

**City of Lawrence  
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda  
September 8, 2008-7:00 PM  
City Commission Room, City Hall**

**ITEM NO. 4:** Consider request to permit PARKING along the east side of Jana Drive between Harvard Road and Holiday Drive.

Facts:

1. Jana Drive is a local street in a residential area paved 26 feet wide.
2. It has been the practice to establish NO PARKING in areas of this type when requested and supported by adjacent property owners and/or residents; or when needed for safety reasons.
3. The current ordinance prohibiting parking on the east side of the street was established in 1998 at the request of the school bus provider; however, either the signs were never installed or were installed initially and disappeared until earlier this year when city staff discovered the discrepancy.

**ACTION: Provide recommendation to the City Commission.**

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Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

Mark Strand, 1030 Jana Drive: Parking has been permitted on both sides of the street since the area developed from 1969 through the early

1970's; in 1998 an ordinance was passed to remove parking along the east side, however, for some reason the signs were not installed; this demonstrates that the parking did not need to be removed, and it works fine with parking allowed on both sides; this allows people to park in front of their own property instead of in front of their neighbor's.

Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Strand if he ever sees any school buses; Strand stated he didn't think they used the street anymore.

Commissioner Heckler: I did speak with one of the owners of a townhouse in The Fountains who was in favor of leaving the signs in place.

Commissioner Woods: I don't see any difference in this one and the one we just voted on.

Commissioner Novotny: Every street can be different so if the people in the area want the parking, they should be allowed to have it.

Commissioner Hagen: My experience while on this commission has been that parking is driven by the adjacent property owners and if it is difficult to get through, it is the people who live on the street that tell you that.

Commissioner Smith: It seems to me that we have the adjacent property owners wanting to see the change back to parking and I would support that.

Commissioner Hagen: There is the point that having cars on both sides tend to calm traffic.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: You have roughly half the neighborhood asking to have the signs removed; I think we should do what they are asking.

Commissioner Miller: I do not support the request because of the need for fire protection.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAGEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, TO RECOMMEND THAT PARKING BE PERMITTED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF JANA DRIVE BETWEEN HARVARD ROAD & HOLIDAY DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED (5-3)(Heckler, hindrance to emergency vehicle response; Miller, hindrance to emergency vehicle response; Woods, hindrance to emergency vehicle response and inconsistency).**