

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
PACKET

November 2019

Thursday, November 21, 2019
Hooker Conference Room
5:30 PM — 7:00 PM

Next Regular Meeting: December 12, Hooker Room, City Hall, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM

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AGENDA

November 21, 2019, 5:30 PM — 7:00 PM
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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Reports from Commissioners & City Offices
- IV. Reports from the Public
- V. Discussions of Topics Not the Subject of Resolutions
 - A. 2020 Parking Commission Meeting Schedule (Staff)
 - B. Editing the 2017 Annual Report (Cm. Volan)
- VI. Resolutions
 - A. Parking Resolution 19-05 - Woodlawn Avenue – Revise Current On-Street Parking Configuration to Improve Safety (Karina Pazos)
- VII. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas
- VIII. Member Announcements
- IX. Commission Schedule
- X. Adjournment

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Next Regular Meeting: December 12, 5:30 PM
Deadline for regular meeting packet material is December 2

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REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

October 24, 2019, 5:30 PM

Hooker Room, City Hall

Parking Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Parking Commission: Adrienne Evans Fernandez (Chair), Steve Volan, Scott Robinson, Tracy Gates, Eoban Binder

Others in Attendance: Phil Worthington, Kerry Slough, Ross Dybvig, Michelle Wahl (Public Works), Raye Ann Cox (Public Works), Dave Askins, Nico Sigler (City Clerk), Beth Rosenbarger (Staff), SeyedAmir Kaboli Farshchi (Staff)

I. Call to Order – (~5:35 PM)

- II. **Approval of Minutes** – September 26, 2019 – Mr. Binder motioned to approve the minutes and Cm. Volan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

III. Reports from Commissioners & City Offices

Cm. Volan talked about the progress of the 3rd draft of the 2017 Annual Report.

IV. Reports from the Public – None

V. Discussions of Topics Not the Subject of Resolutions

A. Garden Hill Neighborhood Zone — Update about the Zone and Visitors Parking

Cm. Volan discussed the Garden Hill neighborhood parking permit zone regarding the permits for some organizations and visitor parking. Commissioners discussed the cost and time limit of temporary permits and a trial permits program in the Garden Hill neighborhood. Mr. Worthington and Ms. Slough from the Garden Hill neighborhood said they are pleased with the effect of the neighborhood parking permit zone in Garden Hill.

B. City Bicycle Racks

Ms. Cox discussed issues with motorcycles parking in the bicycle racks and noted there are no ordinances pertaining to who/what is allowed to park in a bicycle rack.

Discussion: alternative parking for motorcycles; sidewalk ordinances; parking citation; title 15 update; metered parking spaces for motorcycles; scooter parking; a resolution for a future meeting

C. Emergency Parking Signs issued to Businesses for Reserving On-Street Parking Spaces

Cm. Volan discussed the emergency parking reservations and the concerns when the individual who reserves a space does not show up to use the space. Staff said this problem only happened in a few events.

Discussion: cancellation policy; refund policy; reservation process; signs change; paying for spaces

D. Transportation General Inquiry and Determination Form

Mr. Farshchi presented the form and the consensus of the Commission supported staff moving forward with using the form.

E. Editing the 2017 Annual Report

Cm. Volan said he is in the process of preparing the 3rd draft of the 2017 Annual Report for the next meeting.

F. Discussion about the Transportation Commission

Ms. Rosenbarger discussed the staff recommendation for merging the Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, and Parking Commissions into a new Transportation Commission. She noted that a single Transportation Commission would better serve the community by reviewing related and competing concerns in one place since many transportation issues overlap. She said commissions have challenges meeting quorums.

VI. Resolutions

A. Parking Resolution 19-03 - Cottage Grove and Walnut Grove Parking Zone Change

Ms. Wahl talked about the free parking area in Cottage Grove and Walnut Grove that the City of Bloomington currently owns and she proposed that the city makes both sides of the streets a new trial pay by phone zone.

