

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Louisiana Street between 18th Street and 19th Street.

Report:

1. Louisiana Street is a local street in a residential area paved 25 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently prohibited at all times along the east side of Louisiana Street.
3. At the November Traffic Safety Commission meeting, NO PARKING was requested and recommended for approval along the west side of Louisiana Street from 19th Street, north 275 feet.
4. 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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Uddin presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

Bernard Bristow, 16853 Stranger Road, Leavenworth, KS, owner of 1805 Louisiana Street: There used to be NO PARKING posted in this area until a year or two ago when the sign was removed because there was no record of any ordinance establishing it; this only affects approximately four or five parking spaces; there is already NO PARKING to the north and on the east side of the street and this is a heavily traveled route; there is alley access for all the residences and most have off-street parking; I think the original sign that was there was appropriate, so I am asking that the NO PARKING be re-established.

Commissioner Hagen: This sounds reasonable to me; it occurred to me that there had not been parking there in the past.

Commissioner Smith: I do know that there have been residents parking in this area, but if they aren't concerned then I'm not going to worry about it.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF LOUISIANA STREET BETWEEN 18TH STREET AND 19TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

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David Woosley

From: Linda Bristow [bbris@att.net]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 5:38 PM
To: David Woosley
Cc: bbris@att.net
Subject: Request to establish NO PARKING entire west side 1800 block of Louisiana

Mr. David Woosley,

I appreciate the information you shared during our conversation concerning the parking and traffic safety issues involved with Louisiana St. from 18th Street to 19th Street.

I am requesting that the Traffic Safety Commission consider establishing NO PARKING along the entire west side of Louisiana St. from 18th Street to 19th Street. As I mentioned, a SCHOOL ZONE sign and a NO PARKING THIS SIDE OF STREET sign on the same pole was located on the parking near our residence at 1805 Louisiana St. for at least 13 years!

Please consider re-establishing NO PARKING along the entire west side of Louisiana St. from 18th St. to 19th St. for these reasons;

-A high volume of traffic funnels through the 1800 block of Louisiana because of the availability of the traffic light at 19th. Allowing 3-4 cars to park on the street south of 18th actually creates a constriction between two NO PARKING zones, the soon to be established 175' north of 19th and the current zone north of 18th. This forces vehicles to swerve out across the new Speed Hump and then back in after passing any parked cars.

-Veteran's Park is on the east side of this block. Many pedestrians of all ages walk to this park. There is heavy bicycle traffic as well. Pull-in, off-street parking is provided the entire length of the east side of the park. Impaired visibility on the west side of the park, caused by 3-4 parked cars, seems senseless, particularly since there is neither a STOP sign, nor a YIELD sign eastbound at 18th and Louisiana. We are asking eastbound drivers on 18th making a right hand turn onto Louisiana to traverse the SPEED HUMP, avoid parked cars, watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and other vehicles all without having to stop before entering the intersection. The risk is even greater because there are many inexperienced drivers in the immediate area because of the proximity to the high school.

-During periods of time throughout the day pedestrian traffic in the area is particularly heavy. The high school is located at 19th and Louisiana, there is an elementary school located at 19th and Kentucky, and KU is immediately up the hill. Why increase the risk to all the student pedestrians and cyclists for 3-4 parking spaces?

-There is alley access for all of the residences and the business located in this block. As well, most of the residences have off-street parking on Louisiana, and the business has off-street parking on 19th. Adequate parking already exists for the park, residences, and the business in the 1800 block of Louisiana.

I hope traffic safety concerns created by allowing 3-4 parking spaces on Louisiana justifies establishing NO PARKING on the entire west side of Louisiana between 18th and 19th streets.

Thank you,

11/19/2008

Bernie Bristow

