

**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
MARCH 28, 2012
5:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 22, 2012

III. REPORTS AND ANOUNCEMENTS

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. South Mitchell Street from East Southdowns Drive to East Maxwell Lane

Dave Rollo's, Council member, request for a bicycle/pedestrian lane on Mitchell Street. Due to the street width, this would include the elimination of on street parking on both sides of Mitchell.

VI. DISCUSSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
February 22, 2012**

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Avila, Raye Ann Cox (for Derek Neff), Matt Cruz, Paul Kehrberg (for Adrian Reid), Judy Maki, Sarah Ryterband, Jim Shackelford, Lucas Tate (for James Batcho), Jeff Weber
Members Absent:
Staff Present: Justin Wykoff, Denise Dean

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ryterband stated she had a correction to the minutes in that she has an “h” in her name. Ryterband made the motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, of the October 26, 2011 meeting. Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

III. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wykoff welcomed new members Matt Cruz and Jim Shackelford.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was none at this time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 800 Block of South Auto Mall Road – Steven Fortune’s request for a handicap parking space

Wykoff stated the original request was for a private parking space on the street which the City does not normally do for commercial businesses. Upon talking to the petitioner, Wykoff stated the request was changed to a handicap parking space. Public notices were sent out and the Engineering Department did not receive any calls or e-mails. Wykoff stated the City likes to install a handicap spaces near an existing ramp if possible. The best place for the space is on the west side of Auto Mall Road near the parking lot south of the building where there is an existing ramp. The space would serve all the businesses in the area. Wykoff stated there are handicap spaces in the parking lot to the south of the building but there is a step up to the walkway. Ryterband stated she thought the request was reasonable. Shackelford stated he looked at the area and the space the Engineering Department indicated should work in that it is not a far walk back along the sidewalk to the entrance to the building. Weber made the

motion to approve the request for a handicap parking space on the west side of Auto Mall Road where indicated by the Engineering Department. Ryterband & Maki seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

- B. East 2nd Street from Henderson Street to Grant Street – John Simpson’s request for 2 Hr./Zone 9 Residential Neighborhood Permit parking on the south side.

Wykoff stated public notices had been sent out and the only calls the Engineering Department received were to ask when the meeting was. Wykoff showed a map of the Zone 9 area and stated they were only looking at the section of 2nd Street which was requested. The City has modified or added new zones over the years due to the original zones moving the parking problem to other areas. It was noted that Simpson’s request is only for the Zone 9 Residential parking not a combo to include 2 hour parking.

John Simpson: He made the request for the neighborhood permit parking because the tenants in his houses can’t find any place to park near their homes.

Maurice Garnier: He owns a rental at 430 E. 2nd Street and even though the houses in this area have off street parking there is still a problem due to the number of tenants per house.

Ryterband wanted to know if the parking change would really help the problem. People could park in the Atwater Parking Garage and walk the one block to their house. Wykoff stated the neighborhood zone parking helps to keep the integrity of the neighborhood. It was noted that students could park at the Stadium and use the park and ride program offered by IU. Wykoff stated there are approximately 40 parking spaces on the south side of Second Street in this area. Shackelford stated with the off street parking and the proposed parking change, the parking problem in the area should be taken care of. Weber asked if the apartment complex at Dun Street and Second Street would be competing for the Zone 9 spaces. Wykoff stated they would not be eligible for the permit parking.

Jessica Myron-405 E. 2nd Street: She has Lupus and has a handicap parking tag that allows her to park on or near campus. Myron stated her roommates can park in the driveway but it is a shared drive with the house next door. There are times where you can not park in front of your house for the entire week because of drivers who use the spaces for long term parking. The problem is not bad on the weekends. It has become a problem with some people wanting to park close to their homes that they park in the lawns.

Maki asked if there were any City regulations in regards to the number of parking spaces a landlord has to have for their tenants. Wykoff stated he didn't believe there was any City regulation in regards to this issue but he could check on it and e-mail the Commission members.

