

## AGENDA – TSC 11/7/11

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the north side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street between Indiana Street & Mississippi Street.

1. 12<sup>th</sup> Street west of Indiana Street is classified as a “local” street and is paved 44 feet wide with a 12 foot median leaving approximately 15 feet on each side of the median.
2. Parking is currently prohibited along the south side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and along a portion of the north side of the street.

New information requested:

1. According to the city’s historic resources administrator, the median in question is part of the Hancock Historic District would have to go through the full HRC process if the city wanted to remove it.
2. It does not appear to be feasible to construct any off-street parking for 709 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street; the building sits approximately two feet off the east property line and approximately seven feet off the west property line. In addition, from the high point to the low point, the property drops approximately 19 feet.

## MINUTES – TSC 11/7/11

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David Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

Diana Robinson, 5515 W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Prairie Village, KS: The street is narrow and impassable; cars park more than 12 inches from the curb, leaving only seven (7) feet; in the last month, three (3) have been sideswiped and had mirrors knocked-off; it’s a dangerous place; UPS can’t get through; Public Works can’t plow the street; it’s a safety issue for every resident that lives along the street; I know one property has no off-street parking, but there is no guarantee that these spaces will be available for them; safety is the matter at hand; the Fire Department supports removing this parking; just because it’s always been this way, doesn’t mean it’s right; safety should be first.

Commissioner Woods asked what it would take to remove the median; Woosley advised that it is a historical area and would need approval from the Historical Resources Commission and the City Commission.

Commissioner Woods: I guess I'm a little bit against taking parking away from people that are paying taxes.

Commissioner Rothrock: I'm concerned about the damage it would do to the value of the rental property with no off-street parking.

Commissioner Howard: The safety concerns would trump the parking for me.

Commissioner Harden: I think the parking prohibition makes some sense or removal of the median.

Commissioner Novotny: The public safety concern is number one for me.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN INDIANA STREET & MISSISSIPPI STREET, OR REMOVE THE MEDIAN; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-3 (Boley: one of the residents for 37 years is opposed to removal; Rothrock: no concensus within the neighborhood; Woods: taking parking away from tax payers).**

**To: Traffic Safety Commission**

**From: Residents of 711 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street**

**We are writing to the Traffic Safety Commission regarding parking on the north side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a very narrow street with a median in the middle of the street making it unsafe and difficult to pass through.**

**The following are our concerns:**

- **Emergency vehicles (ambulances, fire trucks) do not have adequate access to our street. They would have to access the street coming in the wrong way (south side of the cul-de-sac) in case of an emergency.**
- **Public works cannot adequately plow our street in the winter due to the parked cars.**
- **The street is too narrow to pass safely by parked cars and the median when cars are not abutting to the curb, which is most of the time. Section 86 of the Kansas Traffic Ordinance state that all cars parked along a curb must be within 12" or less from the curb. This is not happening. Most cars are parking more than 12" making it even more difficult to pass by the park cars.**
- **We are not able to turn onto 12<sup>th</sup> Street when driving south on Indiana. Cars are allowed to park all the way up to the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> and Indiana, making it impossible to turn onto our street with the median on one side and the parked cars on the other. We would like to be able to access our street from whatever direction we are coming from.**
- **The three rental homes that are affected by the parking in front of their homes all have adequate off-street parking. We have confronted some of these people parking on our street and the majority of them work at The Oread.**

- **Parking is not allowed on the south side of the street showing the City paid attention to the residents when they voiced their concerns. We can only access our house the majority of the time from the south exit when the cars are parked on the north side and not abutting to the curbs This is illegal to enter the street going the wrong way but it's not wide enough to safely pass through the median and parked cars most of the time. We've already had one family member hit his car mirror on a parked car. It wouldn't take much to side swipe the median or parked cars.**

**We would like to invite all the Commission members to personally drive down our street and see what a difficult situation this is. The City of Lawrence has "No Parking" signs throughout the entire city and KU Campus where the City has deemed appropriate. We feel this cul-de-sac warrants "No Parking" signs on both sides of the street. Please take a minute and review these concerns and ask yourself if you wouldn't want the same thing if your house was located on this street.**

