

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MARCH 9, 2010 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Modifications for Jefferson Avenue - Hillcrest	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend sections of the Municipal Code concerning parking on both sides of Jefferson Avenue in the vicinity of Hillcrest School.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2014 identified *Exceptional Services*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Top Quality Village Infrastructure and Facilities*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the March 16 2010 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Village has made physical and operational changes on the roadways surrounding Hillcrest School within the last few years in an effort to improve parking, circulation, and overall safety for users of the school as well as neighboring residents. The Police Department recently requested a review of current parking concerns on the streets surrounding the school.

There is limited parking in the vicinity of Hillcrest School. With a total of over 400 students and approximately 2 to 3 buses transporting children, Hillcrest School does not have off-street parking for parents to park during school activities. The school has a variety of daytime events and celebrations which necessitate on-street parking during school hours. Because of current parking restrictions on Jefferson Avenue, parking spills onto the adjacent street system, which consists of Jefferson Ave., Hillcrest Rd. and Dunham Road.

Staff is recommending the expansion of on-street parking on Jefferson Avenue. This recommendation includes the removal of the “No Parking 2:00 to 3:00 PM” restriction on both sides of Jefferson Avenue, and retaining the “No Parking 8:00 to 9:00 AM” restriction. With parking permitted on both sides of Jefferson Ave after 9:00 AM, motorists would be able to park there, resulting in fewer parking issues on Hillcrest Road. Permitting parking on both sides of Jefferson Avenue would still allow sufficient space for two-way vehicular travel. This item was presented at the February 10, 2010 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed parking modifications.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes – TAP Commission meeting February 10, 2010
 Exhibit
 Ordinance

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 10, 2010

MEETING MINUTES

- 4. File # 04-10 Hillcrest School – Parking Revisions** – Traffic Manager **Mr. Fera**, presented a brief summary of the petition, which was initially brought forward by the Village Police Department. Staff has also met with the Hillcrest School Principal and their PTA representative to discuss this issue further. With many daytime school activities and a shortage of internal parking spaces, parking on-street is limited to Hillcrest Rd and Jefferson Ave.

Mr. Fera stated that parking issues along Hillcrest Rd were also discussed with Hillcrest School's representatives, but that the resident invitations did not include those further north. No formal recommendations could be made for that section until all the affected residents were invited to participate. Parking issues north on Hillcrest Rd can be addressed at a future Commission meeting.

Staff's focus is to provide the same afternoon drop-off parking opportunity as was discussed at Pierce Downer School. The objective is to offer on-street parking on Jefferson Rd for the various school activities throughout the year, and expect that parents will not use Hillcrest Road as much.

Commissioner Saricks inquired about the available roadway width on Jefferson Avenue. **Mr. Fera** responded that the width is measured at 32 feet. With parked vehicles on both sides, there about 18 feet of width sufficient to provide two-way travel. It would be similar to two-way travel along an alley.

Mr. Bruce Wolfe, 5725 Hillcrest Rd, stated that the on-street parking will create more travel difficulty on Jefferson Rd. Also, there should be signs posted to prohibit vehicles from parking within the intersection. The crossing guard is not able to control the entire movement of vehicles in all directions.

Mr. Fera replied that the Village had painted the curb lines yellow to designate no parking condition, on Jefferson Ave approaching the intersection of Hillcrest Rd in accordance with the Village ordinance. However, the current parking issue at the Jefferson/Hillcrest intersection is an enforcement one. The Police Department has responded to calls when they come in, but they are pressed to be at other school locations that also need their attention during this same time period.

Mr. Fera also replied that according to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the Crossing Guard is empowered to control all movements simultaneously within a particular intersection. All Village Crossing Guards are employed by the Village Police Department, and are taught the proper directives to safely cross kids at intersections.

MR. SCHILLER MADE A MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING PARKING CHANGES ON HADDOW AVENUE:

- **ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF JEFFERSON AVENUE, REVISE THE “NO PARKING 8:00 TO 9:00 AM AND 2:00 TO 3:00 PM” DESIGNATION TO “NO PARKING 8:00 TO 9:00 AM” DESIGNATION, FROM DUNHAM ROAD TO HILLCREST ROAD.**
- **ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JEFFERSON AVENUE, REVISE THE “NO PARKING 8:00 TO 9:00 AM AND 2:00 TO 3:00 PM” DESIGNATION TO “NO PARKING, STANDING OR STOPPING 8:00 TO 9:00 AM” DESIGNATION, FROM DUNHAM ROAD TO PLYMOUTH STREET.**
- **INSTALL “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” DESIGNATION ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JEFFERSON AVENUE, AT HILLCREST ROAD.**
- **ASSIST THE SCHOOL IN COMMUNICATING PARKING LOCATIONS ON HILLCREST ROAD AND ON JEFFERSON AVENUE THROUGH BROCHURES, PAMPHLETS.**

SECONDED BY MR. CRONIN. ROLL CALL:

AYE: MR. SCHILLER, MR. STUEBNER, MR. SARICKS, MR. CRONIN, MS. VAN ANNE, MS. JEFFRIES.

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 6-0

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
 HILLCREST SCHOOL
 PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES
 TAP COMMISSION FILE #04-10

EXHIBIT 1



P. M.B.
12/09/09

PLYMOUTH ST

No Parking
8:00am-9:00am

No Parking
8:00am-9:00am
2:00pm-3:00pm

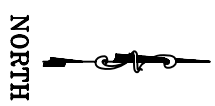
HILLCREST RD

No Parking
8:00am-9:00am

No Parking
8:00am-9:00am
2:00pm-3:00pm

DUNHAM RD

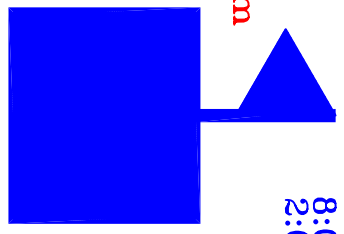
JEFFERSON AV



No Restrictions

NPAT
No Parking
8:00am-9:00am

No Parking
8:00am-9:00am
2:00pm-3:00pm



HILLCREST
SCHOOL
#58

LEGEND

PROPOSED=RED
 EXISTING=BLUE

Hillcrest School Parking

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ON JEFFERSON AVENUE AT HILLCREST SCHOOL**

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 14.104.05. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.104.05. No Parking Between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM 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. on any school day in the following locations:

Jefferson Avenue, on the north side, from Plymouth Street to Dunham Road.

Jefferson Avenue, on the south side, from Hillcrest Road to Dunham Road.

Section 2. That Section 14.105.12. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.105.12. Reserved.

~~14.105.12. No Parking Between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M., except on weekends and holidays:~~

~~———— 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 day, except Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, in the following location:~~

~~———— Jefferson Avenue, on the north side, from Plymouth Street to Dunham Road.—~~

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. 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