Discussion: enforcement; signage; pay by phone program details; return on investment

Mr. Robinson motioned to approve the staff recommendation and Ms. Gates seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0**

B. Parking Resolution 19-04 - Parking Restrictions in E. 15th and Dunn St-Zone 6 Garden Hill

Ms. Wahl discussed if the road curbsides continues to remain in poor condition and do not be fixed, this section of East 15th Street needs to be changed to No Parking because

of the safety of the individuals that live in the apartments trying to back out without hitting the cars that are parked legally on the street.

Discussion: monetary issues for fixing road curbsides; safety issues; accidents; speeding issues

Ms. Evans Fernandez motioned to postponed voting on the resolution and Cm. Volan seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0**

VII. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas – None

VIII. Member Announcements – None

IX. Commission Schedule – Next meeting – November 21, 2019

X. Adjournment – (~7:05 PM)



Parking Commission

2020 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings generally occur on the 4th Thursday of each month, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Hooker Conference Room (#245) - unless otherwise noted below.

Parking Commission may schedule work sessions on the 2nd Thursday of each month, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, in the City Hall Hooker Conference Room. Work sessions are open to the public, but no recommendations or actions by the Commission can take place. The work sessions are to discuss future agenda items at regular meetings.

MONTH	WORK SESSION (IF NEEDED)	REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY	January 16	January 30
FEBRUARY	N/A	February 27
MARCH	(Spring Break)	March 26
APRIL	April 9	April 23
MAY	May 14	May 28
JUNE	June 11	June 25
JULY	July 9	July 23
AUGUST	August 13	August 27
SEPTEMBER	September 10	September 24
OCTOBER	October 8	October 22
NOVEMBER	(Thanksgiving)	November 12
DECEMBER	(Holidays & Winter Break)	December 10



MEMORANDUM

To: Parking Commission
From: Karina Pazos, Engineering Technician
Date: November 13, 2019
Re: Woodlawn Avenue – Revise Current On-Street Parking Configuration to Improve Safety

Background

A complaint was received via uReport on September 30, 2019, regarding the line of sight at the intersection of S. Woodlawn Avenue and E. University Street. At the time, the complaint entailed a citizen's concern about having multiple close calls at this intersection as a motorist driving onto Woodlawn Avenue from University Street, where oncoming southbound bicyclists and motorists on Woodlawn Avenue could not be visible. Parking is allowed (with residential zone restriction) in the vicinity of this intersection on the west side of Woodlawn Avenue, but is restricted north of University Street on the east side of Woodlawn Avenue. University Street is discontinuous at the intersection with Woodlawn Avenue, and an engineering evaluation was performed for both sides of Woodlawn Avenue.

Based on the engineering evaluation and after review of the intersection, the consensus is that restricting parking on the west side of Woodlawn Avenue, just north of University Street, and allowing parking on the east side of Woodlawn Avenue would improve the visibility of oncoming southbound traffic on Woodlawn Avenue while maintaining on-street parking as a traffic calming tool and providing more on-street parking spaces due to the lack of driveways on the east side of Woodlawn Avenue. Minor revisions to the on-street parking just south of University Street on Woodlawn Avenue, such as extending the yellow curb to restrict one to two parking spaces on each side of Woodlawn Avenue, would improve the visibility of oncoming northbound traffic on Woodlawn Avenue.

City staff's proposal would essentially move on-street parking from the west side of Woodlawn Avenue to the east side of Woodlawn Avenue, just north of University Street to 2nd Street. This would allow for each stop-controlled approach to have an unobstructed view in at least one direction (currently some have limited sight distance in both directions). The parking modifications would allow traffic on University Street, when crossing Woodlawn Avenue, to verify that no vehicles are coming from the left and then focus more on looking to the right, past parked cars, as they pull forward into the intersection. The overall number of parking spaces would increase, which is beneficial both to those utilizing the parking and because the on-street parking spaces help to reduce motor vehicle speeds along Woodlawn Avenue.

Recommendation: Staff recommends reconfiguring the existing on-street parking along Woodlawn Avenue by restricting parking on the west side of the street and allowing parking on the east side of the street. If approved, a detailed Title 15 amendment will be prepared once this request is forwarded to the Common Council for their consideration.

