights that when pushed blink yellow for safety of the pedestrian like the ones on W. Wyoming and Berwick. Or, is he looking for a traffic signal walk sign that says walk/don't walk with a red light. If it is the latter, then they would need to see if it meets the warrants and would need to monitor pedestrian traffic along with cars.

Councilor Thomas says that he envisioned a crosswalk light. He doesn't see the need for a full traffic light but one like what is used at W. Wyoming and Berwick.

He also added that this area is a popular walking route many walk the loop around Forestdale and Sylvan. There has just been funding awarded to restore the softball field and playground on Lebanon. Many people also park on side streets including Linwood and need to cross to the park. He would really like to see the crosswalk light just to highlight the crosswalk.

Elena opens to public participation.

Mark Garipay, 71 Mooreland Rd., agrees with Councilor Thomas. He stated that in the spring when the softball field is being used that intersection is about a 100 yards away from the field and is where most cross. He also added that when he was on the Cemetery Commission he noticed that a lot of people walk the cemetery and cross there after coming down from Norris St. and Park St.

Elena reads emails in support of this proposal.

Elena then explains that the City has already submitted for federal TIP funding for improvements to this area of Lebanon Street and is in the second step of the process. In looking over this area there is very little tree cover or other things that would impede any improvements to that stretch of Lebanon. Traffic counts have already been done. What needs to be decided is if this is done sooner since approval can take a few years. It is usually approximately five years.

Commissioner Rossi stated that when he went out to Lebanon and traveled to the Ripley he noticed plenty of sight distance but did not notice any sidewalks.

Elena answered that there were two approved a few years ago, one at Appleton and the other at Beech. She is not aware of any crosswalks after Beech.

Councilor Thomas added that there is a crosswalk on Sylvan @ Lebanon and one not at the corner but approximately 20 ft. from corner in front of 243 Lebanon St. just beyond the rumble strip on Lebanon. He wondered if it could be moved over.

Commissioner Parenti explained the reason why the crosswalk was placed there was because of the two driveways that are there, and a crosswalk can't be placed at the end of a driveway. He also added that he looked up the crash history on MassDOT Impact which can give you about 15 years of data of accidents. He obtained the following data of crashes at that intersection. In 2020- 0 accidents, 2019- 1 accident, 2018- 0 accidents, and in 2017- 5 accidents. Of these accidents and those through 2000 there had been only 4 injuries; all others were property damage.

Sgt. Goc also shared some data from 2016-present from in-house traffic data. There had been 12 total in the last five years. The breakdown is as follows: 2016- 3 accidents, 2017- 5 accidents, 2018- 1 accident, 2019- 1 accident and in 2020- 2 accidents and none

so far in 2021. He also added that out of the 12 accidents, 6 went to the stop sign at Sylvan and had failed to yield or judge turning to oncoming traffic at Lebanon. The other 6 accidents had been side swipes or rear ended. These all occurred on Lebanon approaching, or at the intersection with both operators on Lebanon. Based on that data he would agree with crosswalk lights. He also agreed that the driveways were a problem, so he's not sure if it would do any good since it is away from the intersection.

Elena added that in her opinion with the work coming up with Stantec already doing a design plan for major modifications to that area, we should bring back to the commission any plans for crosswalks in that area. She also explained that she did not get any wheeled sight line data because she was looking at this as a three-way stop or blinking yellow request, rather than a crosswalk request. She also stated that she does not support a three-way stop as Lebanon is clearly the major street with Sylvan having much less volume. It would not be appropriate at this location. There will be more information supplied by the Stantec design and in the meantime we can put the pedestrian light request on the list.

Chief Lyle says he is favor or the pedestrian push button solar light and they are not a huge expense and can be repurposed if need be. He also stated that there is much walking traffic along Sylvan in the mornings headed to and from Oak Grove.

Councilor Eccles asks if there needs to be a motion for this to be added to the list.

Elena answered that a motion is not needed and explains that she would normally just confers with police. Considering Chief Lyle's comments, we can put this on the list to recommend to be installed pending a funding source.

