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Subject: 500 block of Dakota St.

To Mayor Schumm and city commissioners,  
I also live in the Park Hill neighborhood and am daily concerned about the speed of cars through the area. I want to support Carol's statements below and as she has done, request that the commission deny the request to remove parking, and that parking remain as is, on the 500 block of Dakota Street.  
Thank you, Rhonda Houser

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From: carol.bowen@gmail.com  
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To Mayor Schumm and city commissioners,

As I promised, I took this issue to the Parkhill Neighborhood Association board. The board showed no interest in the issue. So, the comments below are my own.

Since I do live on Dakota Street, I am requesting that the commission deny the request to remove parking for the following reasons.

\* Residents on the 500 block of Dakota did not request the change. Given that the block is short, these residents have just enough parking space for their own vehicles and guests.

\* I have not seen cars parked too close to the intersection. Vehicles have to negotiate on rare occasion which should be expected on a local street. We use Dakota Street to access Louisiana Street frequently without incident.

\* In 2008-2009, the city did a traffic study at the neighborhood's request. A traffic calming device at the intersection of Ohio and Dakota Streets was warranted because of speeding traffic

and failure to yield. The neighborhood rejected the option because they did not want yellow posts.

\* Dakota Street is a local street, but many drivers use the street to avoid the Louisiana and 23rd Street traffic light. In T2030, page 19, the character of local streets should be preserved.

The least expensive traffic calming device is to allow parking on both sides of a local street.

\* Drivers turning onto or off of Dakota Street tend to drive faster than they should.

Accommodating faster traffic would eventually change the character and the safety of the local street. Given the lack of sidewalks and curved streets, faster traffic should be discouraged.

\* A lot of pedestrians walk through the Dakota and Ohio Street intersection to the Malls and to Checkers.

The counter-request would be to install yield signs at the Ohio and Dakota intersection and a rumble strip on the 500 block of Dakota Street in addition to the removed parking. Again, I am requesting that the parking be left as is. If the requesters wish to pursue their request, they should approach the Parkhill Neighborhood Association, especially since, the 500 block of Dakota is not their own block.

Thank you for giving me the time to take this issue to the association board.

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