

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AUGUST 14, 2007 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Restrictions on Hillcrest Road, North of Jefferson Avenue	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to place “No Parking” restrictions on the west side of Hillcrest Road, from Jefferson Avenue to a point 130 feet north, to address the issue of vehicles parking too close to the intersection, causing access and safety issues near the Jefferson Avenue intersection that serves Hillcrest Grade School.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Vision for 2021 identified *Unique Neighborhoods*. A supporting objective of this statement is *Top Quality Infrastructure Tailored to Each Neighborhood*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the August 21, 2007 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

Concerns raised by the Hillcrest School principal and the school’s PTA members lead Public Works and Police Department staff to meet with these groups earlier this year to determine what could be done to further enhance safety at this intersection.

Public Works staff scheduled pedestrian and vehicular counts, conducted the analysis for a school crossing guard warrant and looked at potential parking modifications. Based on the data collected, staff believes there is sufficient vehicular and pedestrian volume that a school crossing guard is warranted. Both Jefferson Avenue and Hillcrest Road are typically narrow roadways, and with the current permitted parking on Hillcrest Road, vehicles in the pick-up/drop-off periods (7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.) are parking too close to the intersection, resulting in reduced access for both neighbors and emergency vehicles.

Staff is proposing parking restrictions only on the west side of Hillcrest Road and a school crosswalk across Hillcrest Road on the north side of Jefferson Road. There are already parking restrictions on the north side of Jefferson Avenue to address school parking needs. The school crosswalk pavement marking would be striped by the Village’s pavement marking contractor in August of this year, prior to the school’s opening.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking & Traffic Commission minutes, June 13, 2007
 CADD Exhibit
 Ordinance
 (Hillcrest School) Crossing Guard - Warrant Calculations

**Village of Downers Grove
Parking & Traffic Commission
June 13, 2007 Meeting**

File #16-07 Hillcrest at Jefferson Intersection - Parking Modifications and School Crossing Guard Warrant Review. **Chairman Johnson** explained the intersection under discussion was a T-intersection with an all-way STOP sign. After considering whether a crossing guard was warranted, staff concluded the warrants were met for a crossing guard. In addition, due to the narrowness of Hillcrest, staff was recommending that no parking take place from 8:00 - 9:00 A.M. and from 2:00 -3:00 PM on the west side of Hillcrest, north of Jefferson. The commissioners had no comments.

Chairman Johnson opened up the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Nancy Curtis, 1436 Jefferson, stated speeding was always a problem on Jefferson until the stop sign was installed. However she sees vehicles parking all the way to the crosswalk.

Mr. Bruce Wolfe, 5725 Hillcrest, agreed that people park on the north side of Jefferson regardless of the No Parking signs, especially on the side west of Hillcrest Road during the school drop off times, during the school day, and in the yellow No Parking zone. He was concerned about staff's recommendation of 130' feet north on Hillcrest since the choke point of the street was being pushed closer to the north, the narrowest part of the street. He noted fire trucks will not be able to get down the street.

Ms. Ann Wolfe, 5725 Hillcrest, stated she had difficulty getting her car through the area last summer due to a neighbor's party. She agreed access for emergency services was a concern. She preferred to see a one-way sign on George Street to Jefferson and parking on one side of the street. She stated the curve around the intersection was a concern.

Mr. Millette stated the intent of the No Parking zone was to open up the cross-walk that was being proposed to be inserted. He stated he was going to provide the residents with a petition form to fill out for the crosswalk as a second request. **Mr. Millette** agreed staff's recommended morning and afternoon restrictions would not address the issues of the evening programs and that issue needed to be reviewed.

Officer Sembach summarized that similar issues were at other schools around the village.

COMMISSIONER CARLQUIST MADE A MOTION THAT THE PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION FORWARD A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT THE FOLLOWING BE IMPLEMENTED: 1) INSTALL A "NO PARKING 8:00 TO 9:00 AM AND 2:00 TO 3:00 PM, EXCEPT SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS" SIGNS ON THE WEST SIDE OF HILLCREST ROAD FROM THE NORTH EDGE OF JEFFERSON AVENUE TO A POINT 130 FEET NORTH OF JEFFERSON AVENUE; 2) INSTALL A POLICE-TRAINED CROSSING GUARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF HILLCREST ROAD AND JEFFERSON AVENUE; AND 3) DELINEATE A CROSSWALK ON THE NORTH LEG OF THE INTERSECTION ACROSS HILLCREST ROAD WITH STRIPING.

COMMISSIONER STAPLETON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

**AYE: MR. CARLQUIST, MR. STAPLETON, MR. KREN, MR. THURSTON,
MR. YEKSIGIAN, CHAIRMAN JOHNSON**

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 6-0



PROPOSED
NO PARKING
8 - 9 AM
2 - 3 PM

1301

PROPOSED
CROSSWALK

JEFFERSON AVE

HILLCREST RD

HILLCREST ROAD & JEFFERSON AVENUE
P&T FILE #16-07

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON HILLCREST ROAD**

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 14.104.04. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.104.04. Same--Between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. on school days.

No person shall stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. or between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. on any school day in the following locations:

Hillcrest Road, on the west side, from the north edge of Jefferson Avenue to a point one hundred thirty (130) feet north of Jefferson Avenue.

Indianapolis Avenue, on the north side, from a point fifty (50) feet west of Florence Avenue to a point one hundred fifty (150) feet west of Florence Avenue.

Lincoln Avenue, on the north side, from a point four hundred fifty (450) feet west of Cumnor Road to a point five hundred fifty (550) feet west of Cumnor Road; and on the south side, from a point five hundred (500) feet east of Fairview Avenue to a point seven hundred fifty (750) feet east of Fairview Avenue.

Stonewall Avenue, on the west side, from a point four hundred forty-one (441) feet north of 63rd Street to a point five hundred thirty (530) feet north of 63rd Street, and from a point seventy-five (75) feet north of the south side of 62nd Street extended to a point seventy-five (75) feet south of the south side of 62nd Street extended. (Ord. No. 3082, § 3.)

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



**Village of Downers Grove
Public Works Department**

Pedestrian Counts - HILLCREST SCHOOL

Date: 5/3/07

Time: 7:45 - 8:30 AM

<u>Location</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u>Count</u>
Hillcrest at Jefferson	N	8
Hillcrest at Jefferson	E	0
Hillcrest at Jefferson	W	37

Date: 5/2/07

Time: 2:15-3:00 PM

<u>Location</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u>Count</u>
Hillcrest at Jefferson	N	12
Hillcrest at Jefferson	E	0
Hillcrest at Jefferson	W	54

Criteria:

Does # of Students Crossing Exceed Ten?	AM Total	45
	PM Total	66

Criteria Satisfied? YES



**Village of Downers Grove
Public Works Department**

Vehicle Entering Counts - HILLCREST SCHOOL

Date: 5/3/07

Time: 7:45 - 8:30 AM

<u>Location</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u># of Vehicles</u>
Hillcrest at Jefferson	N	43
Hillcrest at Jefferson	E	60
Hillcrest at Jefferson	W	96

Total vehicle: 199

Time = 45 min.

Avg. = 4.4 veh./ minute

Criteria:

Do Entering vehicles Exceed 2 Per Minute? YES

Criteria Satisfied? YES