Elena advises that the Commission should take action on the original proposal.

Chief Lyle states that he is not in support of a three-way stop but is in support of a pedestrian flashing crosswalk light as clarified by Councilor Thomas.

Elena states that originally Councilor Thomas was looking for a blinking yellow traffic light but thinks a flashing cross walk light would be better.

Motion made by Chief Lyle to deny stop sign and in support of non-Traffic Commission item of a flashing cross walk light, seconded by Commissioner Krechmer. All are in favor.

Motion passes to deny three-way stop sign at Lebanon and Sylvan and support a flashing crosswalk signal.

5. Request by Councilor Jeffrey McNaught to have parking restricted on Lincoln Street on the approach to the Lynn Fells Pkwy intersection.

Elena reads the request.

Councilor McNaught thanks the commission and explains that he has submitted a narrative and photos to Elena.

Elena posts the narrative and pictures for all.

Councilor McNaught continues by giving a summary of the narrative. There was a new curb design that was added to the end of Lincoln at the Parkway and went unnoticed since most people were still in their houses due to COVID and are just coming out in the past weeks. He stated that if any cars are parked at 193 Lincoln or 135 Country Club, cars are almost colliding coming onto Lincoln from the Fellsway or exiting Lincoln to the Fellsway. There have been multiple accidents and very high speeds. He was contacted by State Rep. Lipper-Garabedian about speaking to the DCR requesting speed radar in the area. He also stated that the new curb extension there is very narrow and there is barely enough room for one car. He also added that he and some other Councilors including Councilor Eccles took tours of various areas of the city which included this intersection. He then referred as stated in the previous item that crosswalks are not to be at driveways and the driveway for 193 Lincoln at the last space lands you almost directly in the crosswalk. Councilor McNaught then states that he feels it best to have no parking anytime and maybe even on both sides of the street. He also stated that he has videos as well. The no parking signs would give a lot of relief.

Elena asks if anyone has any questions for Councilor McNaught. No questions.

Councilor Eccles informs Elena that Councilor Garipay would like to add something.

Councilor Garipay agrees with Councilor McNaught and his ward abuts the other end of Lincoln and he has received a number of complaints about this.

Commissioner Krechmer thinks parking on both sides should be prohibited.

Elena stated that she had left the request general so that they can discuss the issue of both sides. Elena added that the DCR installed this because of residents' requests and that she had been to several meetings about this. This was suggested because cars were darting out straight across to Nelson. With the new configuration, cars need to make a right onto the Parkway and then a left onto Nelson. Elena then refers to Sgt. Goc asking if there is any data on this intersection.

Sgt. Goc stated that he does have data from Melrose only which isn't much as the State police do all of the Parkway. Data is from 2017-present. There were 4 accidents on

record and do not seem to be caused by parked cars though he does agree the bottle necking from the parked cars does tie up traffic and to solve traffic flow it would have to be no parking on both sides starting at the driveway of 186 Lincoln on the west side and determine how far on the other side. He then broke down the accidents in 2017- a two car accident on the Fellsway, 2018- a rear end crash on Lincoln at Fellsway, 2019- Lincoln at stop sign, and 2020-a two car crash at the intersection. He also stated that the state should have more data and reiterated that the bottle necking causes issues.

Elena asks Commissioner Parenti if he has any additional data from the state.

Commissioner Parenti stated that he will provide the information from the state and then would like to step aside from this issue due to his involvement with the DCR. He will pull up data from MassDOT Impact now.

Councilor Eccles added that he along with Councilor McNaught and other Council members stopped in front of 193 Lincoln. They all observed that if a car is at stop line, cars can't make the right turn off the Fellsway. If there is no parking there this could be more passable.

Commissioner Krechmer also added that pedestrians and cyclists are at risk with this odd crosswalk configuration and no parking should alleviate some risk. He also noticed that most of the vehicles parked in front of 193 are construction vehicles. Most of these should be gone when the home under construction is done.

