

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 2010 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Modifications for Hillcrest Road, north of Jefferson Avenue	✓ 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 the east side of Hillcrest Road, north of Jefferson Avenue in the vicinity of Hillcrest School.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals identified *Exceptional Services and Communication*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the June 15, 2010 meeting. Staff recommends approval on the July 6, 2010 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

This item was initiated by area residents. Hillcrest Road is the intersecting street extending north from Hillcrest School. North of Jefferson Avenue, Hillcrest Road continues to have on-street parking difficulties, with vehicles parking for various school activities throughout the year and blocking effective traffic flow to the north. The road is 19 feet wide and cannot accommodate parking along both sides of the street in the vicinity of the school.

Staff is proposing “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Hillcrest Road for the first 50 feet north of Jefferson Avenue. Staff is also recommending “No Parking 7AM to 7PM” along the east side of Hillcrest Road from 50 feet north of Jefferson Avenue to 550 feet north of Jefferson Avenue to address the daily parking needs of the school which extend into the evening hours. Staff believes the proposed changes will enhance traffic safety and alleviate resident parking concerns at the location. In addition to these parking modifications staff is discussing other potential parking options with representatives of Hillcrest School and District 58.

This item was presented at the May 12, 2010 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting with residents of this area in attendance. The Commission voted unanimously to approve staff’s proposed parking modifications.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes – TAP Commission meeting May 12, 2010

Exhibit

Ordinance

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Public Works **DATE:** July 6, 2010
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: Transportation and Parking Commission **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

Motion to Adopt “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON HILLCREST ROAD”, as presented.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached ordinance shall amend parking provisions on portions of Hillcrest Road.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

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 14.98 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:

* * *

Hillcrest Road, on the east side, from Jefferson Avenue to a point fifty (50) feet north of Jefferson Avenue.

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Section 2. That Section 14.103.6. is hereby added to read as follows:

14.103.6. No Parking--Between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., except on weekends and holidays.

Hillcrest Road, on the east side, from a point fifty (50) feet north of Jefferson Avenue to a point five hundred (500) feet north of Jefferson Avenue.

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

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GEORGE ST

TAP File #09-10
Proposed Parking Modifications
Hillcrest Road

DUNHAM RD

HILLCREST RD

Proposed "No Parking 7am - 7pm
Except Sat, Sun & Holidays"

Proposed "No Parking Anytime"
50' North of Jefferson Avenue

JEFFERSON AVE

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION

MAY 12, 2010

MEETING MINUTES

1. File #09-10 Hillcrest School – Parking Changes Hillcrest Rd. Traffic Manager **Mr. Fera** explained this petition was brought back by staff, since previously it was not completely addressed at the February, 2010 Commission meeting. The focus at that meeting was to address parking issues immediately near the school on Jefferson Ave. Staff found out later that Hillcrest School also wished to address parking issues north on Hillcrest Road, but the invitations had already been mailed out and staff did not invite residents further north on Hillcrest Rd.

To complete the school's parking issues, for this meeting staff did invite the remaining residents north up to George Street to participate at this meeting and present their comments. The remaining issue still concerns the narrowness of Hillcrest Rd and the need to limit parking to one side only.

Mr. Fera further explained that he was informed of additional school activities that occur throughout the year. These activities occur often after hours and extend beyond the end of the school day. Vehicles then use the available street system to park, causing extended blockage for through vehicles, especially at the Jefferson Ave and Hillcrest Rd intersection. Staff is trying to address this ongoing issue with the proposed parking restrictions.

Mr. Fera then showed the proposed parking limits along the east side of Hillcrest Rd on the large overhead screen for the residents and Commission members. The recommendation is to extend a No Parking 7AM to 4 PM restriction to halfway up the block. The distance would be roughly 500 feet, verifiable in the field.

Chairman Gress opened up the matter to public comment.

Mr. Rich Cirillo, 5705 Hillcrest Rd. stated that he was not opposed to parking restrictions along one side of the street. Often, there were delivery vans that had difficulty in traversing the street. He observed one vehicle needing to back up to George Street to exit the area and that was dangerous.

Ms. Mary Hason, 5720 Hillcrest Rd, also stated that she had no objection to parking being restricted to one side only. She stated this made sense to her in terms of safety and convenience.

Co-Chair Wendt, stated that while he appreciated that staff is trying to address this parking issue for the school, that District 58 also should have some commitment and involvement in this process. He questioned the possibility of more internal parking opportunities that the school could do to address future needs. The area at the southwest corner of the school's property appears to be a viable area for parking expansion.

Mr. Fera, responded that he already has spoken with the school previously, regarding internal parking opportunities. At that time, there was a budgetary difficulty for the school to proceed. He also stated that the Village would work now with District 58 in terms of reviewing stormwater permitting should that be needed. Mr. Fera stated that approximately 12 to 15 additional parking spaces could be provided in that area.

Mr. Bruce Wolfe, 5725 Hillcrest Rd, also stated that parking opportunities should be explored at St. Paul's church east of Dunham Rd. There is ample space there for daily parking when the church is not in use, and also for some evening school activities.

One other comment presented involved the possible expansion of bus service to the school. Since no representatives from District 58 were present at this meeting, staff does not have a response to this comment.

Additional discussion occurred regarding additional potential internal parking. One location was the northeast quadrant of the school, which is just east of the prairie garden area. Also, diagonal parking along the west side of Dunham Road was discussed, which now is parallel parking on gravel. **Mr. Fera** stated that the number of parking spaces on Dunham Road could be doubled with the change to diagonal parking. However, he pointed out that the west half of Dunham Road according to the mapping, appears to be District 58 property and has not been dedicated to the Village. It is not known at this time what the actual cost would be to pave this area.

MR. CRONIN MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND "NO PARKING 7AM TO 7PM ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF HILLCREST RD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 500 FEET, AND ALSO A "NO PARKING ANY TIME" RESTRICTION FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET NORTH OF JEFFERSON AVE. SECONDED BY MR. STUEBNER.

ALSO, THE VILLAGE COUNCIL IS ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS WITH DISTRICT 58 A RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION TO ALLEVIATE PARKING ISSUES AT HILLCREST SCHOOL BY EXPLORING AND IMPLEMENTING FROM A CHOICE OF OPTIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: (1) CREATING A PARKING AREA IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY, (2) ADDING PARKING CAPACITY IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SCHOOL LOT, DIAGONALLY OPPOSITE ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, (3) ENGAGING IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ST PAUL'S CHURCH ABOUT WEEKDAY USE OF ALL OR PART OF THE CHURCH LOT FOR TEACHER PARKING, AND (4) CONVERTING PARKING ALONG DUNHAM ROAD IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY (WEST OF DUNHAM ROAD CENTERLINE) TO ANGLED PARKING.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 8-0.