

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: File #22-01
DATE: January 8, 2002
PREPARED BY: Bob Schiller, Traffic Manager
PURPOSE: Parking Restrictions on Webster Street at Randall Street

DISCUSSION:

On Wednesday, December 12, 2001, the Parking and Traffic Commission moved to recommend to the Village Council on a vote of 6:0 that parking be restricted at all times on the east side of Webster Street from a point 30 feet south of the south line of Randall Street to the south line of Randall Street.

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 RESTRICTING PARKING ON WEBSTER

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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~~Webster Street, on the east side, from the south line of Randall Street to a point thirty feet south of the south line of Randall Street.~~

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SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. 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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December 21, 2001

MAYOR BRIAN KRAJEWSKI AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

RE: P & T File # 22-01

Parking Restrictions on Webster Street at
 Randall Street

Dear Mayor Krajewski and Council Members:

On Wednesday, December 12, 2001, the Parking and Traffic Commission adopted the following motion:

COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT PARKING BE RESTRICTED AT ALL TIMES ON THE EAST SIDE OF WEBSTER STREET FROM A POINT 30' SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF RANDALL STREET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF RANDALL STREET.

COMMISSIONER KREN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Roll Call:

AYE: Ms. McNamara, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Wendt, Mr. Kren and Chairman Johnson.

NAY: None

Motion Carried:

6:0

Staff has received a request from the Police Department for the Parking and Traffic Commission to consider placement of additional parking restrictions on the east side of Webster Street between Randall and Summit. There appears to be a safety issue with cars traveling northbound on Webster Street into the eastbound Randall Street curve. The northbound Webster Street traffic has to enter into the southbound lane of Webster to avoid cars parked on the eastside of Webster Street. There is already a site distance issue around the curve without vehicles parked on Webster Street.

Sincerely,

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

RJ/cb
 P&T/2001/22-01/Recommendation

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.

BACKGROUND

Staff has received a request from the Police Department for the Parking and Traffic Commission to consider placement of additional parking restrictions on the east side of Webster Street between Randall and Summit. There appears to be a safety issue with cars traveling northbound on Webster Street into the eastbound Randall Street curve. The northbound Webster Street traffic has to enter into the southbound lane of Webster to avoid cars parked on the eastside of Webster Street. There is already a site distance issue around the curve without vehicles parked on Webster Street.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

AMEND THE EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WEBSTER STREET FROM A POINT 106 FEET SOUTH OF RANDALL STREET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF RANDALL STREET NO PARKING AT ANY TIME.

Mr. Schiller stated that the issue was a series of complaints raised by the Police Department.

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

Mr. Ralph Wilhite, 921 Randall Street, stated that he resides at the corner of Randall Street and Webster Street. He stated that he has five children and two adults in his household that have vehicles. He requested that the Commission allow residents to utilize the Lincoln Center parking lot for evening parking. He feels another solution to the safety issue would be to reduce the speed limit on Webster Street and Randall Street.

Ms. Lynn Wilhite, 921 Randall Street, stated that she currently resides at 921 Randall Street she previously resided at 918 Randall Street for 18 years. She has not seen any accidents in the area but feels traffic needs to slow down. She stated that the proposal would eliminate three parking spaces. She feels that this would not allow for adequate parking on the street. In the past they have parked at Lincoln Center and have been ticketed.

Chairman Johnson stated that the Downers Grove Park District regulates the Lincoln Center and the Village does not have any say in how the parking lot is utilized.

Ms. Kathy Davidson, 916 Summit Street, stated that she has resided in her home 25 years. The only time she has seen a problem with parking is during events such as the Bike Race, Heritage Fest, etc. She feels that the immediate danger zone is from the last driveway on Webster Street to the corner onto Randall Street. There is also an issue when parents are picking up children at First Baptist Church.

Chairman Johnson questioned how staff determined the 106' of no parking anytime restriction.

Mr. Schiller stated that the restriction was extended to the south side of the second driveway. This was due to the length of the parking space between the first and second driveways. He stated that 106' is only five car lengths of parking restrictions including the two driveways.

Mr. Ron Gandolfi, 5317 Webster Street, stated that he has resided in the area for 15 years and has never seen an accident. He is unsure where the complaints had originated from and does not feel that the corner is unsafe. He agrees that the problem is during First Baptist School dismissal times. He feels that the better solution would be to eliminate the driveway leading to the Lincoln Center and First Baptist Church.

Commissioner Kren questioned if it was the school policy for parents to park on the south side of the school.

Mr. Gandolfi stated that the school's policy is to not allow parents to vacate their vehicle. They must remain in their vehicle with the engine running while waiting for their children.

Mr. Schiller stated that the main issue is that northbound Webster Street turning onto Randall Street has a blind turn. This was the basis for the Police Department to request parking restrictions be considered for the intersection.

Chairman Johnson stated another solution would be to restrict parking to the first driveway to eliminate the sight distance issue. He also emphasized that it is not the Village's responsibility to provide on street parking for private residents.

Mr. Wilhite made a suggestion to restrict the parking to one parking space north of the first driveway. He feels this would not impede the safety of the intersection. His second suggestion would be to restrict the parking to residents only.

Mrs. Wilhite questioned why parking restrictions would be implemented without any accident history in the area.

Commissioner Thurston stated the he does not feel any changes are warranted at this time due to the lack of accident history. He stated that possibly no parking from 30' to the corner could be implemented.

Chairman Johnson stated that he understands that there is not accident history but feels future accidents need to be prevented.

Chairman Johnson read an email submitted by Jamie and Kevin Falasz, 918 Randall Street, supporting the parking restrictions.

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COMMISSIONER KREN SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NAY: None

Motion Carried: 6:0

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.

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NEW BUSINESS:

File #23-01 Parking Restrictions on 41st Street between Main Street and Forest Avenue

Chairman Johnson read the Staff Report for File # 23-01.

Staff has received a request for the Parking and Traffic Commission to consider placement of parking restrictions on 41st Street from Forest Avenue to Main Street. It appears that high school students are parking on both the north and south side of the street making it difficult for two vehicles to pass through this area simultaneously. There is also a site distance issue for northbound Forest Avenue entering 41st Street being able to see traffic on eastbound 41st Street. Staff has evaluated this request and determined that parking restrictions should be placed on the south side of 41st Street stating no parking 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

RESTRICT PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 41ST STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO FOREST AVENUE FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. EXCEPT SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.