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Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2018 10:49 AM
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Subject: parking restriction area 7

Elizabeth< Councilwoman Noecker,

I am writing this letter in regards to the upcoming hearing of 6/20/18 to consider resident only parking for a portion of area 7.

I started the Day by Day cafe in 1975 and moved to the current location at 475-79 in 1980. There are 5 businesses on our block. I know that parking is a problem and I sympathize with the local residents however if this proposed parking restriction is allowed it would make sense that all the current parking would move to the north side of West Seventh st. and soon these residents would be overwhelmed and probably start a petition to have the same rules.

It would not seem feasible that the existing businesses could function without this parking and probable would cause one or more to fail or move thus leaving possible empty storefronts or conversion to apartments which would certainly be bad for the future of the commercial viability of this area.

I have contacted the other businesses on the block and we are trying to approach two private lots in the area but it is not very likely that is a solution.

I have discussed the idea of trying to start a new petition with a compromise that would be resident parking with two hour limit for others. I would like to see this current hearing either turned down or postponed to have the time to start this compromise petition.

Thank you for your time

Greg ekbom

Dear Ms. Noecker,

I'm traveling out of the country but just wanted to support the postponement or rejection of the petition as written. I think resident parking only would be too restrictive and have damaging unplanned consequences to the businesses in the immediate area. It seems a two hour restriction would make everyone mostly happy and might be a smarter long term solution. Parking is tricky here as I'm sure you know- I live on W. 7th (above Claddagh) so I certainly understand the issues residents raise. Being a business owner (River Garden yoga center) and property owner (455-459 W. 7th, 506 W. 7th), I also appreciate the need for customers to have short term parking options close to their business.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeffrey Austin
Director, River Garden yoga center

I don't think eliminating all parking is good for the businesses in the area.
2 hour parking 7am-8pm Except by Permit Area 7' which solves most of the issue of all day parking by commuters.

Councilwoman Noecker and Ms. Stiffler -

I write to you as a concerned citizen and regular patron of not only 'The Day By Day Cafe', but countless other businesses on W. 7th St.

I'm writing in support of refusing or postponement of the original petition that has been submitted to change the parking on the blocks of Goodrich and Douglas across W. 7th from The Day By Day to resident parking only.

As the former owner of 229 Ann St, and as someone looking to move back down into the W. 7th St neighborhood, I feel St. Paulites who buy homes on and immediately off business corridors need to exercise the mantra of "buyer beware". St. Paul (nor any City for that matter) can expect to have their cake and eat it too when it comes to encouraging business while not respecting how most people still travel... By car.

The draconian measures of banning consumer parking and/or instigating oppressive and inconvenient parking fees (meters) will only result in a reversal of fortune for this neighborhood.

I would entertain any discussion you might be willing to have, but would hope you would vote in a manner that will encourage and strengthen businesses in the area as opposed to hindering them

Respectfully,

Aaron Courteau

1354 St. Clair Ave., formerly of 229 Ann St.

From: Cathy Fletcher

270 Goodrich Ave.

St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Ms. Stiffler,

Please remove my name, at this time, from the petition for restricted parking on Douglas Street and Goodrich Avenue. I've been advised by a neighbor that the petition is "all or nothing" and, if approved, would completely limit parking to residents of the two streets. I don't think that's a good solution as we have an 8 unit apartment building that would be left out and small businesses who have customers that need parking for an hour or two that need accommodations. I was not aware of some of these issues or that the parking restriction would be total when I signed. I think there needs to be a middle ground to provide solutions for my neighbors and local businesses (maybe 2 hour limit on parking on Douglas and Goodrich except those with a permit or permit only from 5 pm to 7 am). Therefore, I don't support the petition for total restriction on parking on Douglas and Goodrich to residents.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cathy Fletcher

From: Tracey Wasson Poletes [<mailto:trpoletes@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 7:54 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2

Subject: Goodrich Ave Residential Parking

Dear Ms. Noecker,

I have some thoughts and feelings to share with you about the parking situation relating to Greg Ekbohm, John Yust and our little block. (Goodrich-Douglas & Smith)

Goodrich Ave parking has gone from bad dream to nightmare relatively quickly, and is on its way to getting much worse.

I've lived here since 1993 and am more frustrated now, by far, than anytime previous. We used to joke that we could tell when the State hockey tournaments were going on because our street would fill up. Now, we almost throw a party if all the residents get to park near their house (within two houses).

Bad Weather Brewery was a tire store. The alley was an alley. Now, it's busier than the street sometimes, depending on what specials or events either or both bars (Waldmann) are having. Vehicles park beyond the parking lot into the alley, and it's now like a two-way street back there. My backyard is no longer my sanctuary.

I'm not against any business. In fact, I'm a big supporter of small businesses. When Bad Weather came around with their petition, I signed it. I had some reservations, but spoke with Joe & he addressed them. Sadly, I was right and the promises turned out to be empty, but at least I had a chance to approve or not.

What I can't believe is how one man's influence can make a simple thing so divisive just for his own self-service. John Yust has a conflict of interest by living on Goodrich while having a business and other interests in this issue.

The fact that he had the area in on Smith Ave rezoned, added a business knowing he wouldn't offer parking, changed parking in front of only his business (adding more cars to our street), negates the argument of "it all has to be the same."

It also seems very unfair that we suffer because half a block of houses WITH DRIVEWAYS doesn't want to sign a petition their neighbor told them not to sign. They really don't need to be included and shouldn't punish those of us without driveways.

First: Hockey tourneys Then: Concerts, St. Patrick's Day, 4th of July, Winter Carnival, other events. Now: all that plus constant foot traffic in front of and behind the house. My dogs had finally figured out who the neighbors were so they didn't need to bark. Since they warn us when strangers walk by, it's all the time now.

Car alarms

Arguments

Happy, loud drunks

Loitering in alley from 7th to Smith

People parking where they shouldn't

Cars getting hit

Cars getting left in street over many days

Garbage/ashtrays being dumped in street/on boulevard

Busy two-way traffic in the alley

Knocking down very old concrete pillars of 118 Douglas' wall (fence)

Rather than rambling any more than I have already, I'll close this letter, but there is more. I just wanted to get on record sooner rather than later than I already am. Thank you for your time.

Hopeful,

Tracey Wasson Poletes

241 Goodrich Ave

Hello Rebecca. We live at 56 Leech Street. This is Area 7 parking permit area. I STRONGLY OPPOSE any changes to our permit parking. We do not have a full driveway our garage, similar to many of our neighbors. Adjusting for Waldmann etc does not help your constituents retain parking spots in front of their homes. My wife and I are against any changes. Thank you, Stephanie Moss

From: Tom Schroeder [<mailto:tom@waldmannbrewery.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 4:38 PM

To: Maki, Taina (CI-StPaul)

Cc: Noecker, Rebecca (CI-StPaul); Radel, Jamie (CI-StPaul); Becky Yust; Becky Yust; Emily Northey

Subject: Re: Tonight's Parking Resolution

Thanks Taina, the map looks great but the wording of the resolution itself is still in error. If the map rules I'm good!

Also, I would still like to propose that the "2 Hour Parking Except by Permit" area on Goodrich be extended one-half block up Smith, to the alley before McBoal. It's a parking slaughterhouse in front of Waldmann on the east side, with nightly ticketing (literally) by St. Paul Parking Enforcement. People are not intentionally violating the parking rules; Smith is the most complicated street in Area 7 from a parking standpoint, the signage is poor, the restrictions counter-intuitive and people don't understand them.

Respectfully, Tom

Tom Schroeder, Proprietor

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