Commissioner Parenti has the data from MassDOT Impact ready. There were 4 crashes in 2017 which was before project, 7 crashes in 2018, none in either 2019 or 2020, and 3 this year alone with no injuries, just property damage, the most recent accident being September 19, 2021. There was one injury crash this year in January but it's hard to tell without the full crash report what the cause was, only that the driver failed to yield.

Elena shares photos again to show that if cars are parked in front of 193 then traffic can't get to the stop line correctly, causing them to be in the middle of the street. If there were no cars parked, traffic could get over to the side more at the stop line giving more than enough room for the cars to be on the street. Parked cars defeat the purpose of the design making it more confusing. She also stated that she doesn't really see the need to push the no parking back past the driveways on either side, though not sure of the impact at rush hour. But at the times that she was there, it didn't seem to be a need to go further than the driveways.

Chief Lyle asks Councilor McNaught if there are students coming both ways for school, which would cause additional traffic other than just rush hour.

Councilor McNaught answered yes and added that weekends tend to be a mess there traffic-wise. He also added the potential for parking there will stay after the

construction, because the owner will move in and they may have guests. He also stated that there are not many spaces; there only approximately six so it should go all the way back to Country Club.

Motion to restrict parking on Lincoln both east side from Country Club and west side from 5-ft beyond the driveway of 186 Lincoln, seconded by Commissioner Krechmer. All are in favor except Commissioner Parenti, who abstains from voting.

Motion passes to restrict parking on Lincoln Street from Country Club to the Lynn Fells Parkway on the east side and from 5-ft from the driveway at 186 Lincoln Street on the west side.

Chief Lyle asked if there was a time line for the installation of the signs. Could this happen by fall?

Elena said yes and will make note of it.

6. Request by the City for Do Not Enter-Authorized Personnel only signage from the corner of Everett and Crescent toward the Lincoln School rear parking lot.

Elena reads the request.

Elena states that she has included the correspondence with the school principal and others including Councilor MacMaster, who is not able to attend due to another meeting but wants it known that he agrees with the signage. She also says that there have been no complaints on the temporary signs placed there now. She believes that there should be a time limit added to the signs to provide parking for others that may want to use the Lincoln School park on weekends and suggest maybe during school hours.

Elena opens the meeting to public comment with unanimous consent.

Finn McSweeney of 160 West Wyoming Avenue would like to comment that he has a first grader at the Lincoln school. He says he has also been a little confused as to when cars can go in and out of there. He thinks that when setting the school day time limit the Commission should consider the Ed Stations Program.

Elena asks if this is a problem with pick up from there.

Mr. McSweeney answered that sometimes people enter and exit very fast and Ed Stations is a part of the school and kid traffic back and forth is high.

The Commission closes public comment.

Commissioner Rossi would like to know if these signs restrict the two driveways that are there before the entrance.

Elena informs the commission that the two homes were contacted with a paper notice and a telephone call. They are to be considered Authorized Personnel and can get out and in at all times. One is owner-occupied the other a tenant, and the landlord has conveyed the information. Elena asks if there are any thoughts on hours.

Chief Lyle stated that he has spent many days out there per the request of Councilor MacMaster. He has concerns for the kids there. The less cars when kids are around the better. Weekends and holidays are fine but there should be no access M-F excluding teachers and staff.

Elena asks what about summer.

Chief asks about summer programs at the school.

Commissioner Rossi says that there are summer programs.

Chief Lyle states that the signs should not say anything about summer and parents can park in the other parking lot if they want to use the park. He also asked about a work ticket for the gate that was submitted.

Elena stated that there was a recommendation from the principal to remove the gate, so it will not be fixed.

Councilor Eccles asked if the signs at Horace Mann on Ruggles mention summer.

Elena answered that they only say 7-3:30 and don't specify, along with the ones at First St, Echo, Glendower and Albion do not enter areas near schools.

Councilor Eccles agrees with Chief Lyle on signage.

Commissioner Rossi suggested excluding Sat/Sun and holidays

Commissioner Parenti then added that he has had child at the school since 2013 and walked every day and has seen cars coming in and out there. He also stated that he knows how hard this problem is. Parents feel entitled to all of the school property and there is really no way to police this; maybe recruit volunteers to monitor, cones, etc. He thinks we should leave the signs as they are and people would just know that they could park on weekends or non-school hours despite the signs.

