From: Kevin Marquardt [mailto:kevmarq@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 6:53 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Allianz Parking

I am a Hamline Midway resident. I live north of Thomas Avenue and East of Snelling about a half mile north of the Allianz stadium. Every single soccer game the streets are lined from University up to Minnehaha with cars. This prevents me and my guests from finding any parking before, during, and sometimes after each game. While I understand I live in a city (which I love), it does present challenges not finding parking, especially for my neighbors who are elderly. I am thankful for the work done on the transportation study, but I strongly urge you to consider parking permits for residents and their guests on game days.

I heard there were discussions about having permit parking for the neighborhoods south of University. If people aren't permitted to park there, they'll move north making it harder for us to finding parking. Can you include our neighborhood (North of University and East of Snelling) in the parking permit area just for games? As I look out my window right now, every spot on Pascal Street North is taken nearly up to Minnehaha.
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Kevin D. Marquardt

Council Members,

I am writing in **support** of the Petition to Expand permit parking area 8 (between Asbury and Pascal on Iglehart, Carroll, and Concordia Avenues). I understand the public hearing on this matter is tomorrow.

I am not in the expansion area, but live immediately adjacent to the area. I have witnessed increased and dangerous car traffic resulting from the opening of Allianz Field. People literally race down the street, make hasty u-turns, all in an effort to grab one of the few spaces available. I witnessed a neighbor walking her dog almost struck by a car and I am amazed there has not already been an accident.

Without regard to Allianz Field - this area is already subject to parking from area business employees. The area is surrounded by businesses such as Dermatology Consultants, Tires Plus, Yellow Cab, commercial businesses on the east side of Pascal, and others. Myself and neighbors also regularly witness people riding the A-line or the train who park in the area and then walk to the bus or train.

I want to show my support for my neighbors request for permit parking and I encourage you to support them as well.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jambor

June 19, 2019

Dear St. Paul City Council,

Please note the following regarding RES PH 19 -191 & RES PH 19-189 (Residental Permit Parking Requests):

The majority of houses in Areas 4 & 8 which are requesting residential permit parking on the city streets have off street parking available in the rear of the homes.

Residents in these areas should not require permit parking when off street parking is available to them.

Some residents are renting out their off street parking spots during games thus causing an unnecessary need for them to park on the city streets.

The news article below from Kare 11 (dated 4/24/19) reports the fact that homeowners are renting out their parking spots. This supports the fact that permit parking in these areas is not required.

If permit parking is approved in these areas, cars will simply park a bit further away. Any issues with parking will be transferred to another location.

Thank you,
Michael

Mikesgtf12@gmail.com

https://www.kare11.com/article/news/solving-parking-problems-at-allianz-field/89-db8fdd22-8471-4292-b757-d76c6c2c35a3

From: Hamann, Doni [mailto:DoniHamann@edinarealty.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 10:59 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Permit Parking ward 4

Hi Jane: I'm a voice from your past... Doni Hamann. I just want to say thank you for trying to get some clarification today from the council when they indicated there would be some changes to the permit parking so it was going to be held over. Yet, they could not say what that meant. It was so confusing. Thank you. I'm just so frustrated, as I feel like the council may already have made up their minds. It is frustrating when businesses get up there and oppose it, and they get to go home at night and park in front of their homes. I will try to speak next Wednesday and I do thank you for trying to get some clarification today. Thanks again.

Doni Hamann

Susannah Dodge 1467 Iglehart Ave called about the parking permit request in Ward 1 and stated that she feels that the 2 different zones should be looked separately as the Ward 1 permit parking would be 2x3 block expansion and what Ward 4 (zone 4) is requesting, would be a whole new parking permit. Susannah feels that the Ward 4 request is having a negative impact on the Ward 1 parking permit request.

Hi. I am Rosie Voigt and I would like to Express my support for the permit parking expansion in area 8 by the new soccer stadium. It is truly a zoo in our area before, during and after a game. Traffic/speeding/trash/illegal parking/noise. For me the specific danger of going out for my nightly walk.
I hope you agree that we meet the "public policy and purpose " as stated in chapter 164 of the city code.
We could really use your help and support.

Rosie Voigt
Homeowner
1506 Carroll ave.

From: Gretchen Nguyen [mailto:gnguyen@mhresources.com]
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 4:08 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Ann Henderson <ahenderson@mhresources.com>
Subject: Proposed Parking Restriction

Hello,

I wanted to follow up on the comments I entered into record on Wednesday June 19, 2019 regarding the proposed parking restriction for ward 4.

As I mentioned at the Public Hearing, the proposal in its current form would have a negative impact on the St. Paul Residents we serve. MHR's Substance Use Disorder Clinic (formerly Mn Alternatives), located at 1650 Carroll Ave provides necessary outpatient programing that includes both scheduled and drop-in services. Many of the people we serve face barriers and obstacles when seeking treatment. It is in their interest for these barriers to be eliminated and not added to.

