

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 13, 2009 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Prairie Avenue – Belmont Road to Main Street Parking Modifications	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Naneil Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend sections of the Municipal Code pertaining to parking restrictions on both sides of Prairie Avenue, between Belmont Road and Main Street.

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 Village Infrastructure and Facilities*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the October 20, 2009, active agenda

BACKGROUND

This item was brought forward by staff in response to the recently completed Prairie Avenue Phase I reconstruction project between Belmont Road and Forest Avenue. With regard to current parking regulations, Prairie Avenue consists of a “4-Hour Parking” designation along both sides of the street between Belmont Road and Woodward Avenue. Between Woodward Avenue and Wallbank Avenue there are no restrictions along either side. On the north side, between Wallbank Avenue and Main Street there is generally a “No Parking Any Time” restriction. On the south side there is a “No Parking 7AM to 1PM” restriction between Saratoga Avenue and Prince Street. The proposed parking modifications along Prairie Avenue from Belmont Road to Main Street are summarized below:

- Proposed Parking Regulation - North Side. Staff proposes prohibiting parking along the north side of Prairie Avenue between Belmont Road and Main Street. The proposed change will account for the new roadway configuration as a result of the Prairie Avenue Phase I reconstruction project and will simplify current parking signage and restrictions.
- Proposed Parking Regulation - South Side. Staff proposes to consolidate parking restrictions on the south side of Prairie Avenue to address both vehicular access and safety needs. The roadway width varies along Prairie Avenue between 26-feet at Forest Avenue and 34-feet west of Lee Avenue. Staff recommends prohibiting parking in the narrower 26-foot sections of Prairie Avenue and permitting “4-Hour Parking” in the wider sections where a parking lane is designated with striping.

Staff’s observations did not show significant on-street parking utilization on Prairie Avenue prior to the Prairie Avenue Phase I reconstruction project. This item was presented at the August 12, 2009 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve staff’s proposed parking modifications.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes – TAP Commission Meeting August 12, 2009
 Exhibit
 Ordinance

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION

August 12, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

File #12-09 Prairie Avenue - Belmont Road to Forest Avenue - Parking Modifications - Mr. Millette explained that when the design was initially being discussed with the state, the village was limited to having parking on one side (south) of the road due to the narrowness of the road by state standards. The designation in the code is in conflict with the state's requirement. This request is to match the village's ordinance to the state's requirements.

Co-chairman Gress opened up the matter to public comment.

Ms. Linda Kunze and Mr. Mike Kunze, 4801 Montgomery Avenue, Downers Grove. Ms. Kunze voiced concern about parking visibility on the south side of Prairie between Montgomery and Oakwood. Specifically, Mr. Kunze said when construction was occurring, he could not see vehicles travelling when he was pulling out of his driveway. Speed was an issue. He suggested moving the parking away from the sidewalk about two or three spaces from either side for a better sight line. Ms. Kunze suggested marking the spaces as No Parking entirely. Ms. Kunze stated neighbors of hers who could not attend the meeting prepared a letter for staff's review. She handed the letter to staff.

Mr. Millette clarified for the Kunze's the proposal before them, which answered their questions.

Mr. Robert Schaefer, 1726 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove, asked if it was illegal to pass and go into the parking lanes to go around a vehicle, wherein the police officer stated it would not be illegal. He recommended defining the parking spaces with a double line separating the eastbound lane from the parking spaces.

Ms. Lorraine Kirkland, 1825 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove, also expressed concern about sight lines due to the current parking situation. She asked for more room on either side of her driveway. She was concerned about small children using the parking spaces as a play area.

Per a question, Mr. Fera explained how the distance was determined for the parking spaces from the corners of the block and the start of the parking spaces. He expected by end of September some of the parking quirks would be worked out.

Mr. Robert Schaefer, 1726 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove, asked staff the purpose of the 4-hour proposed parking west of Stonewall, wherein Mr. Millette explained that either high school students or overflow drivers from the train station were the issue. The

proposal was consistent with parking in other parts of the village's residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Stuebner discussed that the restriction would be lifted on weekends and holidays.

Co-chair Wendt recalled a public meeting with Prairie Avenue residents some time ago and asked whether any of the changes being presented tonight were not discussed at that meeting, wherein Mr. Millette explained the changes were consistent with what was presented back then.

Mr. Millette, again, reviewed the changes being proposed.

MR. SCHILLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES AND FORWARD THEM TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL:

NORTH SIDE

- **INSTALL "NO PARKING ANY TIME" SIGNAGE BETWEEN BELMONT ROAD AND MAIN STREET**

SOUTH SIDE

- **INSTALL "NO PARKING ANY TIME" SIGNAGE BETWEEN BELMONT ROAD AND AT A POINT 650 FEET EAST OF BELMONT ROAD**
- **INSTALL "4-HOUR PARKING, MONDAY TO FRIDAY" SIGNAGE BETWEEN A POINT 650 FEET EAST OF BELMONT ROAD AND A POINT 150 FEET WEST OF MONTGOMERY AVENUE;**
- **INSTALL "NO PARKING ANY TIME" SIGNAGE BETWEEN A POINT 150 FEET WEST OF MONTGOMERY AVENUE AND MAIN STREET; AND**
- **REMOVE "NO PARKING 7AM TO 1PM" SIGNAGE BETWEEN MIDDLEDAUGH AVENUE AND PRINCE STREET**

BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES

- **REMOVE "4-HOUR PARKING" SIGNAGE BETWEEN BELMONT ROAD AND A POINT 650 FEET EAST OF BELMONT ROAD;**
- **UPDATE STRIPING CORRECTIONS TO THE PARKING LANE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PRAIRIE AVENUE TO MEET VILLAGE STANDARDS**

