



## CITY OF WAUWATOSA

7725 WEST NORTH AVENUE

WAUWATOSA, WI 53213

Telephone: (414) 479-8917

Fax: (414) 479-8989

### TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Herzog, Maher, Purins -4

ABSENT: Ald. Krol

ALSO PRESENT: W. Kappel, Director of Public Works

Ald. Becker as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Request for No Parking Zone at 2243 N. 118th Street**

Mr. Kappel reported that he received a request from the Fuller family at 2243 N. 118th Street late last fall for some type of relief from cars that have been parking all day in front of their home since the opening of a new business on North Avenue. Parking is allowed on the west side of N. 118th Street south of W. North Avenue, but there is no parking on the east side of the street. The Fuller home is the first one south of what would be the alley line extended. They would like to have two-hour parking restrictions from Monday through Saturday to prevent all-day parking. Mr. Kappel noted that he has one or two other similar requests and is seeking some guidelines on the issue of the need for businesses to have parking versus the feeling of residents that they should be able to park in front of their homes.

Lissette Fuller, 2243 N. 118th Street, said that parking in front of her home and those on either side has been excessive during the past two years. Cars are there from 8-10 hours per day Monday through Saturday, leaving no space for their own guests to park. Snow and leaf removal has also been a problem. They have tried to compromise with the business and do want them to be there, but they would like to see either no parking or two-hour parking restrictions, possibly until 3 p.m.

Ald. Purins distributed summaries of parking restrictions on streets north and south of North Avenue from 113th Street to 122nd Street. He found various restrictions including no parking at any time, no parking 8 a.m. to 3 or 6 p.m., and two hour parking from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as areas without any restrictions. Typically, from North Avenue to what would be the alleyway both north and south of North Avenue there is no parking at all. Also, there is no parking from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 115th Street with the exception of the area in front of one house. Ald. Purins said he would like to make sure what the residents here want and how far to the south it should extend. He suggested placing restrictions in front of two or three houses initially and then go farther if needed.

Mr. Kappel said he would recommend starting with half the block and going north to the alley line, taking advantage of any existing light or sign poles in the placement of signs.

Moved by Ald. Purins, seconded by Ald. Maher to approve a 90-day trial of two-hour parking restrictions, Monday through Saturday, on the west

side of N. 118th Street from the alleyway line to approximately a half block to the south –

In further discussion, Mr. Kappel outlined other considerations in installing parking restrictions such as turn lanes and location of mailboxes. Ms. Fuller indicated that she is certain that other neighbors also support restrictions. The Chair asked if the lack of sidewalks here would make it more dangerous for drivers to walk a greater distance. Mr. Kappel said that this area is generally cleared of snow very promptly.

Ald. Birschel reported that he has talked with representatives of the music store and clinic in this area. He noted that there is plenty of parking on North Avenue and said that he supports a two-hour restriction.

Mr. Kappel felt that drivers will not tend to park farther down the block, but he stated that the trial can be amended if found necessary. The Chair suggested requesting that police parking staff monitor parking during the first week or so as a means of alerting drivers to the change.

Vote on the motion, Ayes: 4

#### **Request for No Parking Zone at 1433 N. 68th Street**

Mr. Kappel reported that an alderman of the district forwarded a request from the residents at 1433 N. 68th Street for a no parking zone. He referred to photos taken last Friday that show that no one was parked there at the time. He said that this may be a neighbor issue rather than a parking issue. He pointed out that this property is on a corner and would have available parking both on 68th Street and on Kinsman Street. He questioned what public or private interest would be served by prohibiting parking here and recommended placing the matter on file.

The Chair indicated that he walks in this area quite often and agrees that there doesn't seem to be a parking issue.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Herzog to place this matter on file. Ayes: 4

#### **Report on Removal of Temporary No Parking in Area West of Glenview Avenue**

Mr. Kappel reported that residents in the area west of Glenview Avenue between Watertown Plank Road/Harwood Avenue and Avon Court have requested the removal of temporary parking restrictions that were placed there in connection with construction of a Medical College parking structure. Although parking structure construction is still underway, the Glenview Heights Neighborhood Association feels the restrictions are no longer necessary. The signs were turned around last week but probably will not be taken down until mid-summer in order to allow time to ensure there is no negative reaction. Police and fire have been notified of the change.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

es