

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: File #21-01 - Adopt an Ordinance Amending Parking Restrictions
DATE: March 14, 2002
PREPARED BY: John J. Bajor, Director of Public Works
Bob Schiller, Assistant Director Public Works Operations
PURPOSE: Parking Restrictions on Oakwood Avenue between Grant Street and Ogden Avenue

DISCUSSION:

On Wednesday, March 13, 2002, the Parking and Traffic Commission 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.
- RESTRICTED NO PARKING FROM 9:00 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.
- RESTRICTED 2 HOUR PARKING – FROM A POINT 480 FEET NORTH OF GRANT STREET TO A POINT 105 FEET NORTH OF GRANT STREET, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS.

ATTACHMENT:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON OAKWOOD AVENUE

Recommendation of Parking and Traffic Commission – March 13, 2002

March 13, 2002 Minutes of the Parking and Traffic Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Place this item on the Workshop Agenda for May 14, 2002 for Council review and consideration.



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Whether or not the Delta Sonic acquires additional property to accommodate employee parking in the future, the Parking and Traffic Commission may wish to recommend implementing parking restrictions. Since last communicating with the Delta Sonic Car wash representatives, Staff has noticed a reduction in the number of employees parking on street and complaints from adjacent residents.

Staff has previously presented recommendations based upon observation and data collection. Ultimately, the Parking and Traffic Commission must decide the best course of action, appropriately balancing the needs of the community. By taking into account Staff's suggestions and studies, residential concerns, elementary school needs, and Ogden Avenue business desires, the Parking and Traffic Commission is ultimately in the best position to formulate a recommendation to the Village Council.

Sincerely,

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

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

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.

OLD BUSINESS:



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

Chairman Johnson said that the Parking and Traffic Commission has previously addressed File #21-01 at the February 13, 2002 and December 12, 2001 meetings. He then read the Staff Report for File # 21-01.

BACKGROUND

The Parking and Traffic Commission has discussed parking restrictions for Oakwood Avenue, between Grant Street and Ogden Avenue, at its November 2001 and February 2002 Meetings.

Whether or not the Delta Sonic acquires additional property to accommodate employee parking in the future, the Parking and Traffic Commission may wish to recommend implementing parking restrictions. Since last communicating with the Delta Sonic Car wash representatives, Staff has noticed a reduction in the number of employees parking on street and complaints from adjacent residents.

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RECOMMENDATION

As recommended previously, Staff recommends that a positive recommendation be forwarded to the Village Council to establish:

- 1.) NO PARKING ANYTIME - FROM OGDEN AVENUE TO A POINT 200 FEET SOUTH.**
- 2.) RESTRICTED NO PARKING FROM 9:00 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.**

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Chairman Johnson stated that the recommendations are essentially the same recommendations given at the February 13th meeting. It has been brought to the Commission for further consideration and to see how the situation has developed over the past month.

Mr. Schiller presented polaroid's taken on Saturday, February 16th of on street parking on Oakwood Avenue. He said that although the parking has improved there is still sporadic parking. He has received phone calls from the residents requesting the parking restrictions along the west side of Oakwood Avenue be implemented due to the continuing parking on the street.

Chairman Johnson stated that the issue was discussed at great length at the February meeting and the consensus was to wait until April after the acquisition of additional land by Delta Sonic was complete.

Mr. Bernie Kruse, 4406 Oakwood Avenue, commented that the parking has improved but has not been eliminated. He is concerned with not only the on street parking but also the trash that he continually has to pick up from the vehicles. He expressed to the Commission that he would like to see the parking restrictions move forward.

Ms. Kathy Marang, 4429 Oakwood Avenue, questioned the time frame for Delta Sonic's acquisition of additional property.

Chairman Johnson replied that he is unsure of the time frame. He asked Mr. Schiller if he was aware of a time frame for the acquisition.

