109 Edgelea Road

1. Vehicles parked there belong to 1909 Edgelea Road
2. Where will they park there vehicles if disabled parking is approved
3. The parking at 1909 Edgelea Road disabled parking will only be used for 2 min. in morning and afternoon time.
4. This will take away parking for people needing parking from 19th street
5. Who can park there when vacant, will they have to get handicap tag or handicap license plate
6. If this disabled parking is approved for west side of Edgelea Road. There are signs up saying no parking on east side of street. There will be a problem of vehicles wanting to park on the east side of Edgelea Road, which will make it hard to get out or in without hitting vehicles
7. If approved they will use it for their own use, their vehicles will not have any handicap tag or handicap license plate on them, no other handicap persons will be able to use the disabled parking space. The space at 1909 Edgelea Road should not be approved.
8. If this gets approved the Police Department will have to check on the disabled parking space about three times a day to make sure vehicles parking in the space have proper handicap ID on them
From: Lisa Roush [mailto:LisaRoush74@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 11:05 AM
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Subject: Proposed disabled parking 1909 Edgelea

Good morning, Mr. Baker,

I received a letter in the mail regarding proposed disabled parking on the street for residents at 1909 Edgelea. While I would not request denial of such services for someone in need, I do have a few concerns and questions regarding this request from these particular neighbors.

First, what affect will this have on the neighborhood. They already have three vehicles that they park on the street in front of their house, and the neighbors house to the south of them. And their driveway sits empty. They finally got rid of the huge RV that sat there for years unmoved and that seemed to either have someone living in it or was extended junk storage. I’ve never seen them have to struggle to find a place to park in front of their house. One of the vehicles parked on the street (grey minivan) gets moved maybe twice a year (probably when neighbors call and complain), and seems to always be used as junk storage.

Second, according to city records this is a rental. But there doesn't seem to be any contact information for the landlord. The property has not been maintained by the tenants nor the landlord. If there is a disability in the family (not evident), the whole property is an accident waiting to happen for whoever is the disabled party. What is a large area of disabled parking on the street going to help?

Perhaps they are hoping to have these spaces on the street reserved so they don’t have to park in front of the neighbors house to the south of them. There is still a question of why they aren't using their driveway for at least one of the vehicles.

I'm sorry if this sounds disrespectful to them. But these particular neighbors have been an issue for the neighborhood for many years. And complaints to them personally, to the city and calls to police and animal control (dog barking for hours on end, RV sitting on the street for months, then in the driveway for years, toilet sitting in the front yard for weeks, unmowed backyard, collection of junk piles, etc.) have had very little impact on overall behavior.

Even as I write this, in the back of my mind there is the thought that there may be issues that I don’t understand, and that I don't know how to help them with. But spending city money on what seems to be unnecessary disabled parking seems to me to be not addressing their root issues.

Thank you for your time in reading this, and for keeping the neighborhood informed.

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(My house is directly to the north of 1909 Edgelea)
Mr. Baker,

Thank you for the letter notifying area residents of the disabled parking request for our street; I had no idea there was an issue. I do have several questions about the request and would like to express my concern about the parking restriction.

First off, before making this designation I request the city enforce existing parking violations that occur in the Location Map. There are vehicles in the Location Map that DO NOT MOVE for weeks at a time. Please address these violations before placing restrictions.

Could you please explain the reason behind the request? The letter I received indicated an area resident made the request, however the "Agendas and Minutes" tab of the city website (which didn't initially list the additional information your letter directed me to) lists the item on the agenda as a "staff recommendation". Could you clarify?

The Location Map in your letter appears to be 2-3 parking spaces? Is this the proposal?

How many "disabled" parking restrictions are on residential streets in our city? I'm not familiar with any; could you please provide an example for me to experience?

Every home on Edgelea has room for at least one vehicle in the driveway which would be much closer for a disabled individual to get in and out of a vehicle/to their home than a spot on the street. Parking is restricted to one side of Edgelea already, so spots are already very limited. While I wish to be supportive of my neighbors' needs, this request doesn't seem warranted and I do not support it.

I appreciate your feedback. I look forward to hearing more on Monday the meeting.

Thank you,

Lana Scott
Thank you so very much for all of your information! I certainly sympathize with the situation and the needs of their child. However, the requesting residents rarely park in their own driveway and have a vehicle that is parked in front of their house for weeks at a time. Until recently they also had a camper trailer permanently parked in their driveway. It seems to me there are plenty of alternative solutions.

Thanks again and I hope I can make it Monday!

Lana Scott
Robert Mitchell,

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Robert called to say he was against the request to assign spots for disabled parking on Edgelea. He said it is a public street, there is only parking on one side of the street, and many neighbors use that limited number of street parking spaces. He said there is a driveway the requestor does not use that they could park in.