Elena stated that cones were dropped off at the beginning of the school year, but does not know if they were and still are being used. She also questioned that if signs were

left the same and people bend the rules then where would the line be? She personally thinks signs need to be changed with specific days/times.

Motion to install signs with except Sat/Sun and Holidays on Crescent at Everett, seconded by Commissioner Krechmer.

Elena added that there had been one comment from a resident up the street that said they didn't like how the signs looked, but they are regulation Do Not Enter signs. Five votes in favor, 1 vote no by Commissioner Parenti.

Motion passes for Do Not Enter Authorized Personnel M-F excluding Sat/Sun and Holidays.

7. City Treasurer's Office request to change Traffic Code Section 220-91 to allow permits to be paid annually (as opposed to the present wording that says semiannually, which contradicts present practice)

Elena reads request.

Elena has included all correspondence on issue and also added that she had changed the wording to say annually or otherwise at the discretion of the parking clerk. Elena believes that this will alleviate some confusion as to people's arguments about the time of year that they are buying the permit.

No public comment

Chief Lyle asks if this is on a calendar year.

Elena answered yes.

Motion to except as written with new wording, seconded by Commissioner Rossi. All in favor.

Motion passes for the City Treasurer's to Change Traffic Code Section 220-91 to allow permits to paid annually or otherwise at the discretion of the parking clerk.

8. Resident request for crosswalk across Franklin St at Ashland

Elena reads the request and introduces the proponent of the request.

Carolyn Welkly of 96 Richardson Rd and 9 year resident of Melrose states that she has two children in the Melrose school system, one at the Roosevelt and one at the middle school. She lives between the train tracks and Main street and has noticed lots of traffic getting to the High School/Middle school and the daycare on that street. There is a

crosswalk in front of the church and it is usually not used by the kids as it adds extra time to their walk to school, and they are already bustling to get to school on time. One of the things she likes best about Melrose is how pedestrian-friendly it is and loves to walk and run through the city. In fact, according to the State of MA, pedestrian traffic in Melrose is up 156%, but there is a 7.2% increase in traffic fatalities nationwide. She believes that it is in everyone's best interest to make this space as safe as possible for walking. In the short time that she has worked here, there has been 1 pedestrian death, several pedestrian accidents, and so many vehicle accidents she can't even count. This pandemic has been so hard on the kids. Can we make one decision for the kids? She states it's just a matter of time before someone is hurt.

Chief Lyle asks Carolyn on what side she is looking to add the cross walk.

Carolyn answered that she would like it on the East side as someone on the Facebook group pointed out it would send the kids right down Ashland and to the crosswalk on Melrose St.

Councilor Tramontozzi stated that Carolyn had given an excellent presentation and he has spoken to, received many emails from, and read many concerns online regarding this issue. He feels a crosswalk would improve walkability and makes sense. He also wanted to reiterate that the kids do not use the crosswalk at the church and strongly urges the commission to approve this. He reminds them Franklin is a very dangerous street from Main Street all the way to Stoneham.

Elena opens the meeting to public comment.

Finn McSweeney wanted to add an opinion from the ped-bike committee. He is hearing that they are running out of space for bikes at the middle school. There are at least 50-60 bikes. At this age the kids will ride on the sidewalk and the crosswalk will make it safer for them, adding more visibility.

Elena stated that Councilor Tramontozzi said there have been many emails about this. They have been added to the packets. There are two that arrived after the packets were prepared.

Elena reads the emails and conveys their agreement of the crosswalks with concern of the children's safety. She also stated she did not receive anything in opposition.

Commissioner Rossi added the kids will not go out of their way to get to the other crosswalk.

Motion to approve and add a crosswalk on both the east side and west side by Chief Lyle, seconded by Councilor Eccles.

Commissioner Parenti supplied crash data stating that since 2002, there have been 12 crashes and none involved pedestrians, with the last one being in 2019. He also stated that crosswalks put the Commission in an awkward position. It's hard to object to them as they are a safety issue. He also stated this could be one that could be objected as there is a crosswalk only 150 ft away and is done correctly with bump outs and such due the Highlands project. He sees these decisions as engineering ones.