Mr. Schiller replied that he thought Delta Sonic has purchased the property but Mare's was still occupying the building at this point in time. He said that he is unsure of any time frame for Delta Sonic to take possession of the building.

Commissioner Kren said that he has visited the site three times, the first time he saw a truck and five cars, the second time there weren't any cars present and the third time was on a Saturday and there were two cars present. In his opinion, it would appear that there is minimal parking on Oakwood Avenue.

He questioned how many parking spaces are present from Ogden Avenue to the alley.

Mr. Schiller replied that there are three parking spaces.

Commissioner Kren stated that he felt the parking restrictions should be considered after the acquisition of additional property by Delta Sonic.

Mr. Kruse stated that at the last meeting discussion was held regarding the situation digressing without the parking restrictions.

Commissioner Kren asked what the current restrictions are on Oakwood Avenue.

Chairman Johnson replied that there is no parking on the east side of the street, no parking for the first 117 feet south of Ogden Avenue and no parking 105 feet north of Grant Street on the west side of the street.

Commissioner Kren questioned if parking had been restricted from the alley down to Pierce Downer School on the west side.

Mr. Schiller stated that parking was not restricted on the west side other than the restrictions previously stated by Chairman Johnson. In the past there was a bus loading zone near the school but this has been removed.

Chairman Johnson commented that he feels the issue has been discussed at great length and it is clear that the residents are in favor of the parking restrictions. He feels that the Parking and Traffic Commission should move forward on this matter.

Commissioner Kren said that he feels the businesses should also be considered prior to taking action.

Commissioner Kren questioned if Delta Sonic would be allowed to utilize Oakwood Avenue after 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Johnson replied that parking would be available after 4:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER THURSTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON OAKWOOD AVENUE:

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COMMISSIONER WENDT SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NAY: Mr. Kren.

Motion Carried: 5:1

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OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Schiller for an update on File #05-02 Parking Restrictions on Florence Avenue South of Ogden Avenue.

Mr. Schiller replied that there is not an update at this time.

Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Schiller for an update on File #06-02 Regulatory Control at the Intersection of Saratoga Avenue and Norfolk Street.

Mr. Schiller replied that staff is currently working on obtaining additional information and is tentatively scheduling this issue for the April 2002 Parking and Traffic Commission agenda. He stated that the April agenda will also address Parking Fee Revisions and the review of the final report for the Main Street and Franklin Street Intersection Study.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bill Wrobel, 7800 Queens Court, appeared before the Commission to express his concern over the speeding issue in the Knottingham Subdivision. He stated that he has been working with the Village for several years in an attempt to address the issue. He read a letter received from Village Manager Ginex dated December 27, 2001 requesting residents to be conscientious of their speed throughout the neighborhood. He said that he has also been in contact with Robert Porter and Jim Nehls of the Downers Grove Police Department. He requested the Commission's guidance and support in addressing the speeding issue. He offered several suggestions to addressing the situation such as speed bump or speed dip installation, 25 m.p.h. speed limit painted onto the roadway, signage requesting motorists to slow down, install strips onto roadway or the presence of a silent police officer. The Police Department has provided

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 from~~ the south line of Ogden Avenue ~~and one hundred seventeento a point two hundred~~ feet south of Ogden Avenue.

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SECTION 2. That Section 14-105.9 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

14-105.9. Same—Except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, no person shall park, stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle for more than two consecutive hours at any time in the following location:

~~Reserved.~~ *Oakwood Avenue*, on the west side, from a point four hundred and eighty feet north of Grant Street to a point one hundred five feet north of Grant Street. (Ord. No. 2559, § 3.)

SECTION 3. That Section 14-105-13 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code is hereby added as follows:

14-105.13. Same—Between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

No person shall park, stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on any day in the following location:

Oakwood Avenue, on the west side, from a point two hundred feet south of the south line of Ogden Avenue to a point four hundred sixty feet south of the south line of Ogden Avenue.

SECTION 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. 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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