

1311 Prairie Ave.  
Lawrence, KS 66044

30 August 2009

Lawrence City Commission  
6 East 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lawrence, KS 66044

re: Agenda Item #2, 13<sup>th</sup> Street parking removal

Mayor Chestnut and Commission:

Thank you once again for bringing the vision of the Burroughs Creek Trail into reality. This issue of safe sight distance at the Trail crossing of 13<sup>th</sup> Street is a design detail that had not been addressed by either the Trail Plan Committee, or the physical plans by Bartlett & West or Parks & Recreation or Public Works.

I draw your attention to the second map in the Traffic Safety Commission minutes of 7 July 2009. This map provided by the applicant neighborhoods, provides relevant information on street distances, home and business structures, and off-street driveways and parking lot availability.

Two main issues seem to be foremost in this parking removal request. First is the solitary objection by a Mr. Uecker at 909 East 13<sup>th</sup> St. He claims that he needs more parking than just his driveway, and also that they run a child care center in their home. While our Eastside Neighborhood Coalition has provided clear data in maps and photos, no evidence was provided by Mr. Uecker nor City staff to verify his claims.

I have three responses to his supposed claims. 1) In three decades living in Brook Creek Neighborhood and driving 13<sup>th</sup> St. every day, I have never seen a child on the premises, nor any cars ever dropping off or picking up children at 909 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. 2) In addition to Mr. Uecker's driveway, he also has a usable attached garage. 3) And finally, Mr. Uecker lives 75 feet beyond the extent of the area requested for parking removal (please refer to the map).

The second main issue is the commercial parking on 13<sup>th</sup> Street during work days, which is truly at the heart of the matter. Every work day, there are 3-5 cars of employees of Advanced Glass parked immediately west of the Trail crossing, blocking visibility. Much of this is the result of Advanced Glass illegally using one third of their own parking lot across the street for salvage storage and a huge roll-off dumpster.

If you inspect our photos, you will see that in evenings and on weekends, there is virtually no on-street parking by the residents along 13<sup>th</sup> Street. All these homes have driveways, some double wide, and some with garages as well. The photos will also show that some Advanced Glass employees park around the corner on Oregon St. This request will prove to be no hardship on anyone.

Therefore, Mr. Uecker really has no case; and Advanced Glass would do well to provide their required number of employee parking spaces, or at the very least have all employees park on Oregon St. This parking removal is fully in keeping with the three other streets where the Burroughs Creek Trail will cross: 11<sup>th</sup> St., 15<sup>th</sup> St., and 19<sup>th</sup> St. For the sake of bicycle and pedestrian safety at this Trail crossing, I request you accept the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Commission.

Thank you,

Michael Almon

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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Hi. Please consider this correspondence to be included with the Tuesday, September 1 City Commission Agenda item 2.

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association supports the recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission to remove parking along the south side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street from 300 feet east of Oregon Street to 300 feet west of Oregon Street.

We view this as a safety issue as we anticipate bicycle traffic crossing 13th street. Having good site lines to oncoming traffic will prevent accidents. This is the only street where parking is currently allowed where the trail intersects city streets.

Thank you for your consideration,

Phil Collison  
President, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association