Justin Macy: Macy is a student at the Law School. Macy stated this portion of East Second Street is the only place for students to park close to the Law School. The parking change will just push the parking problem further south. Macy asked if the tenants along this portion of East Second Street could be allowed to park in the surrounding neighborhood permit parking zones that were under utilized. He has seen a lot of empty parking spaces along City streets in neighborhoods where the signs state neighborhood residential permit parking only.

Ben Urban: He also is a student at the Law School and uses this portion of Second Street to park. Urban stated if you go in areas where the signs state neighborhood residential permit parking you can find several empty parking spaces more than 50 to 70% of the time which is very frustrating. Urban stated it is hard to find parking for everyone.

Cruz asked Macy if he could not park along Second Street where would he park. Macy stated he would park somewhere else. Macy stated the parking garage was too expensive at \$28 a day. Wykoff stated if the request was approved people would probably start parking further south on University Street. Macy stated many of the residents along University don't have off street parking and the street is not as wide as East Second Street. Shackelford stated he doesn't believe the people who live along East Second Street should be discriminated against because this area has off street parking and they may have a higher number of tenants per household than other areas in the City.

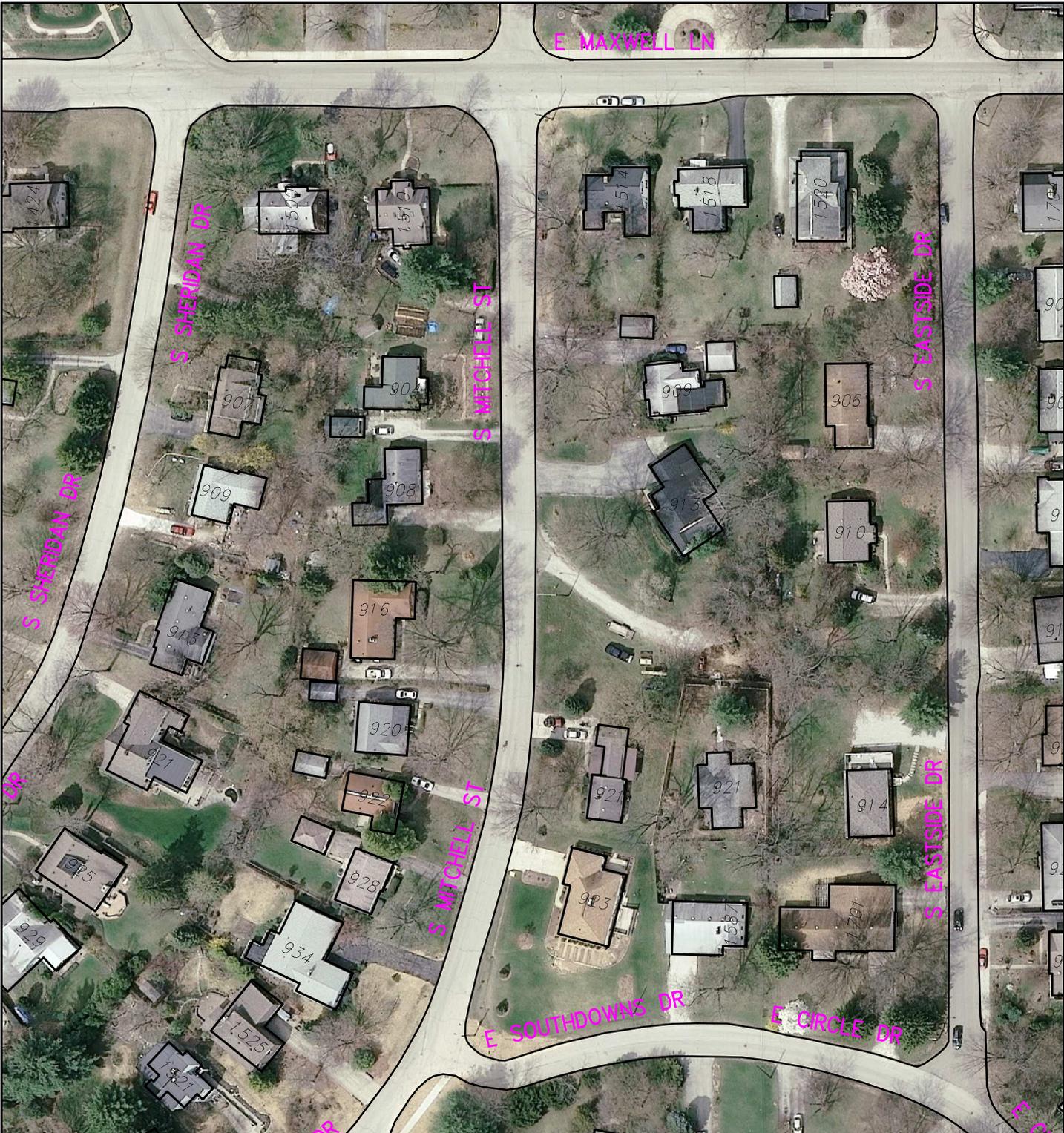
Avila stated you can look on Google maps and see how many spaces are underutilized in a lot of the existing neighborhood permit parking zones. Avila questioned on whether there could be a mix of parking with some unrestricted and some permit parking. Wykoff stated he thought this would cause problems especially with enforcement and signage. Urban stated he thought this would be a great idea. Shackelford asked if there could be one spot per block which would be unrestricted parking and the rest of the spaces would be neighborhood permit parking. Cox stated the space would be used constantly and would be difficult to monitor. Weber stated it is hard to provide infrastructure for 40,000 parking spaces for students to park closer to campus. It is reasonable to make accommodations for those people who live along this street. Weber asked if the permit parking zone restriction could be mid-block to mid-block. Ryterband asked if this was a motion. Weber made the motion to approve

