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**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, March 25, 2003**

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Herzog, Krol, Matthews, McCarthy -5

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works

Ald. Krol in the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

Completion of 90-Day Trial of Two-Hour Parking on N. 115th Street North of W. North Avenue

Mr. Kappel reported that there have been no complaints in connection with the 90-day trial of two-hour parking restrictions on the west side of N. 115th Street from the alley north of W. North Avenue to the north lot line at 2313. The restrictions were requested by a resident and a local alderperson to resolve a problem with parking by employees of businesses along North Avenue.

Ald. McCarthy reported that he checked with the residents several times during the course of the trial, and he remains strongly in favor of the restrictions.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Herzog to recommend to Council introduction of an ordinance to establish two-hour parking on the west side of N. 115th Street from the alley north of W. North Avenue to the north lot line at 2313 N. 115th Street. Ayes: 5

Completion of 90-Day Trial of Parking Changes on N. 108th Place

Mr. Kappel reported on the 90-day trial of parking changes on the east side of N. 108th Place that were requested by Thomas Rudig of Rudig Trophy, 580 N. 108th Place. Two-hour restrictions were installed along the property and a 100-foot 30-minute restriction near the entrance to the business. There have been at least seven written complaints objecting to the removal of all-day parking. There is definitely congestion in this area of combined business and residential use, which has caused a hardship for the businesses for some time, Mr. Kappel said. He recommended removing the two-hour zone and restoring that area to all day-parking, which would accommodate approximately 5-7 cars. He recommended retaining the 100-foot section of one-half hour parking and adding another 50 feet.

Jeff Marohl of Marohl Construction, 10848 W. Wisconsin Avenue, said his company has owned the property or been a tenant in the building for 45-50 years, and he believes the parking situation has always been the same. The current change has caused extreme hardship to his company and their tenants. Any additional all-day parking—even one space or 15 more feet—would help the situation a lot, he said. He felt that some of the current length of half-hour parking should revert to all-day parking.

John Elias of Integrated Community Resources, 10848 W. Wisconsin Avenue, agreed that there is not enough all-day parking in the area. With half-hour parking in front of Rudig Trophy, he saw no reason for limits on other portions of the street.

Discussion ensued regarding the length and exact location of the proposed 150-foot half-hour parking zone. Mr. Kappel indicated that it would be from the driveway at 580 N. 108th Place to a point 150 feet to the north, accommodating the building's carriage walk and main entrance. Shortening it by 25 feet would place a sign in the middle of the carriage walk, and relocating the carriage walk would change its relationship to the building's front entrance. There is two-hour parking on the west side of the street, Mr. Kappel noted, but the neighbor there has no interest in changing that restriction.

Asked about the original request, Mr. Kappel said that Mr. Rudig was seeking limited parking across the entire length of his property and paid for the trial installation. Observations and photos taken by Mr. Marohl indicate that there have never been more than four or five automobiles in that area at any one time. If there were more, it is very likely they would be able to park on the west side of the street. The building does have employee parking lots, but their location is not conducive to customer parking. Mr. Kappel said that Mr. Marohl was informed of tonight's meeting and the proposed recommendation to the committee. The proposal is a compromise that, judging by his non-appearance, he is apparently willing to live with.

Capt. Bozicevich was asked about enforcement of a 30-minute zone. He said that such zones are fairly common and would present no enforcement problems. It is the shorter restrictions of five minutes or 15 minutes that are impossible to enforce.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Matthews to recommend to Council introduction of an ordinance establishing 30-minute parking restrictions on the east side of N. 108th Place from the driveway at 580 N. 108th Place to a point 580 feet north thereof. Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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