

Traffic Board Meeting
December 22, 1976.

Present: Chairman Vincent Panico, John Pitkin, Fred Cellineri, Deputy Chief Gelinas, Captain Brutti, Lt. Borelli, Dick Easler, David Bryant.

(1) Hyatt Hotel Parking:

A general discussion of the parking problems at the Hyatt was explained by Lt. Borelli in response to questions by Mr. Panico. It was brought out that due to the design of their garage, several types of vehicles were excluded from using the parking garage even if spaces were available. It was stated that they had inquired about not tagging and towing in their area during a 'Snow Emergency'. However, it was explained to them that this would not be possible in keeping with City policy.

(2) Lt. Borelli asked for a different type of 'No U Turn' sign at Mass. Ave. He stated that he has a motorcycle on the Avenue at all times. He stated that city wide accidents have declined over the past two years, but the accidents due to 'U Turns' on Mass. Ave. have remained constant, despite many citations given out by the motorcycle officer. Lt. Borelli also informed everyone that all the big motorcycles will be equipped with winter gear which is on order. This will allow them to be on the road nearly all year.

(3) Mass. Ave. and Prospect Street:

Mr. Panico asked if the Traffic Department would look at the signal sequence to see if there was anyway that the pedestrian crossing at Prospect Street could be made more exclusive.

(4) Mr. Panico talked on police visibility as a deterrent to many traffic violations and how this on-going program was working out. Lt. Borelli stated that after seven accidents at Putnam Avenue and Sidney Street in 3 weeks, with police presence there, the accidents stopped completely.

- (5) Mr. Panico inquired about the multiple ticket towing program. It was stated that during Oct. and Nov., six cars were towed. The program was omitted in Dec., but will start up again in January.
- (6) The Board asked for the new rates at the garage and whether it was helping to increase usage and revenue. Mr. Bryant gave the new rates and stated in general terms that usage was increasing each month. Mr. Panico said that exact figures were not necessary.
- (7) Lt. Borelli asked that a 'Parking Garage' sign be installed in front of the police station as many visitors to the station cannot find a parking space and do not know about the garage.
- (8) John Pitkin asked that an investigation be initiated to see the feasibility of some type of sign being installed which would stop motorists from parking on the crosswalks across Mass. Ave. at Church Street.
- (9) Mr. Panico asked that he be informed when the driveway requests from the East Cambridge Savings Bank clear the Traffic Dept. office.

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