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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, May 9, 2006

PRESENT: Aids. Donegan, Grimm, Herzog, Sullivan, Treis

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Director of Public Works

Ald. Sullivan as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Loading Zone at 6913 W. North Avenue

Held from the previous meeting, the committee reviewed proposed changes to the loading zone at 6913 W. North Avenue for a new restaurant/cooking school. The new proprietor, Michael Feker, requested loading zone hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. The current loading zone has hours of 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Mr. Kappel informed Mr. Feker of tonight's meeting.

Mr. Kappel responded to the committee's request at the previous meeting for information regarding accessibility for deliveries at the rear of the property at 6913 W. North Avenue. He provided a copy of the land survey and photos showing a small gangway between buildings that is less than 3 feet wide and probably would not accommodate a hand-truck. The area is primarily owned by the owners of the subject property, but traversing it would technically involve trespassing since property on both sides is owned by others. Mr. Kappel felt that this property would need the requested loading zone for deliveries so that trucks do not double-park on North Avenue, but he noted that the committee could consider hours other than those requested. He reported that he has checked the area periodically and found that parking is fairly open during early morning hours. By late morning until the end of the afternoon, parking spaces are generally filled.

The committee discussed the need for a loading zone and times at which deliveries might be needed. Ald. Grimm questioned whether deliveries would occur on weekends. The Chair commented that Sysco, a major restaurant supplier, does make deliveries at all times. He would want to facilitate the success of the business. Ald. Donegan reported that, in a conversation with him, Mr. Feker indicated that hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. would be acceptable. He felt that the needs of this business should be accommodated but noted that there is still time to determine those needs since they do not expect to open until July at the earliest.

Moved by Ald. Treis, to recommend approval of a loading zone 7 days per week from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., with the understanding that the business could return with a request for extended hours –

In response to questions, Mr. Kappel reported that the current loading zone is 30 feet, the standard length, and accommodates two standard-size cars. If Mr. Feker plans to be open for lunch, he may want to schedule all his deliveries prior to that time since deliveries have to use the front door. The hours on the signs could easily be

changed at any time. Mr. Kappel commented that the former business at this location, which is moving to the corner, would probably like to see available parking maximized. He has received calls from two other businesses in opposition to the loading zone.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Herzog.

The Chair expressed concern about limiting the loading zone hours for this new business. He would prefer the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. hours that the applicant reportedly finds acceptable. The impact would be less than for the current zone since it would not include evening hours. If there were any complaints, those hours could be scaled back. As alderman of the adjacent district, he has never received any complaints about the existing loading zone. Ald. Donegan concurred with the Chair's comments. He suggested holding the matter pending additional information from the applicant, who is opening another restaurant and is very busy right now.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Herzog to hold this matter to the next meeting –

Mr. Kappel indicated that the current loading zone would remain in place in the meantime. He will clarify with the applicant what would be adequate.

Vote on the motion, Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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