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TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 14, 2003

PRESENT: Alds. 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 7:31 p.m.

Ordinance to Revise Parking Restrictions on N. 104th and N. 105th Streets

The committee reviewed the proposed ordinance amending Section 11.32.080 of the code to incorporate revised parking restrictions on N. 104th Street and N. 105th Street south of W. North Avenue. Mr. Kappel indicated that he had no further information beyond that discussed at the previous meeting.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Herzog to recommend to Council adoption of the ordinance. Ayes: 5

Ordinance to Revise Parking Restrictions on W. Wisconsin Avenue at Wisconsin Avenue Park

The committee reviewed the proposed ordinance amending Section 11.32.080 of the Code to incorporate revised parking restrictions on W. Wisconsin Avenue at the entrance to Wisconsin Avenue.

Moved by Ald. Matthews, seconded by Ald. McCarthy to recommend to Council adoption of the ordinance. Ayes: 5

Application for Loading Zones at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1717 Church Street

Mr. Kappel reported that following the previous meeting at which this application was held, he informed Tim Harrington, the representative of Trinity Episcopal Church, that the annual charge for the two loading zones would be \$52.50. This fee is based on the requested footage minus the crosswalk setback areas. Mr. Harrington subsequently notified him that the congregation wished to proceed with the application.

Moved by Ald. Matthews, seconded by Ald. Becker to recommend to Council approval of a 35 foot loading zone on Church Street and a 27 foot loading zone on Milwaukee Avenue. Ayes: 5

Request for No Parking on N. 123rd Street North of W. North Avenue

Mr. Kappel reported on a request from Bill Reilly, general partner of the Courtyard apartments, 12250 W. North Avenue, to restrict parking on N. 123rd Street north of W. North Avenue. Referring to an aerial view of the area, Mr. Kappel pointed out that an 80-foot section of N. 123rd Street leads into the apartment complex drive. A driveway on the west side of the street serves the gas station/McDonald's site that extends west to 124th Street. Due to parking on N. 123rd Street, elderly Courtyard residents have been having difficulties traversing 123rd Street. Mr. Reilly agreed with signing the west side of the street for no parking as a first step in providing greater visibility for traffic exiting from both the apartment complex and the gas station/McDonald's site.

Ald. McCarthy reported that he received a call from Tim Shea, the owner of the sports memorabilia shop located across the street in the strip mall at the southwest corner of 122nd and North. He and his employees have been having difficulties with parking because of the increased activity at the adjacent George Webb and the newly opened Subway. Mr. Shea told Ald. McCarthy that he usually parks on 123rd Street. Ald. McCarthy advised him to contact the school district or Mt. Zion Church about availability of parking in their lots, but Mr. Shea noted that those lots are a block away and the Mt. Zion lot would involve crossing North Avenue. Mr. Shea also complained of existing no parking signs on 123rd Street.

Mr. Kappel reminded the committee that the city street extends from North Avenue for only 80 feet, and he explained that the existing signs were erected by the apartment complex to cover the private entrance drive. Under his proposal, there would still be room for about three cars to park on the east side of 123rd Street. The west side accommodates only about 1 ½ cars, so basically one parking slot would be removed but a high degree of visibility would be gained. Mr. Kappel noted that he has not observed anyone parking on this street since he received this request last week.

Moved by Ald. Becker, seconded by Ald. Herzog to approve a 90-day trial of no parking on the east side of N. 123rd Street north of W. North Avenue –

Ald. Herzog felt that a 90-day trial is warranted based on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the concerns about visibility as well as the fact that only 1 ½ parking spots would be lost.

Ald. McCarthy said that George Webb has requested permission for their employees to park in the school district lot. This is a very stressed area and Mr. Shea feels very strongly about the parking issues.

Vote on the motion, Ayes: 4; Present: 1 (McCarthy)

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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