

BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
September 25, 2013
5:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 24, 2013

III. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There is none at this time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Zone 9 Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking Expansion - Steve Volan's request for additional streets be included in the Zone 9 Neighborhood Residential Permit Parking Area.

B. Vernon Avenue Parking Changes - Carol Darlings Request for limiting parking on Vernon Avenue between Fritz Drive and Dunn Street.

VI. DISCUSSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT

BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
June 26, 2013

ROLL CALL

Members Present: James Batcho, Joe VanDeventer, Ryan Cobine, Adrian Reid, Sarah Ryterband, Jeff Weber, Judy Maki

Members Absent: Mike Avila, Jim Shackelford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Weber made a motion to approve minutes from January 23, 2013. Judy Maki seconded the motion. The motion passed. Minute approved unanimously.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No reports

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. East Conventer Drive - Prohibit parking to facilitate Transit stop

Wykoff explained Engineering has been working with Bloomington Transit to include improvements along Conventer Drive for additional bus service parking to meet the areas needs. Transit would like to add a section to the Bloomington Municipal Code - Schedule J (Bus Zones) to meet their current needs for bus parking for the pickup and drop off of passengers. Staff recommended approval of the request which would result in an amendment to Bloomington Municipal Code, Title 15, Section 15.32.110 entitled "Schedule J - Bus Zones.

Reid explained he believed Bloomington Transit was changing their routes. Where they are queuing up now, there are quite a few buses that stop there at one time, and cars are passing them on the solid yellow. To help with this Transit is going to reverse the route and create this space so they can fit more buses in.

No questions from the Committee.

No questions from the Public

Weber made a motion to approve staff recommendation. Maki seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

B. East Sherbrooke Drive - Request for handicap parking space

Wykoff explained there is existing ADA space at 3901 Sherbrooke in the Sherbrooke Neighborhood. The Street Department has worked with the neighborhood to make improvements to the existing ramp and now would like to have the accessible spot codified.

Ryterband asked if the ADA space happened prior to taking over that street and that is why it is not codified.

Wykoff explained Sherbrooke was developed in the early 90's. In about 2001 or 2002 the neighborhood came together and asked the City to take over the streets. This went through the formal process and was accepted by the Board of Public Works and it was platted and laid out all the right of way which included this accessible space. This is to formalize and put this into the code.

Adrian asked how this space would be designated. Joe Vandeventer stated with a sign and symbol.

Ryterband made a motion to approve handicap parking space. Maki seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Eastgate Lane - Request to convert Eastgate Lane to one-way north and add on-street, parallel parking.

Wykoff explained this area has changed dramatically because of the Bypass project. Wykoff explained the configuration of Eastgate Lane now that the project is finished. Bloomington Transit would like to use this location on Eastgate as a pull off to provide bus service to passengers who live in the apartments along Eastgate Lane. Staff recommended the removal of parking along Eastgate Lane and the directional change to one way northbound to provide adequate and safe travel of bus traffic to serve area residents as well as vehicular traffic accessing the apartment from the 45/46 bypass. Should the developer want to include parking at a later date, they can do so within the public right of way if it is deemed necessary.

Adrian added that Park Doral now has access off of 7th Street so the access has been closed off of Eastgate Lane. This was not public property so there was no way the City could stop this from happening.

Adrian also stated Bloomington Transit also requested that if in the future the street is made wider and on street parking is allowed, they do not want any parking from the bus shelter north to a fire hydrant that is there.

Commission members discussed the exact location, and what part would be made one way. A portion would have to remain two way for access to an apartment building and a couple of houses.

Weber asked if at some point the gravel would be used for parking. Adrian stated the concept is if the street were a little wider it would accommodate parallel parking and the bus. It is not legal for anyone to park in the gravel. Wykoff explained this is considered an unimproved surface and is enforced by Planning. Adrian stated at some point the developer may want to widen the road with an improved surface to allow parking, and the City would have no problem with it.

Weber was concerned about the north end where the Polly Grimshaw Trail begins. He would like to see parking stop significantly south of the access to facilitate bikes and pedestrians. He also felt there should be a marked cross walk.

Adrian stated Bloomington Transit also had that concern so they asked for no parking north of the driveway.

There was discussion about connectivity between the Polly Grimshaw Trail to the sidewalk where there was a cross walk.

Ryterband asked if there was some way to ensure that if the developer puts in parking that there would be a buffer between the sidewalk and the parking.

Adrian stated in order for the developer to do the widening they would have to have City permission, and if the guidance from this committee is for a buffer, then it should be included.

Ryterband made a motion to accept the proposal for no parking all the way from bus shelter north, and if the developer wishes to create new parking along the area, that it be to the east of the existing street as it is now, that it only be parallel, and that there be at least a three (3) foot if not a five (5) foot buffer between the parallel parking and the sidewalk and that this portion go only one way going north. Cobine seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION

Adrian updated the Commission on the topic of meters in loading zones as was on the agenda last time. That request has prompted the City to look at the policy with regards to meters, and while the policy is not close to being completed, he believes the number will be more than zero and less than six spots. But reiterated, the policy was still being reviewed. Adrian would like, once the policy is established, to have someone come in and explain it to the Commission.

