

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: File #21-01
DATE: January 8, 2002
PREPARED BY: Bob Schiller, Traffic Manager
PURPOSE: Parking Restrictions on Oakwood Avenue between Grant Street and Ogden Avenue

DISCUSSION:

On Wednesday, December 12, 2001, the Parking and Traffic Commission moved to recommend to the Village Council on a vote of 5:1 that parking restrictions be placed on the west side of Oakwood Avenue stating no parking anytime from Ogden Avenue to a point 200 feet south and restricting parking from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from a point 200 feet south of Ogden Avenue to a point 105 feet north of Grant Street on Saturdays and Sundays.

ATTACHMENT:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON OAKWOOD AVENUE
DECEMBER 12, 2001 PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

Place this item on the January 22, 2002 workshop meeting for Council consideration.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON OAKWOOD AVENUE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by shading; deletions by ~~strikeout~~.)

SECTION 1. That Section 14-98 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

14-98. No parking zones—Generally.

No person shall park or let stand, any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time in any of the following locations:

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Oakwood Avenue, on the west side, between the south line of Ogden Avenue and ~~one hundred~~ **seventeen** ~~two hundred~~ feet south of Ogden Avenue.

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SECTION 2. That Section 14-103.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code is hereby added as follows:

14-103.5. Same—Between 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., on weekends.

No person shall park, stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., local time on Saturday and Sunday, in any of the following locations:

Oakwood Avenue, on the west side, from a point two hundred feet south of Ogden Avenue to a point one hundred five feet north of Grant Street.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:
Published:
Attest: _____
Village Clerk



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proposed to allow spacing for part-time teachers and teacher aids. In front of residential homes, no parking 7am to 4pm is suggested to discourage North High Parking.

Sincerely,

Ross Johnson, Chairman
Parking & Traffic Commission
VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

RJ/cb
P&T/2001/21-01/Recommendation

Chairman Johnson stated that the November 14, 2001 Parking and Traffic Commission meeting was cancelled due to the anthrax scare. Staff attempted to schedule an alternate meeting date but was unable to do so due to the lack of public notice.

COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2001 PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING BE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

COMMISSIONER KREN SECONDED THE MOTION. *Motion carried 6:0.*

NEW BUSINESS

File #21-01 Parking Restrictions on Oakwood Avenue between Grant Street and Ogden Avenue

Chairman Johnson read the Staff Report for File # 21-01.

BACKGROUND

Staff has received a request for the Parking and Traffic Commission to consider placing additional parking restrictions on Oakwood Avenue from Grant Street to Ogden Avenue. Current parking restrictions on Oakwood Avenue include no parking at any time on the west side from the north line of Grant Street 105 feet north and from Ogden Avenue to a point 117 feet south. On the east side of Oakwood parking is restricted at all times from Ogden Avenue to Chicago Avenue.

Staff proposed to install parking, which best suits characteristics for the west side of Oakwood (see attached diagram). Towards this effort, no parking anytime should be expanded on both ends of Oakwood near its intersection with Ogden and Grant. This would increase sight distance and allow intersections to function more efficiently during peak periods. Mid-block, two forms of restricted parking are suggested. Directly adjacent to the school property, two hour parking is proposed to allow spacing for part-time teachers and teacher aids. In front of residential homes, no parking 7am to 4pm is suggested to discourage North High Parking.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that a positive recommendation be forwarded to the Village Council to:

RESTRICT PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF OAKWOOD AVENUE AS MEASURED FROM THE ESTABLISHED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- 1.) **NO PARKING ANYTIME - FROM OGDEN AVENUE TO A POINT 200 FEET SOUTH.**

- 2.) **RESTRICTED NO PARKING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. – FROM A POINT 200' SOUTH OF OGDEN AVENUE TO A POINT 460 FEET SOUTH OF OGDEN AVENUE. INCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS.**
- 3.) **RESTRICTED 2 HOUR PARKING – FROM A POINT 480 FEET NORTH OF GRANT STREET TO A POINT 245 FEET NORTH OF GRANT STREET, INCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS.**
- 4.) **NO PARKING ANYTIME – FROM GRANT STREET TO A POINT 245 FEET NORTH.**

Chairman Johnson asked Bob Schiller if he had anything to add to the report.

Mr. Schiller added that the majority of the problems are on the north half of the block due to employees of Ogden Avenue businesses. The employees are parking on the side streets due to lack of parking at the businesses. The Public Works Department and the Police Department have received complaints regarding blocked resident driveways.

Chairman Johnson welcomed audience members to come forward with any questions or comments.

