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**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2002**

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

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Kappel, Dir. of Public Works; Ald. Subotich

Ald. Krol in the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Mr. Kappel, Director of Public Works, reported that “No Parking 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.” signs have been posted on the west side of N. 69th Street from approximately 175 feet south of W. North Avenue to W. Garfield Avenue, in accordance with the 90-day trial implemented by the committee on April 30. The matter has been brought back to committee for public input at the request of Ald. Becker.

Ald. Becker said that the parking change was in response to extended weekend hours at the Rosebud Theater. When the Plan Commission reviewed the requested extension, they indicated that parking regulations could be changed if there were late-night problems with patrons.

Diane Milan, 2263 N. 69th Street, spoke of quality of life issues and said she feels strongly about anyone parking in front of her home at 2 a.m. She would like to keep as much traffic off the street and out of the residential neighborhood as possible. She was concerned about noise and said there have been incidents of garbage and beer bottles, although all may not be directly related to the theater. She indicated that just restricting late night parking on weekends might be a compromise.

Patrick Smith, 2252 N. 69th Street, said he has not had any problems with noise, rowdiness, or an enormous amount of people or traffic. He would like to be able to park in front of his house since he has several vehicles and a narrow driveway and often has to “jockey” cars. He suggested reconsidering the theater’s hours, or perhaps they shouldn’t sell beer on Saturday nights. Although parking is sometimes a hassle, it is something you live with when close to a business district, he said. Lynn Smith, 2252 N. 69th Street, felt that the problem is not the theater but taverns, particularly Shepherd’s.

Julie Lehman, 2257 N. 69th Street, supported the new restrictions. She has heard noise late at night and has observed people who probably came from the theater urinating on trees between 12 and 2 a.m. She would prefer not having cars parked in front of her house that late at night.

Kelly Smith, 2256 N. 69th Street, opposed the new parking restrictions, noting that any problems should be addressed with the theater, if that is where they're coming from. He indicated that a tavern farther down on North Avenue is another possible source, since its patrons have caused similar problems in the past.

Donna McAllister, 2243 N. 69th Street, said her cars generally fit in the driveway but guests' cars would not. She would prefer that the new signs be taken down completely.

Tom Hollander, 2225 N. 69th Street, agreed with the previous comments. He noted that there has been garbage in front of his house, including beer bottles, but he doesn't know the source. He observed that the new restrictions have not been enforced during the past month that the signs were up.

Responding to questions, Mr. Kappel said limiting the restrictions to weekends could be done at minimal cost by adding language to the existing signs. There is no parking at any time on the east side of the street with the exception of the first 170 feet or so south of North Avenue where the 24-foot pavement widens to 30 feet. On the west side, there is two-hour parking until 6 p.m. except on weekends, no restrictions from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and no parking from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 67th and 70th Streets south of North Avenue have similar restrictions.

Ald. Herzog asked about the possibility of issuing permits to allow residents to park in front of their homes, as is done in West Allis. Mr. Kappel mentioned concerns about interfering with street sweeping operations and also about creating a new permitting process.

Ald. McCarthy recalled that the Plan Commission had some concerns about parking. He said that it is not up to this committee to deal with the theater's hours of operation. He noted that the 90-day trial presents a chance for residents to try out the new restrictions and was reluctant to make any changes at this point.

Ald. Matthews agreed that there has not yet been adequate time to evaluate the trial. She noted that some of the problems have gone on for a while and are not specifically because of the theater.

Ald. Becker said that there was not a consensus among residents as he originally thought. He suggested that there might be a compromise that could satisfy all the neighbors such as no parking until 2 a.m. only on Friday and Saturday nights or issuing permits to residents.

Ms. Milan reported that she polled 15 residents of the block. Seven favored keeping the 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. restriction, 6 favored only Fridays and Saturdays, and the remainder are among those here tonight that want the restriction removed.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Matthews to hold the matter for 30 days, maintaining the current trial, to allow residents to come up with some alternatives –

With the consent of Ald. McCarthy, Ald. Matthews amended the motion to include a directive to the Director of Public Works to put together information about the possibility of a parking permit –

Mr. Kappel indicated that he would make a list of potential options. Residents present tonight would be notified of the next meeting date on this subject. Ald. McCarthy requested that copies of the Plan Commission minutes on this item be included in the next aldermanic packet.

Vote on the motion as amended, Ayes: 5

**Parking Regulations on N. 85th Street between W. North and W. Meinecke Avenues**

Mr. Kappel, Director of Public Works, reported that Ald. Subotich submitted a request for a change to two-hour parking on the east side of N. 85th Street between W. North and W. Meinecke Avenues. There is currently a 30-minute zone on both sides near the south end of the block and no parking on the remainder of the west side of the street. Mr. Kappel recommended a 90-day trial of two-hour parking on the entire east side.

Ald. Subotich said he has received some complaints about access to residents' homes since people who work in the area tend to park all day on the east side of 85th Street. He felt that residents should have full access in and out of their driveways without obstructions.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. McCarthy to approve a 90-day trial of two-hour parking restrictions on the east side of N. 85th Street between W. North and W. Meinecke Avenues. Ayes: 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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