



MANAGER'S MEMO ITEM

ITEM: Haddow Avenue (Puffer School) - Parking Modifications,
P&T File #27-05

WORKSHOP DATE: January 10, 2006

PREPARED BY: David Barber, P.E. Director of Public Works
Dorin Fera, AICP, Traffic Engineering Manager

BID AMOUNT: _____ **ACCOUNT:** _____

BUDGET AMOUNT: _____

PURPOSE: To request Council approval for permanent Parking Modifications on North side of Haddow Avenue, west of Belmont Road, at Puffer School.

BACKGROUND:

This item was brought forth by the Puffer School Principal. The problem has been that parents are currently parking in a No Parking zone to drop off their kids. The School asked that the Village provide on-street parking on the north side of Haddow Avenue, to accommodate the parents' maneuvers during the school drop-off/pick up activities. The south side of Haddow Avenue is not presented as a problem, and will stay as currently posted.

Staff field checked this area on many occasions and observed that the round driveway serving the school is working properly, wherein vehicles pull in the east driveway proceed in a counter-clockwise direction, drop off their kids, and circulate around to the west exit and back onto Haddow Avenue. The on-street drop-off procedures have not been working as well; parents have been ticketed and the school has asked the Village for a better solution here. Staff agrees that permitting limited on-street parking would address the current problem, while maintaining the same level of safety at the school.

Staff presented this item at the October 12, 2005 Parking and Traffic Commission meeting for discussion and direction. The Commission voted to support the parking restrictions as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

The following items are attached for Council review:

- Parking & Traffic Commission, Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2005 meeting
- Parking & Traffic Commission Recommendation
- An Ordinance Establishing Parking Modifications on Haddow Avenue at Puffer School

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Village Council approve the proposed permanent installation of 4-Hour Parking on Haddow Avenue, west of Belmont Road, at Puffer School, as presented.

REQUESTED COURSE OF ACTION:

- Place this item on the January 17, 2006 Council Meeting agenda for approval.

October 19, 2005

MAYOR BRIAN KRAJEWSKI AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

RE: P & T File #27-05 HADDOW AVE (PUFFER SCHOOL) –
PARKING MODIFICATIONS

Dear Mayor Krajewski and Council Members:

On Wednesday, October 12, 2005, the Parking & Traffic Commission adopted the following motions:

COMMISSIONER STAPLETON MADE A MOTION TO INSTALL 4-HOUR PARKING SIGNAGE BETWEEN THE HOURS 6:00 AM TO 6:00 PM FROM BELMONT ROAD TO THE EAST ENTRANCE OF CIRCLE DRIVE AND TO PUFFER SCHOOL ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HADDOW STREET. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WENDT. ROLL CALL:

**AYES: STAPLETON, THURSTON, WENDT, KREN, CHAIRMAN
JOHNSON
NAYS: NONE**

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 5-0

Sincerely,

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

RJ/md
P&T/2005/#27-05/Recommendation

PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Hearing

October 12, 2005

Downers Grove Public Works Facility
5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove

Chairman Johnson called the October 12, 2005 meeting of the Parking and Traffic Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum was established.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Kren, Stapleton, Thurston, Wendt, Chairman Johnson

Absent Commissioners Carlquist, Yeksigian

Staff Present: Mr. Dorin Fera, Traffic Manager; Mr. Mike Millette, Asst. Dir. Public Works/Engineering and Recording Secretary Megan Dugard

Visitors: Ms. Regina Demias, 1142 Mistwood Lane; Mr. Don Sulzer, 1052 Braemoor Dr.; Mr. Dan Romito, 1047 Braemoor Dr.; D. Masarik, 5605 Katrine; Mr. Peter With and Ms. Lisa Grant, 2745 College Rd.; J. Myczek, 5714 Chase; J. Agne, 5714 Chase; Kevin Luke, 5702 Katrine; David and Susan Schloch, 5805 Chase; Mr. Michael Morris, 2517 College Rd.; Pat Pitzbach, 5840 Katrine; Ms. Elaine Nepereny, 5615 Katrine; I. Nedas, 5875 Katrine; Mr. Roger Testi, 5641 Elinor; Dr. Richard Patelski, 5145 Washington; Mr. Tom Barrett, 5403 Washington; Mr. Daniel Bogue, 5418, Washington; Mr. Todd McDaniel, 2220 Hadow Ave.; Mr. Michael Michaud, 5844 Katrine; Ms. Lynn Goodsell, 2605 College Rd.; and Ms. Sandi Murray, 5258 Washington.

