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**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 30, 2002**

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Herzog, Krol, McCarthy -4

EXCUSED: Ald. Matthews

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; Capt. J. Bozicevich, Police

Ald. Krol in the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

**Parking Restrictions on N. 64th Street between W. Garfield Avenue and W. Lloyd Street**

Mr. Kappel, Director of Public Works, reported that residents of N. 64th Street between W. Garfield Avenue and W. Lloyd Street were notified of the intent to post no parking restrictions on the west side of the street, as discussed at the previous meeting. The parking prohibition would conform to existing ordinance provisions that are not currently posted. Mr. Kappel said that it is clear that emergency vehicles could not get down the street if cars were parked on both sides of this 24-foot street.

Robert Newman, 2171 N. 64th Street, said he, his wife, and his neighbors, who have lived on the street for 20-30 years, do not recall any no parking signs. He felt that allowing parking on both sides of the street compels drivers to slow down. An emergency vehicle was able to access the street this past weekend, he said, and sanitation employees are not aware of any problems. He said that he would not be affected by the loss of parking spaces, but it may well affect other residents, particularly those living in the four duplexes on the block. As a compromise, he suggested prohibiting parking on the west side of the street from December 1 to March 1 when the street could be further narrowed by snow.

Ald. Herzog asked if there is an internal policy or precedent requiring no parking on one side of streets with 24-foot roadways and how critical such restrictions would be. Mr. Kappel indicated that that has been the policy, but there are some exceptions. The discrepancy on 64th Street came to light as the result of an application to place a dumpster on the street. He felt that the fire chief would say that the parking restrictions are critical. It would be impossible to get a quint or ladder truck down a 24-foot street if cars were parked opposite each other.

Bob Lucano, 2134 N. 64th Street, said it was his dumpster permit application that prompted the review of parking signage. He reported that he drove around the neighborhood in a 10-block radius and noticed several streets that are 24-feet wide and are not posted for no parking on one side. He said that he has not seen a problem in the 15 years that he has lived on the street.

Mr. Kappel said that he, too, has surveyed the neighborhood and found that other streets from 61st to 65th Streets are posted. Many east-west streets that are not posted do not have house frontages and would be less of a problem. The north-south streets have many more houses and many more vehicles per household.

Ald. Herzog spoke of the committee's responsibility to examine the safety aspect and address the fire department's concerns. Posting of no parking signs on N. 64th Street would not require enacting any ordinance; it is basically following through on policy and existing ordinance language.

Ald. Becker reported speaking with residents of the street who support the restrictions. He mentioned that there is a similar situation on 70th Street between W. Lloyd Street and W. Garfield Avenue. In view of the safety issue, he favored restoring the no parking signs.

Asked if a similar change would be made on other streets in the neighborhood, Mr. Kappel indicated that he would review all 24-foot streets in the area.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Herzog to place the matter on file. Ayes: 4

### **Temporary Parking Restrictions on N. 85th and N. 86th Streets during State Fair Week**

Mr. Kappel reported that there has been some concern about parking on both sides of some streets in the Ravenswood area during state fair week. A fire department field check last year determined that emergency vehicles would not be able to maneuver through the streets with 24-foot pavement widths when cars are parked on both sides. He noted that parking on the state fair grounds is more limited this year than in the past. Mr. Kappel reported that he plans to post signs prohibiting parking on the west side of N. 85th and N. 86th Streets, and also farther to the west if necessary, during state fair activities. City Code allows the police chief, mayor, and city administrator to make and enforce such temporary regulations.

Lee Renner, 8503 W. Hawthorne Avenue, said she appreciates the plan to prohibit parking on one side of these narrow streets. She asked about policy on ticketing vehicles that overhang driveways, noting that police have been reluctant to ticket in the past. Capt. Bozicevich said that officers are told to be aggressive in the enforcement of parking laws during state fair week. Police should be notified of situations where a resident cannot enter or exit a driveway because of an illegally parked car. The vehicle can be ticketed or police can even have it towed.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. McCarthy to place the matter on file. Ayes: 4

### **Proposed Ordinance - One-Hour Parking on N. 61st Street North of W. Blue Mound Road**

The committee reviewed a proposed ordinance amending Section 11.32.080 of the Code to establish a one-hour parking restrictions on the west side of N. 61st Street from W. Blue Mound Road to a point 100 feet to the north.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Becker to recommend adoption. Ayes: 4

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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