**Thank you.**

**Sean Robinson, resident**

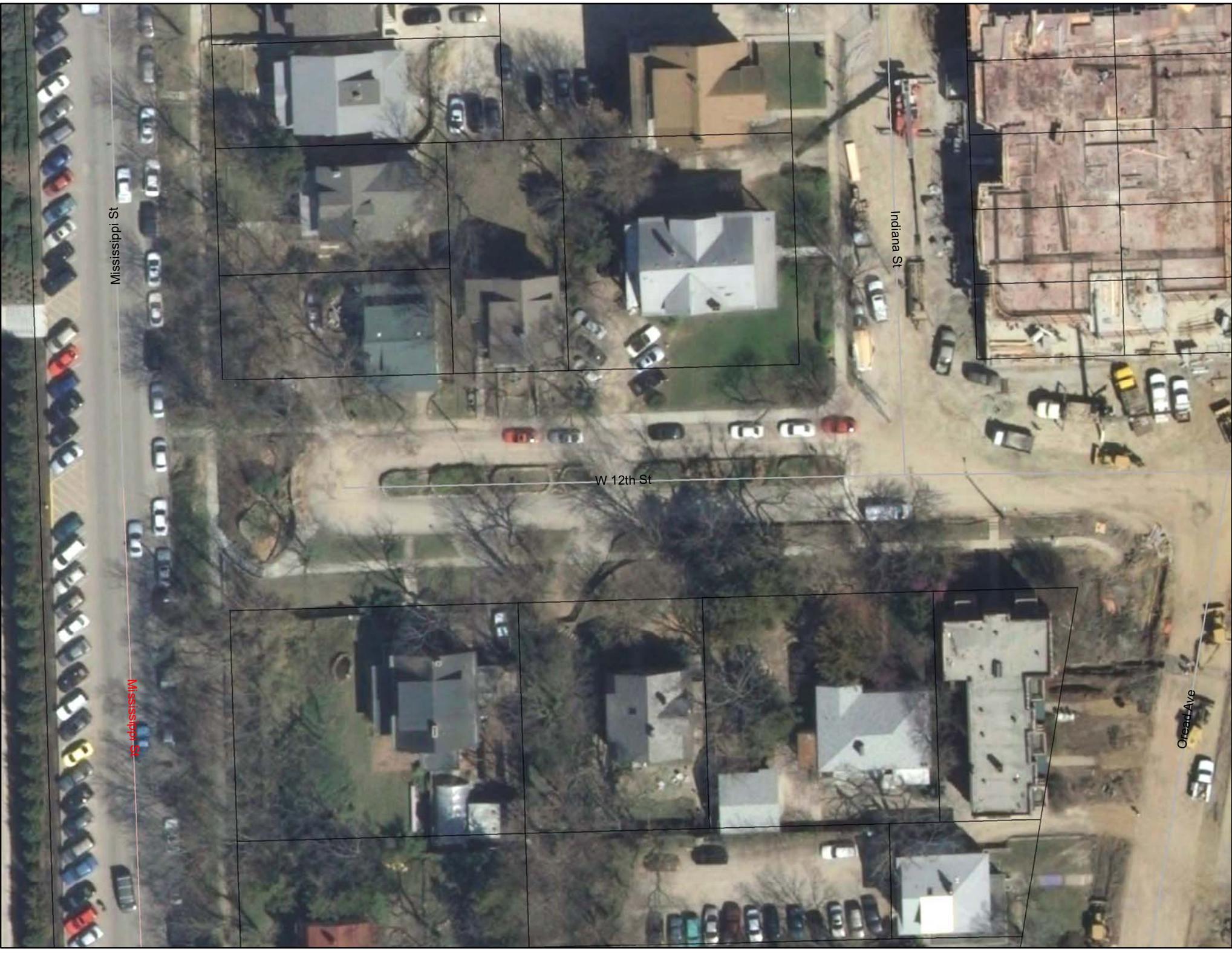
**Ryan Schmidt, resident**

**Shane Reynolds, resident**

**Brian Harmon, resident**

**Jake Koester, resident**

**Diana Robinson, parent of Sean Robinson**



Mississippi St

Indiana St

W 12th St

Orchard Ave

Mississippi St