Chairman Johnson informed the commissioners that the meeting was being recorded on Village owned equipment to aid in the preparation of the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 MINUTES

COMMISSIONER WENDT MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KREN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE OF 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

File #27-05 Hadow Avenue (Puffer School), Belmont Road to Chase Avenue - Proposed Parking Modifications. **Chairman Johnson** expressed concern about staff's proposed parking modification request on Hadow adjacent to Puffer School property, specifically having a No Parking between 8AM and 9AM and 2PM and 3PM sign with additional signage that states Drop-Off/Pick-up Zone and whether it would have a desired effect. He also asked as to what constitutes parking in the zone. **Mr. Fera** explained that staff was trying to duplicate what was being done at Hillcrest School. He agreed there was confusion among the parents as to what constitutes "parking" versus just dropping off kids. **Mr. Fera** stated that at some point he and the police department would have to refine the ordinance to reflect and state what parents could and could not do during a suggested time span.

Mr. Todd McDaniel, Principal of Puffer School, 2220 Haddow, stated that if it was not possible to make the north side of Haddow a Pick-up/Drop-off zone, he was fine with it. However, he was hoping that the Village would allow parking at that location at the end of the day since it was needed. Otherwise, parents were parking in areas where they were not supposed to and creating blind spots for the children. Having the parking spaces on the north side of Haddow would alleviate some of those blind spots by having those parents park on Haddow.

Mr. Fera indicated that the request being asked was not in the ordinance. However, if the parking restrictions were removed but the Drop-off/Pick-up Zone was created, he asked Mr. McDaniel whether the parents would comply.

Mr. McDaniel stated that he liked parents to actually drop their children off in the parking lot on school property rather than drop them at the street. A drop off zone there would probably create a more dangerous zone for the students. **Mr. McDaniel** then proceeded to explain the current drop off/pickup procedures.

Discussion followed on whether these issues were taken up by the school's parent/teacher association, wherein **Mr. McDaniel** indicated the PTA parents were not causing the problem. **Mr. McDaniel** indicated he has tried to talk to the parents when outside. **Mr. Fera** confirmed with **Mr. McDaniel** that the issue then was with the afternoon pick-ups. **Mr. Fera** suggested that the Village remove the existing No Parking, Stopping or Standing sign and let the area be unsigned and that the section between the circular drive be kept No Parking, Stopping or Standing due to the existing crosswalk. Conversation was raised on whether the commission was opening up the opportunity for commuters or staff to park there all day. Other ideas were discussed, such as having four-hour parking restrictions to keep the commuters out. Adjoining streets on Chase and Puffer were also posted with 4-hour restrictions and the restrictions would be consistent. The commissioners agreed to use the 4-hour parking restriction.

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**AYES: STAPLETON, THURSTON, WENDT, KREN, CHAIRMAN JOHNSON
NAYS: NONE**

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 5-0

ADJOURN

COMMISSIONER KREN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER WENDT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(as transcribed by tape)

/s/ Celeste K. Weilandt
Celeste K. Weilandt, Recording Secretary

Lee/Haddow Parking

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON
LEE AVENUE AND HADDOW AVENUE**

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

Section 1. That Section 14.98 is hereby amended to read 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:

* * *

Haddow Avenue, on the north side, from the east line of Francisco Street ~~to the west line of Belmont Road~~ to the east entrance of Puffer School semi-circular driveway.

* * *

Lee Avenue, on the west side, from ~~Grant Avenue~~ the north line of Ogden Avenue to a point one hundred seventy-nine feet north ~~of the north line of Ogden Avenue.~~

Lee Avenue, on the west side, from Grant Street to a point two hundred sixty feet south of the south line of Ogden Avenue.

Lee Avenue, on the east side, from Ogden Avenue to a point ~~one hundred eighty~~ two hundred ten feet south of the south line of Ogden Avenue.

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Section 2. That Section 14.103.1. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.103.1. Same--Between 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., except on weekends and holidays.

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 any day except Saturday, Sunday and holidays, in any of the following locations:

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Lee Avenue, on the east side, from Glen Avenue to a point two hundred ten feet south of the south line of Ogden Avenue.

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Section 3. That Section 14.107. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.107. Four-hour parking--Between 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., except on weekends and holidays.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or let stand any vehicle in a parking space in any of the locations in paragraph (a) of this Section in such manner that the front of such vehicle is directed away

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from the curbing or not in accordance with the posted signage; provided, that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any parking space unless there shall be posted in conspicuous places in the vicinity of such parking space appropriate signs stating the restriction imposed by this subsection.

(a) Except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, it shall be unlawful for any person to park, stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle for more than four consecutive hours at any time between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. local time, in any of the following locations:

* * *

Haddow Avenue, on the north side, from Belmont Road to the east entrance of the Puffer School circular drive.

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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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