Ryterband wondered if it was discovered whether it was legal to have a loading zone between certain hours, and then to charge after that period of time.

Adrian stated that is one of the situations that is still being reviewed. City Legal is looking at all the possible scenarios.

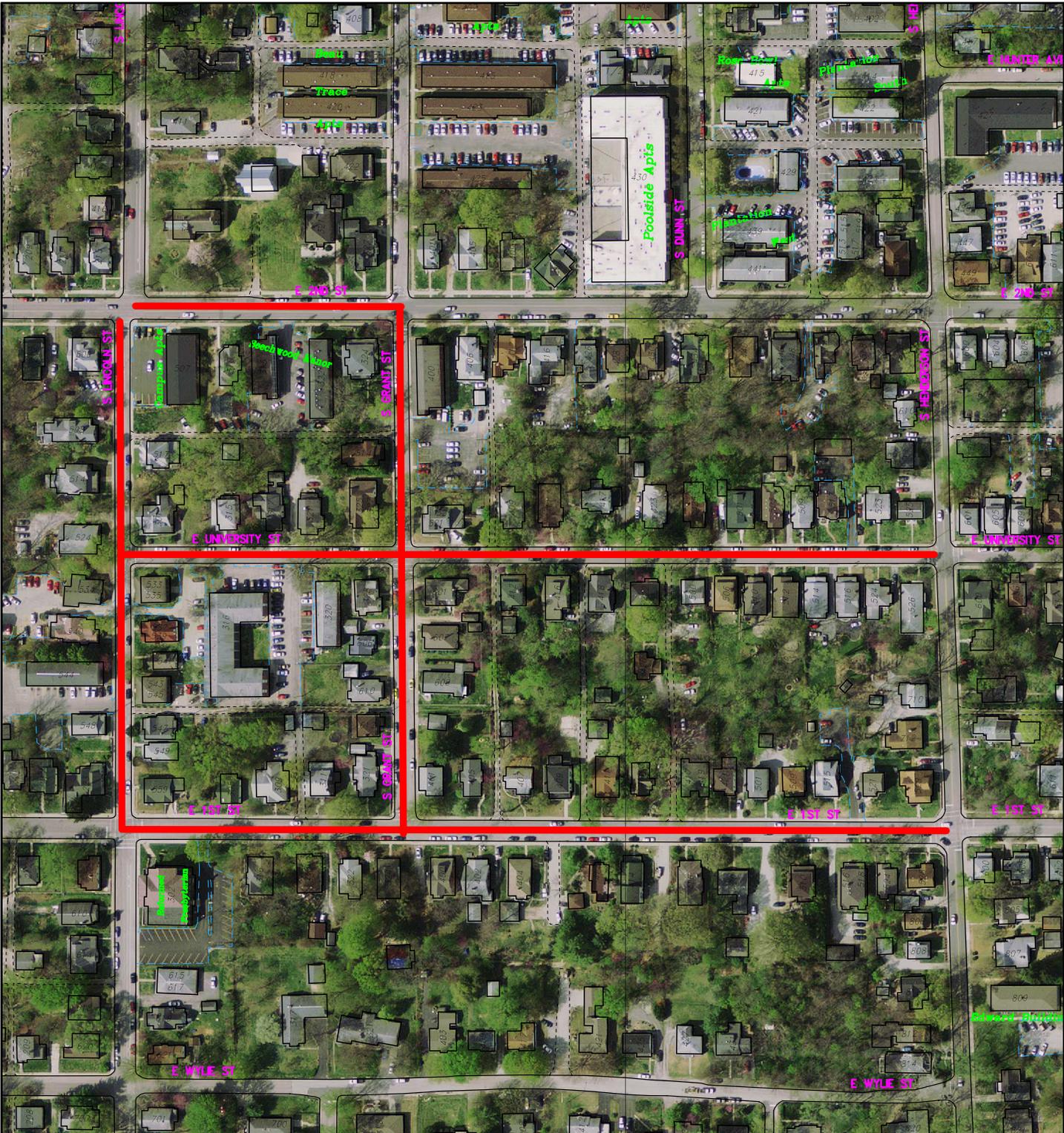
Weber stated something he did not recall being talked about last month was how to the intersection of the new meters and the pre-existing neighborhood parking zones, as an example he cited 7th Street in front of the Poplars Building which was a two hour parking zone unless you had a neighborhood parking permit is working. What will happen to the residents that have full access.

Adrian stated it was his understanding by Ordinance that was overridden by the meters being there, but thought it was a great question.

Weber felt this made enforcement a little fuzzy, and felt one of the advantages of the meter is it makes the enforcement easier.

