

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JANUARY 13, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Modifications on Cumnor Road from Ogden Avenue to Grant Street	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend sections of the Municipal Code to restrict parking on Cumnor Road from Ogden Avenue to Grant Avenue between the hours of 7am and 2pm Monday through Saturday.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2008-2013 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Top Quality Core Services Responsive to Current and Future Community and Citizen Needs*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the January 20, 2009 active agenda

BACKGROUND

Staff received a petition from area residents in July, 2008 requesting that the Village take action to mitigate the impacts of on-street parking on Cumnor Road near Ogden Avenue and excessive speeding along Cumnor Road. The residents were concerned that the above issues were creating an unsafe condition at the intersection of Cumnor Road and Ogden Avenue. In addition, the residents were concerned that the use of the on-street parking spaces by the nearby Downers Grove Saab dealership (employee vehicles and vehicles offered for sale) was negatively impacting the neighborhood.

Staff hosted a neighborhood meeting on October 16, 2008. The Transportation and Parking Commission (TAP) considered the petition at their November 12, 2008 meeting. During both meetings the attending residents expressed the following comments:

- Excessive speeding at all hours day and night, including weekends;
- Saab Dealership employees park their vehicles on both sides of Cumnor near Ogden, which impede through travel, and cause sight distance and safety conflicts for Ogden vehicles turning onto Cumnor;
- More internal parking on the Saab Dealership property would alleviate many of these concerns;
- Unloading of vehicles on Cumnor is still occurring;

Currently there are no parking restrictions on either side of the Cumnor Road. Therefore, on-street parking is permitted. The speed limit on Cumnor Road is 25 mile per hour (mph). Staff completed an analysis of the area and determined that vehicle speeding is an issue as the 85th percentile speeds on Cumnor range between 34 mph and 42 mph. Staff determined that Cumnor can support on-street parking and would not object to allowing it to continue.

Staff presented and TAP considered several alternatives for addressing the current situation. The general consensus reached was that the residents support traffic calming devices to reduce excessive speeding and to increase neighborhood and pedestrian awareness. The traffic calming solutions that the residents could support include:

- Traffic Speed cushions (similar to those on Roslyn Road) between intersections;
- Raised median installed along Cumnor at strategic locations to narrow the traveled way;
- Intersection curb extensions to reduce the available travel widths in all directions.

As temporary speed cushions cannot be deployed during the winter, TAP recommended that on street parking on Cumnor Road between Ogden and Grant be restricted from 7am to 2pm Monday through Saturday. TAP also recommended that this issue be re-evaluated in the late spring. Staff concurs with this recommendation. Staff is working with the owners of Downers Grove Saab to address the unloading of vehicles on Cumnor Road.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2008 TAP Commission

Cumnor Parking Regulations

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CUMNOR 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 14.103.5. is hereby added to read as follows:

14.103.5. No Parking--Between 7:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., except on Sundays and holidays.

No person shall park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., local time, on any day, except Sundays and holidays, in any of the following locations:

Cumnor Road, on both sides, from Ogden Avenue to Grant Street.

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

Transportation and Parking Commission November 12, 2008 Meeting

MEETING EXCERPTS

FILE# 12-08 Cumnor Road-Ogden Avenue to Maple Avenue – Traffic Calming Interventions

Mr. Millette, the Assistant Director of Public Works – Engineering, described the potential solutions for traffic calming intervention on Cumnor Road between Ogden Avenue and Maple Avenue. There has been extensive contact with residents in the area over the years. A resident meeting was held here on October 16, 2008 prior to the TAP meeting.

The Saab Dealership was mentioned as a source of some of the traffic problems. Options to try to alleviate the situation were presented and discussed.

A nearby change may impact this street. Beginning on December 1, traffic will be limited to going one way on Lincoln from 8 -9 Am and 2 -3 PM on school days. Further data will be collected on Cumnor after this change to determine if there is a need for a Stop sign to be installed.

Residents have approached the dealership and reported back that they were threatened to be arrested, that dealership personnel were arrogant, and that the residents were told that the dealership brings a good deal of revenue to the village.

Police agree with residents about the speeding concern. The areas of Cumnor & Roslyn have been under police radar patrol frequently in response to those concerns.

Temporary speed cushions placed on Roslyn Rd did show a drop in the number of vehicles under similar circumstances. Traffic may have been diverted onto Florence, Cumnor or Fairview.

It was suggested by residents that the dealership be penalized.

Village Permit Parking was requested to control traffic. Staff replied that this is currently not an option anywhere in town.

The posting of Resident Parking Only signs was suggested. This would have to be recommended to the Village Council to set a policy for certain areas as it does not exist currently anywhere in town.

Co-Chairman Gress stated that the commissioners were very disturbed to hear about the combative behavior, disrespect, and arrogance of the dealership personnel. He suggested that there is a need to address the recommendation to be provided to Council on the parking as well as a resolution or mediation, between the residents and the dealership.

According to residents, Luxury Motors personnel and potential customers have test driven vehicles at high speeds down Grant.

Residents were in agreement to suggest to council that residents be given parking placards as policy. They requested that signs be posted on Cumnor for a School Speed limit zone, and that pedestrian flashing lights sign be used during school hours at the crosswalk.

The commission decided to suggest that the Village Manager, Village Attorney and/ or Council write a letter to the dealership because there is enough background on conversations with residents about the dealership causing problems repeatedly such as parking violations and speeding violations. They need to be reminded of good business practice within the village and about being a good neighbor. It needs to be mentioned that residents have approached the dealership being a good corporate citizen.

Members further recommended that it is a good time to look into the matter of the Village providing residential permit parking. A specific plan could be provided at future meetings to be presented to the residents and this Commission.

A motion was made to put into place the following parking restrictions.

NO PARKING 7AM-2PM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY POSTED ON BOTH SIDES FROM OGDEN AVE TO GRANT AVE ON CUMNOR FOR 120 DAYS TO BE REVIEWED AT THAT TIME.

It was approved unanimously.