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TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, June 25, 2002

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Herzog, Krol, Matthews, McCarthy -5

ALSO

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

Ald. Krol in the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Review of 90-Day Trial of No Parking Restrictions in 2200 Block of N. 69th Street

Mr. Kappel, Director of Public Works, reviewed previous discussion regarding the 90-day trial of no parking from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on the west side of the 2200 block of N. 69th Street from 175 feet south of W. North Avenue to W. Garfield Avenue. There is no parking in the corresponding area on the east side of the street. Mr. Kappel noted that residents have been divided on the need for the two-hour parking restrictions. In reviewing alternatives, he recommended keeping no parking from 9 p.m to 2 a.m. restrictions on the north half of the block up to the property at 2243 N. 69th Street for Saturdays and Sundays only and restoring two-hour parking to the south half.

Asked about the possibility of resident permits, which were suggested at the previous meeting, Capt. Bozicevich said he and Mr. Kappel both agree that permits are not a good idea in a limited situation like this. Allowing residents with permits to park in violation of posted restrictions could encourage others to park illegally, he said. Besides creating a confusing situation, it would also be an enforcement problem. Residents in other areas have raised the same concerns and were not extended that option for the same reasons.

Dawn Fredrickson, owner of 220909A N. 69th Street, felt the problem is noise and rowdiness and was concerned about danger to young women and girls or visitors who would have to park some distance away. She said that the Rosebud Theater should tell its patrons to be quiet, and police should enforce laws against public drunkenness, over-serving, littering, and public nuisances.

Sean Milan, 2263 N. 69th Street, said it has been quieter since the restrictions went up and parking on North Avenue and in the lot across the street seems to be filling up more. Weekends are more of a problem, and even just a Saturday night restriction would help, he said.

Patrick Smith, 2252 N. 69th Street, cited problems with moving family cars around. If the problem is rowdiness, he felt the restrictions here would just move the problem elsewhere. If it is a Rosebud problem, he felt they should hire a security guard and perhaps there should be some extra police attention when Walter's and the Rosebud close. He could tolerate some restrictions on Friday and Saturday after midnight but otherwise finds them inconvenient.

Bob Granitz, 2242 N. 69th Street, also favored restrictions starting at midnight or 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. He noted that Walter's and Shepherd's have signs posted at their doors and bartenders warn patrons about noise when they leave, and he felt that Rosebud should hire someone to investigate noise complaints.

Julie Lehman, 2257 N. 69th Street, was willing to compromise with restrictions on just Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 11 p.m. She said that she has noticed a change and thinks that now most cars parked on 69th Street belong to residents of the block.

John Smith, 2220 N. 69th Street, spoke of constantly jockeying four cars around. He favored restrictions beginning at midnight. Kelly Smith, 2256 N. 69th Street, agreed, noting that he has the same problem with moving cars, which is much easier without any restrictions

There was some discussion of sign language should restrictions start at or shortly before midnight. Mr. Kappel indicated that, in that case, 12:01 to 2 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays would be the preferred language. The signs could be made and installed in about a week, with costs from operating budget funds, he said.

Ald. McCarthy felt that noise problems might best be addressed through review of the Rosebud Theater's license. Capt. Bozicevich said it would be too late to review this year's renewal. Considering the cost, Ald. McCarthy said, we should be certain that the residents will be able to live with the restrictions. He reiterated that the matter should be referred for a hearing so that the Rosebud can be asked to cooperate and it can be part of the record that there is a problem. They should provide some sort of exterior monitoring of their patrons, he felt.

Ald. Becker noted similar concerns with Shepherds in the past that led to a requirement for exterior security and an annual report to neighbors. He felt that a meeting should be set up with Jay Hollis, owner of the Rosebud, and indicated that those present would be notified if they provided him with their phone numbers.

Moved by Ald. Becker, seconded by Ald. Matthews to extend the existing trial for an additional 60 days with no parking 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays on the west side of N. 69th Street from 175 feet south of W. North Avenue to the south property line of 2243 N. 69th Street, and to refer the matter of review of the Rosebud Theater's license to the Committee on Legislation, Licensing and Communications –

Capt. Bozicevich noted that there is no way to know whether problems are being caused exclusively by patrons of the Rosebud, or by those from Shepherds on 67th and North or Walters at 70th. He suggested that the police department's community support division get together with the three owners as a group to try to come up with some resolution in terms of a joint security person or some other solution and come back to this committee with the results before proceeding with other measures suggested.

Alds. Becker and Matthews amended the motion by withdrawing the portion of the motion referring the matter to the Committee on Legislation, Licensing and Communications –

Vote on the motion as amended, Ayes: 5

Parking Restrictions on West Side of N. 64th Street between W. Garfield Avenue and W. Lloyd Street

At the request of Mr. Kappel and with the consensus of the committee, the Chair directed that this matter be held until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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