

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO PARKING 7AM-5PM MON-FRI along the south side of Hillcrest Road and along the west side of Spencer Drive.

Report:

1. Hillcrest Road and Spencer Drive are both local streets in a residential area paved 25 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently prohibited at all times along the north side of Hillcrest Road and along the east side of Spencer Drive.
3. City practice has been to not restrict parking in residential areas unless requested by the public and supported by adjacent property owners and/or residents.

ACTION: Provide recommendation to the City Commission.

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Shoeb Uddin presented the information provided in the staff report and noted the letter in opposition received from Gretchen Underwood (attached).

Public comment:

Allan Miller, 1330 Spencer Drive, and President of the University Heights Neighborhood Association: These two streets do not conform to the parking restrictions on the other streets in the neighborhood; the neighborhood association voted at their October meeting 20-4, to request this restriction; there is a big problem with vehicles blocking driveways when parked on these streets, every other day, someone's driveway is blocked; recently, a service truck could not get in a resident's driveway and had to park in the middle of the street and in order to pass, vehicles had to drive over the curb into the yard.

William Woods, 1319 Spencer Drive: I have four concerns; each day there is garbage thrown in the street; vehicles are parked there on Sunday night and are not moved until Friday unless we call the police on Monday to have them ticketed; my driveway gets blocked almost every other day; I'm also worried about backing out of my driveway and not being able to traffic coming.

Carol Hatton, 1641 Hillcrest Road: The parking has always been a problem, but it has gotten worse in the last three years; the sororities on West Campus Road are using our two streets as parking lots; cars are now there 24 hours a day, often 10 days to two weeks without moving; I call the police when they block my driveway, but I hate to have to keep calling them; it is also very hard to see around the curve at Hillcrest and Spencer.

John Stine, 1323 Spencer Drive: I frequently have to call the police because my driveway is blocked even though I don't call unless the back wheel of the vehicle is within the driveway; I am asking that you approve this request; this is a residential neighborhood, all single family dwellings and owner-occupied

housing; this is an island of open parking in the neighborhood; these streets need to conform to the other streets in the neighborhood and maintain a quiet residential neighborhood; we have become the overflow parking for a number of sororities located on West Campus Road; please give us the same quiet residential neighborhood that the streets that surround us have.

Marrillie Good, 1652 Hillcrest Road: Cars park right up to the corner of Hillcrest and Engel making it very difficult to see northbound traffic; you have to pull out into the intersection; I very much support the request.

Cindy West, 1609 Hillcrest Road: Two to three times a week cars park and block my driveway; with cars parked on the curve on Hillcrest, there is not much room to get by; I would speak in favor of limiting the parking; it has become a habitual place for people to leave their cars for the week.

Commissioner Hagen wondered how this island of parking came about; Uddin responded that parking is generally permitted in residential areas unless there is a request to restrict it that is supported by the area property owners and residents.

Commissioner Woods questioned whether NO PARKING ANYTIME would be a better solution; the consensus was that the request was consistent with the rest of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Smith: I basically support the request; my only concern is that we get to the point of limiting the parking so much that residents can't have visitors other than evenings and on weekends.