Ms. Sharon Shaltes, Principal, Pierce Downer School, 1436 Grant Street, stated that she understands the concerns of the residents but is concerned the restrictions would create a hardship on the school and parents with the pick up and drop off of students. She questioned the Village ordinance or requirements pertaining to business parking. She stated that Pierce Downer School has expanded the parking lot to accommodate school employees and also narrowed spaces to accommodate additional vehicles.

Ms. Lisa Kuzanek, 4340 Oakwood Avenue, stated that she resides at the home directly behind Delta Sonic. She stated that problems they have experienced include blocked driveways, speeding, changing clothing in front of vehicles and throwing garbage onto the lawns. She feels the problems primarily occur on the weekends. They would like to see parking restrictions implemented on the weekends only.

Chairman Johnson questioned whether or not Delta Sonic has been contacted regarding the issue.

Mr. Schiller stated that Delta Sonic has been contacted. Delta Sonic indicated that they would attempt to resolve the issue. The majority of the parking available at Delta Sonic is utilized by the convenience mart and detail center, which may not allow for sufficient employee parking.

Chairman Johnson stated that general zoning restrictions require one parking spot for a certain amount of square footage. He is unsure if there is a separate category for car washes as most of their work is completed outside.

Mr. Greg Beatlev, 4733 Prince Street, stated that he currently has children attending Pierce Downer School. He questioned if the problem had worsened after the Delta Sonic expansion. He feels the parking should have been taken into consideration prior to the expansion. He stated the safety of the children would be compromised with dropping off and picking up in a smaller area.

Ms. Kuzanek stated that she has had to contact the Police Department several times regarding the parking violations. She feels that they should not have to contact the Police Department on a regular basis regarding the violations. She stated that Delta Sonic could possibly utilize the motorcycle store space as they are vacating the building or also reconfigure their parking area.

Chairman Johnson questioned whether there were similar parking problems on Seeley Avenue.

Mr. Schiller stated that he has received a couple of phone calls expressing the same concerns.

Ms. Lori Pilster, School District 58, 1860 63rd Street, stated that she understands the problem to be only on the weekends. She feels that as a first step the Village could restrict parking on the weekends only.

Ms. Shaltes stated that Monday through Friday there is not an issue with parking for school purposes. When the school has functions that require on street parking the Police Department is contacted with "no ticket" dates. She expressed concern that implementing the restrictions on Oakwood Avenue would create an issue with Delta Sonic parking on Seeley Avenue. She questioned whether Delta Sonic was in compliance with parking requirements in their lot.

Chairman Johnson questioned whether the remaining 235' of parking would be adequate. He asked Bob Schiller if there is currently two hour parking permitted on Grant Street near the school.

Mr. Schiller stated that there is some parking available on Grant Street.

Commissioner Wendt stated that he feels this may be a weekend parking issue with Saturday being the greater issue. He feels that restrictions should be placed on the weekends.

Ms. Kuzanek stated the issue is on Saturday and Sunday. She feels that restrictions on the weekend would be more than acceptable.

Commissioner Kren stated that during the week Delta Sonic may have sufficient parking but with the additional staff on the weekends, additional parking is required. He stated that he concurs with restrictions on the weekends only. The restrictions should be extended to 260' south of the alley also.

Chairman Johnson stated that if parking were legal it would be difficult to control.

Commissioner Kren questioned if the school had weekend activities that would be impacted by the parking restrictions.

Ms. Shaltes stated that there are two Saturday activities annually that may require on street parking. One event is held in January and the other in April. She stated that the school would contact the Police Department to request no tickets be issued.

Chairman Johnson stated that he concurs with Commissioner Kren to restrict parking on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

COMMISSIONER KREN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT PARKING RESTRICTIONS BE PLACED ON THE WEST SIDE OF OAKWOOD AVENUE STATING NO PARKING ANYTIME FROM OGDEN AVENUE TO A POINT 200 FEET SOUTH AND RESTRICTING PARKING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. FROM A POINT 200 FEET SOUTH OF OGDEN AVENUE TO A POINT 105 FEET NORTH OF GRANT STREET ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

COMMISSIONER STAPLETON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Roll Call: **AYE: Mr. Kren, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Wendt and Chairman Johnson.**

NAY: Ms. McNamara.

Motion Carried: 5:1

Chairman Johnson stated that this recommendation would be sent to Village Council. He said that if anyone is interested in attending the Council meeting for this item they should watch the Village Corner section of the newspaper for the Council agenda dates.

He further stated that the Village Clerk could also be notified and asked when this agenda item would be brought before Council.

Mr. Schiller stated that this item is tentatively scheduled for the January 22, 2002 Council Workshop Meeting Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

File #22-01 Parking Restrictions on Webster Street at Randall Street

Chairman Johnson read the Staff Report for File # 22-01.