Elena states that the commission has denied these before at Lebanon and Malvern due to crash history and Sylvan and Ryder was denied before it was later approved. She stated that the benefit of going through the commission is that reasonable requests are weeded out. Elena also suggested that Shannon Phillips could be asked on the legality of crosswalks being brought to Traffic commission. She also can see the argument for both sides, though, since they don't fall into the City's Traffic Code.

Commissioner Rossi agrees with Commissioner Parenti since it's not clear cut and they never did before in his 20 years serving. He does, however, feel since they are not elected they can be very objective. He also reminded the commission that they could always use cost as a factor.

Elena stated that the second crosswalk proposed by Chief Lyle concerns her as there will be too many crosswalks too close together, causing confusing and visibility issues for drivers. She is not in favor of the third crosswalk.

Motion for a crosswalk on the east side of Franklin at Ashland by Commissioner Krechmer, seconded by Commissioner Rossi.

Chief Lyle withdraws his first motion.

All are in favor.

Motion passes to install a crosswalk on Franklin at Ashland on the east side of the intersection.

9. Resident request for No Parking Opposite Driveway sign across from 20 Felicia Rd.

Elena reads the request.

Proponent Karen Rogers is not in attendance. Elena states that she was notified on 9/27/2021 of the time and date that the agenda would be heard. No one else is present to speak on item.

Elena asks if the commission would like to discuss or table the request.

Commissioner Krechmer stated he would prefer to hear from the petitioner.

Commissioner Rossi stated that it is a weird corner and how far can you park to a corner he believes it to be 20ft.

Elena stated that a no parking here to corner may solve the problem since it would be 20 ft.

Commissioner Rossi stated that he doesn't remember ever voting on one of these sign and if we do we'd be doing it all over the city.

Elena stated that she thinks they should table this.

Motion to table request by Commissioner Krechmer, seconded by Commissioner Rossi. All are in favor.

Motion to table request passes.

10. Resident requests No Parking Here to Corner sign on Lodge Avenue at intersection of Derby Rd.

Elena reads the request.

Sylvia Chin of Lodge Avenue states that she is a 15-year resident of Lodge Ave. and it is very hard to back in or out of her driveway if someone is parked closer to the corner. She realizes that parking will be lost but can't think of any other conclusion.

No one is present for public comment.

Elena reads one letter in opposition from Dennis Breen 19 Lodge Ave. expressing his concerns.

Elena says that to the street line it's 57 ft.

Sgt. Goc added that the intent of no parking here to corner is to keep the intersection clear and this has been done here. It seems like they are looking for a no parking opposite drive and he is not in favor of that.

Elena states that they have previously taken into consideration the width of street and width of the driveway. The driveway curb cut is 11 ½ ft and the driveway itself is 15 ft. Elena also thought this driveway is for Sylvia and the neighbors.

Sylvia clarified it was only her driveway.

Commissioner Rossi states that he observed the driveway extends closer to the house on her property

Elena added that the roadway width is 22 ft.

Commissioner Parenti wants consideration of curb reveal; we strive for 6 inches and this seems to be able a curb that you'd be able to go over.

Elena stated that she actually pulled in the driveway and backed out. It was tight but not insurmountable and the roadway width of 22 ft seems to be on the wider side as opposed to others that had been approved in the past.

Commissioner Parenti states there is clearly opposition from the neighbor and if we approve then they could possibly turn around and file a petition the other way. This could result in no parking anywhere on the street. He also stated that he is not in favor of anything where there is a clear objection from a neighbor.

Motion to deny by Chief Lyle.

Elena reads concerns put in chat by the proponent.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Rossi. All are in favor.

Motion to add No Parking Here to Corner on Lodge Ave at the corner of Derby is denied.

Sylvia asks about curb cut options and Elena request that she reach out to her and they can discuss.

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Rossi, seconded by Commissioner Krechmer.

All are in favor.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:06 pm.