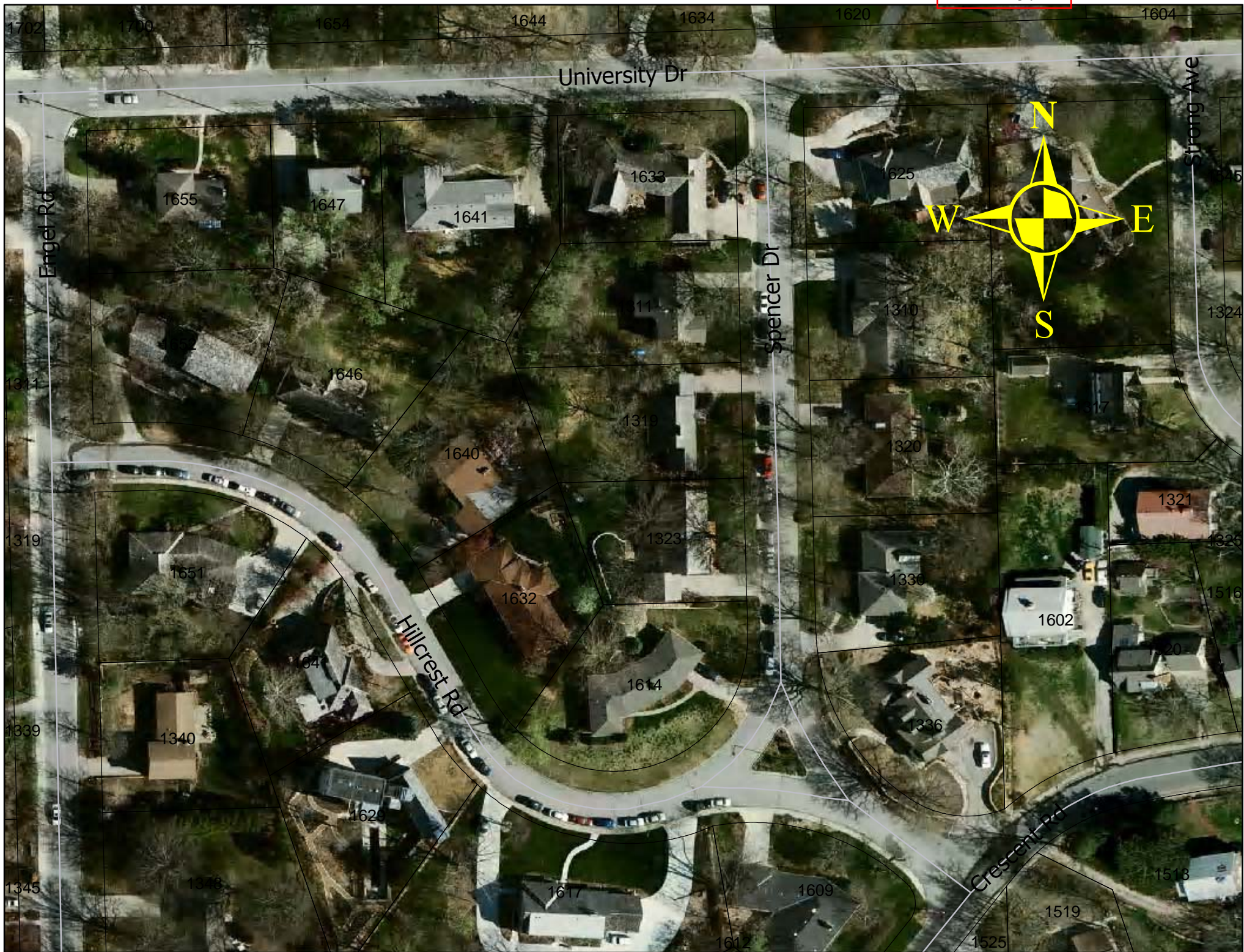
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAGEN, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING 7AM-5PM MON-FRI ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF HILLCREST ROAD AND ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SPENCER DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

From: Allan Ray Miller [mailto:almiller@ku.edu]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 12:07 PM
To: David Woosley
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Subject: Re: November Traffic Safety Commission Agenda

David,

At the October 4 meeting of the University Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting, a motion was passed to bring to your commission the following: Resolved that Spencer Drive and Hillcrest Drive be made No Parking on the west and south sides of the streets respectively between 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. M-F. This brings these two streets in conformity with the other streets in our UHNA. How do we proceed? Or is this all you need to put this on the agenda?
Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Allan



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November 24, 2008

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PUBLIC WORKS

To Members of the Traffic Safety Commission:

We have recently received notice of a request to establish a no parking ordinance from 7am-5pm Monday through Friday along the west side of Spencer Drive. The hearing is to be held December 1 at City Hall.

Not all the homeowners along Spencer Drive are in favor of restricting parking. We know of four others at least who don't mind having students park here. When we purchased our home 15 years ago, we knew that living close to campus would entail occasional inconveniences with regard to student parking and other university events, and decided it was no big deal. On the rare occurrences that a driveway is blocked by a student running late to class, a telephone call to the KU police and a parking ticket usually solves the problem quickly. Why punish the majority of students for only an occasional problem? Pushing students out of our area will only cause problems in other neighborhoods. My husband and I rather like the student presence. Perhaps you should check with everyone along Spencer Drive before you make a decision.

Sincerely, Gretchen Underwood