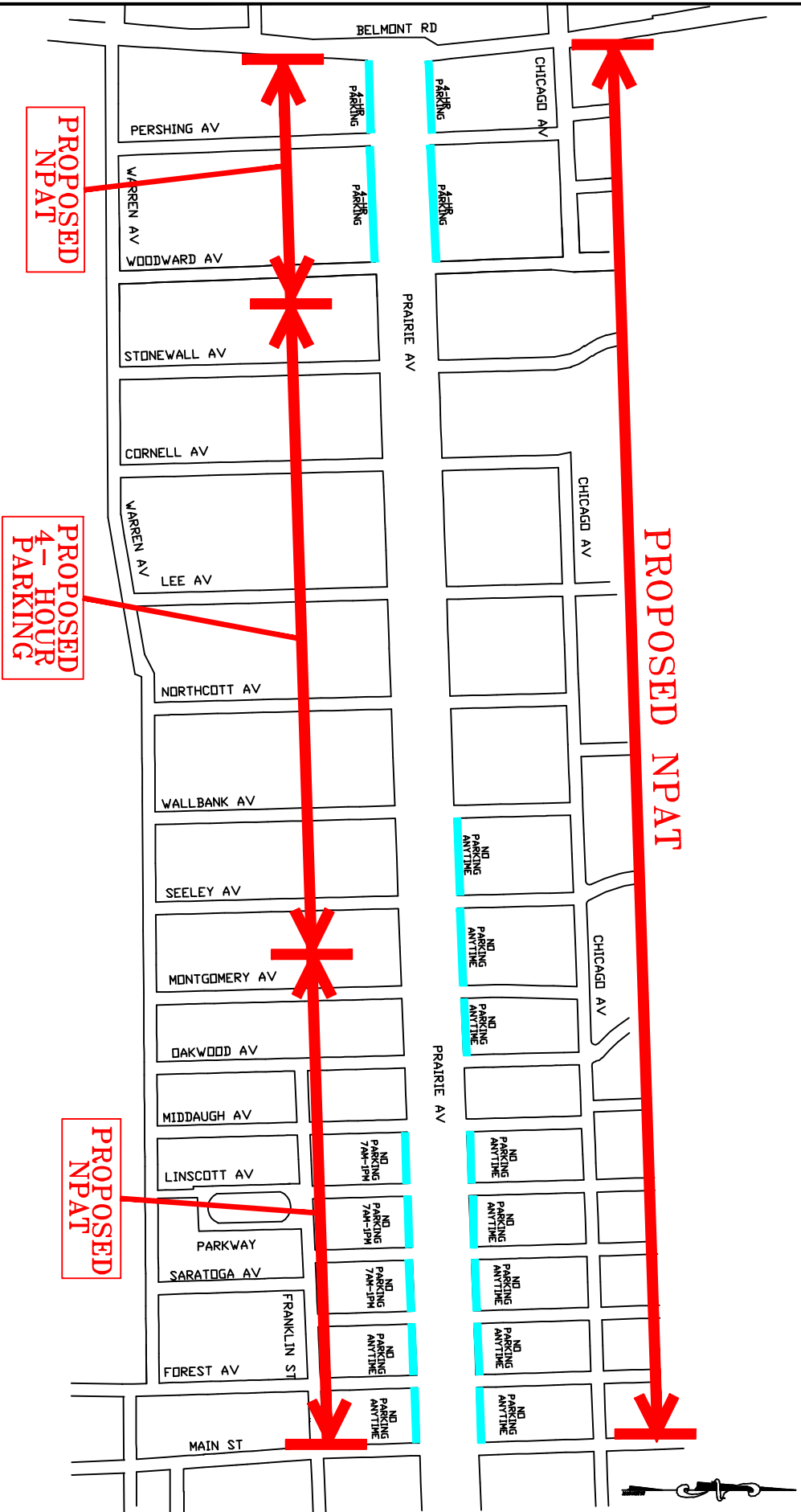
SECONDED BY MR. CRONIN. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 8-0.

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 TAP COMMISSION FILE #12-09



EXHIBIT 1

7/31/09



NPAT= NO PARKING ANY TIME

Parking Prairie/Middaugh

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ON PRAIRIE AVENUE AND MIDDAUGH 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:

Middaugh Avenue, on the west side, from Prairie Avenue to Franklin Street.

~~Prairie Avenue, on the south side, from the east line of Linden Street to the west line of Fairview Avenue.; and from the east line of Belmont Road, to a point one hundred thirty feet east of the east line of Belmont Road; and from Forest Avenue to Highland Avenue.~~

Prairie Avenue, on the south side, from Belmont Road to a point six hundred fifty (650) feet east of Belmont Road.

Prairie Avenue, on the south side, from Main Street to a point one hundred fifty (150) feet west of Montgomery Avenue.

Prairie Avenue, on the north side, from the east line of Belmont Road, to a point one hundred eighteen feet east of the east line of Belmont Road; and from Elm Street to Wallbank Avenue from Belmont Road to Main Street.

Section 2. That Section 14.103.3. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.103.3. No Parking--Between 7:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M., except on weekends 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 1:00 P.M., local time, on any day except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays in the following locations:

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~~—————Prairie Avenue, on the south side, from Middaugh Avenue to Forest 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

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locations in paragraph (a) of this Section in such manner that the front of such vehicle is directed away 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:

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~~_____ Prairie Avenue, on the south side from a point six hundred fifty (650) feet east of Belmont Road to a point one hundred fifty (150) feet west of Montgomery Avenue.~~

~~_____ Prairie Avenue, on the north side from a point one hundred eighteen feet east of the east line of Belmont Road to Woodward Avenue; and on the south side, from a point one hundred thirty feet east of the east line of Belmont Road to Woodward Avenue.~~

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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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