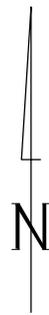
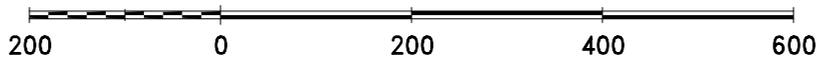
Ryterband asked as a follow up, if there was movement on Fairview and how it was progressing. Wykoff stated it is moving ahead and is a work in progress.

Reid adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

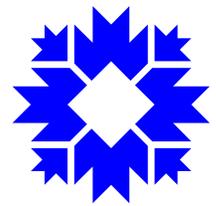


Zone 9 Residential Neighborhood Parking Area Map

By: wykoffj
19 Sep 13



City of Bloomington
Engineering



Scale: 1" = 200'

For reference only; map information NOT warranted.



City of Bloomington
Public Works Department
Engineering Department

TRAFFIC COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: September 25, 2013

Subject: Zone 9 Extension - Residential Neighborhood Parking Permit Area

Report: The City of Bloomington Engineering Department has received a request from City Councilmember Steve Volan to extend the zone 9 neighborhood permit parking area. Local residents have been invited to attend and express their experiences and concerns with parking in an attempt to address growing concerns regarding parking availability for residents along these streets.

Recommendation: Staff would like to hear from residents living along these streets (see map in packet) about their concerns, as well as what changes could prove beneficial in making parking more available to those living in the immediate area. Staff reserves its recommendation based upon input from the public and providing a consistent parking solution based on other successful neighborhood zones throughout area neighborhoods.

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TRAFFIC COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

Bloomington Traffic Commission

Request for Zone 9 Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking Expansion

The City of Bloomington Traffic Commission will meet to discuss a request to expand the Zone 9 Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking area.

The expansion of this zone may include the areas highlighted on the reverse side of this meeting notice.

This meeting will be held on September 25, 2013 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. All comments are appreciated.





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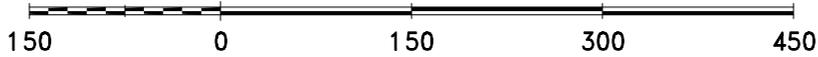
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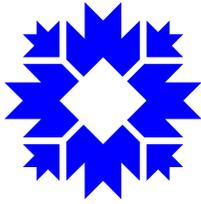


Vernon Avenue Parking Change Location Map

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19 Sep 13



City of Bloomington
Engineering



Scale: 1" = 150'

For reference only; map information NOT warranted.



Justin Wykoff <wykoffj@bloomington.in.gov>

Parking in Matlock Heights Neighborhood

Darling, Richard Alan <rdarling@indiana.edu>

Thu, Sep 19, 2013 at 12:22 PM

To: "wykoffj@bloomington.in.gov" <wykoffj@bloomington.in.gov>

To: Justin Wykoff

From: Matlock Heights Neighborhood Association

Carol Darling

A problem has arisen on Vernon Street (Dunn Street to Fritz Drive). On IU game days cars are parking on both sides of the street making it difficult for residents to navigate the street, and impossible for emergency vehicles to have access to the neighborhood. The same problem occurs when the residents of the rental houses on the south end of Fritz Drive have large parties. The MHNA would appreciate any possible solution for these two problems areas. Also, we eagerly await the promised 25 MPH speed limit in Matlock.

Many thanks,

Carol Darling



City of Bloomington
Public Works Department
Engineering Department

TRAFFIC COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: September 25, 2013

Subject: Vernon Avenue Parking Restrictions

Report: The City of Bloomington Engineering Department has received a request from Carol Darling of the Matlock Heights Neighborhood Association regarding parking issues along Vernon Avenue between North Dunn Street and North Fritz Drive. On occasion vehicles will park alongside both sides of the roadway severely restricting passage. This primarily occurs on Indiana University sports game days, however has occurred at other times as well. The current street width is 20 feet in width, has no curb, and has drainage swales/ditches running parallel to Vernon Drive.

Recommendation: Staff would like to limit parallel parking to one side of the street and would suggest that parking be removed along the north side of the street as it has two drives as opposed to only one drive along the south side of the street. That being said, the south side has a larger ditch closer to Dunn Street (south side) that should be taken into consideration. Overall desired outcome should result in at least one side of Vernon Avenue having parking removed to allow for passage of larger emergency vehicles.

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MEETING NOTICE

Bloomington Traffic Commission

Request for Limited Parking on East Vernon Avenue

The City of Bloomington Traffic Commission will meet to discuss a request to limit parking on East Vernon Avenue between North Dunn Street and North Fritz Drive

These changes may include, but are not limited to parking restrictions (no parking) along East Vernon Drive.

This meeting will be held on September 25, 2013 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. All comments are appreciated.



Looking East along Vernon Avenue from Fritz Drive



Looking East on Vernon Avenue toward Dunn Street



Looking East on Vernon Avenue toward Dunn Street



Looking East on Vernon Avenue toward Dun





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