the request to have the south side of East Second Street from mid-block between Grant & Dunn to mid-block between Dunn & Henderson as Zone 9 Residential Permit Parking. This also allows for anyone who lives along East Second Street from Grant to Henderson to be able to obtain a Zone 9 Neighborhood Permit parking permit. The remaining spaces would be unrestricted. Ryterband seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6-3-0 (Cox, Maki and Shackelford were opposed). Cox stated that it will be very difficult to enforce the unrestricted spaces and what happens if someone who has a Zone 9 permit parks in the unrestricted. Ryterband stated these were healthy, young adults who can walk a block or two to their homes. Wykoff stated the request needs to go to the City Council for final approval and the residents will have an opportunity to speak again at their meeting.

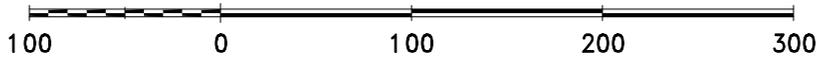
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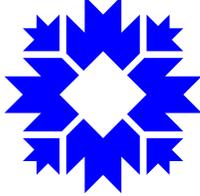
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2012.



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Scale: 1" = 100'

For reference only; map information NOT warranted.

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TRAFFIC COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

Bloomington Traffic Commission

Request for parking changes on South Mitchell Street.

March 28, 2012: The City of Bloomington Traffic Commission will meet to discuss a request to change parking on Mitchell Street from Southdowns Drive to Maxwell Lane. The change would allow for the addition of improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

This parking change is to be discussed and voted on by the Bloomington Traffic Commission, an advisory Commission to the Bloomington City Council.

This meeting will be held on March 28, 2012 at 5:30p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and express their thoughts and opinions on this request that will be voted on and if approved, forwarded to the City Council for their consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

RELEASE DATE: MARCH 12, 2012

Signage

There is currently no signage regarding parking.

Pavement Width

The width varies from 23 to 26 feet from edge of pavement to edge of pavement.











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