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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, May 25, 2010

PRESENT: Alds. Jay, McBride, Pantuso, Wilke - 4

EXCUSED: Ald. Meaux

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works

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

Extension of 90-Day Trial of No Parking on W. Keefe Avenue East of Menomonee River Parkway

Mr. Kappel reported that changes have been recommended in the parking restrictions in place on W. Keefe Avenue east of Menomonee River Parkway under two 90-day trials. The street abuts the new City of Milwaukee park south of Keefe Avenue. The Wauwatosa city limits line runs along a portion of the north side of the street.

The trial underway since December placed no parking at any time restrictions on the south side of W. Keefe Avenue from Menomonee River Parkway to a point 605 feet to the east. Discussions since then with neighborhood organizations, Milwaukee alderpersons, the sheriff, and others have led to a proposal to move the parking restrictions to the north side of the road so that visitors could park on the park side of Keefe Avenue. Milwaukee County will also reverse the restrictions on Menomonee River Parkway to allow parking on the park side of the road.

Ald. Wilke reported that the new park is very popular. He has received calls from residents on the north side of Keefe Avenue who were not happy with cars parked in front of their homes or near their driveways. Allowing parking on the south side of Keefe Avenue will eliminate that conflict and allow visitors direct access to the park without crossing the street.

Mr. Kappel indicated that he would keep 25-50 feet of no parking at the corner to allow for turns. It may also be necessary to move or cover the pavement marking to reassign lane widths.

Moved by Ald. Wilke, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to approve moving no parking restrictions from the south side to the north side of W. Keefe Avenue east of Menomonee River Parkway as a third 90-day trial.

Ayes: 4

Little Red Store Parking Lot

Mr. Kappel referred to a diagram of the Little Red Store parking lot in the Village and pointed out the use of certain stalls. There are two handicapped parking spaces immediately west of the building. Bike racks for the bike rental program occupy the next three stalls. After conferring with the Village Business Improvement District and the Wauwatosa Historical Society, he is proposing marking the next three stalls for 30-minute parking to accommodate people who stop briefly at the Little Red Store's information center. West of those stalls, he proposes three three-hour parking stalls to accommodate people renting bikes. A few more three-hour spaces could be added if there proves to be a need. The remainder of the lot is available for unlimited employee and visitor parking.

Mr. Kappel noted that the farmers' market, which starts June 5th, will be held in the Hart's Mill lot across the street. The Little Red Store lot will be available for parking as well as Hart Park Lane.

Ken Loeffel, a member of the Board of Directors of the Wauwatosa Historical Society, said he has been involved in the restoration and operation of the Little Red Store. He noted that the Board of Public Works has approved use of the parking lot for the bike rental program.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. Wilke to approve a 90-day trial of three 30-minute parking spaces and three 3-hour spaces west of the handicapped spaces in the Little Red Store municipal parking lot. Ayes: 4

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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