Our Clinic operates from 11:00am – 8:00pm Monday – Thursday and 11:00am- 5:00pm on Fridays. We have 7 assigned parking spaces in the parking lot we share next to our office. Seven employees regularly work out of this location and about 16 individuals utilize services. Some of our clients do utilize taxi cabs or metro mobility rides. These services are not options for all of our clients nor are they always consistent for those who do utilize them. Our current parking needs are not met by the limited parking lot access. Our employees and clients rely on available street parking. If the proposal were implemented we would be restricted to parking on the one side of the street in front of our building. And all others, who do not have permits, would also need to utilize the single side of available parking. The proposal, as is, would make it impossible to have parking at our location on game days and would likely impact available parking on all other days.

We believe there are alternative solutions to the current proposal. Based on the comments I heard on Wednesday, it sounds appropriate to first address the lack of enforcement of the regulations already in place. Another option is to allow the businesses and employees, impacted by this proposal, to also purchase permits. Alternatively a solution of not allowing parking during the 20 games a year would greatly scale back the negative impact of this proposal on the neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns I am available to chat by email, phone or in person at our Carroll Avenue office.

Gretchen Nguyen

From: KC Cox <kelabrescue@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 7:03 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Area 8 Permit Parking

Monday, June 24, 2019

Council Member Thao-

I live at 1501 Carroll Ave in St. Paul and I write this communication to you in support of the request for Permit Parking extension of Area 8. I have been a part of a group of my neighbors who began this permit parking process almost one year ago. Even though I have a driveway and rarely park on the street, I know that most of my neighbors need to park on the street. There is also an increase in traffic and this traffic is speeding as they are trying to find an open space. Also, after an evening event is over (after 10:00 pm), there is the noise from the cars and the people.

On June 18 there was an event at Allianz Stadium. My street was completely filled with parked vehicles, which I expected based on past events. However, I was unable to get into my driveway because two people decided to park on my driveway apron, and a vehicle was parked directly across from my driveway, which made the turning radius extremely small. I eventually made it into my driveway but with much difficulty. I telephoned the non-emergency police line to report this issue. They passed the information on the Parking Enforcement. Parking enforcement arrived some time later and placed tickets on the two offending vehicles. I realize that this problem will exist for part of the year, but I feel as a home owner that I should have an expectation that I can enter my driveway at any time. For this reason, I continue to support this request and would appreciate your support as well.

Sincerely

KC (Karen) Cox

Daniel Jambor
1555 Iglehart Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104
763-228-4958

Councilmember Dai Thao
City of St. Paul
15 Kellogg Blvd West
St. Paul, Minnesota 55012

June 23, 2019

Councilmember Thao,

I am writing to ask for your support for the residents on Concordia, Carroll and Iglehart Avenues who are requesting an expansion of Permit Parking Area 8. These neighbors have worked diligently over the past year, with numerous phone calls, emails and meetings with City staff. They have far exceeded the required number of signatures on their Petition and they received the support of the Union Park District Council Transportation Committee as well as the **unanimous** support of the full UPDC Board.

The City Code, Ch. 164, provides that the purpose of residential permit parking is to protect "residential areas within the city which are adjacent to or very near intense nonresidential uses which do not provide adequate off-street parking." That language very accurately describes the Petition Area and Allianz Field. Residents frequently see Allianz Field employees parking in the neighborhood, as well as visitors to the stadium and commuters. All of this has combined to place tremendous pressure on the availability of parking, along with speeding and other dangerous driving, noise, and pollution. City staff noted last Wednesday that on event days, there is **no** available parking in the area. This creates a tremendous hardship on the many senior citizens, and others, in my neighborhood who need convenient access to their homes.

The City traffic engineer (Elizabeth Stiffler, PE), at a public hearing before the UPDC Transportation Committee on April 8th, noted that the hardest hit area around a site like Allianz Field is the ¼ mile surrounding that business. Essentially, she stated that literally everyone will jump at the chance for free parking within ¼ mile of a stadium but beyond that distance the demand drops. The proposed expansion of Area 8 is fully within that ¼ mile. I would also note that Mrs. Stiffler commented that the April 8th public hearing was the largest attendance – by far – of any community gathering she has attended on parking issues. It was also the largest attendance at any UPDC Transportation Committee meeting.

I urge you to support my neighbors and their petition for permit parking.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jambor

From: Bao Vang [mailto:vang.bao@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:32 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: Joe Hughes
Subject: Proposed New Area 4 and Area 8 Expansion permit parking

Dear Councilmembers Jalali Nelson and Thao:

My name is Bao Vang, one of the owners of Firebox. We are expanding our business to 1585 Marshall Avenue and construction is currently underway.

It's my understanding that there is a current petition for permit parking just north of our location, and another just east of Snelling Avenue.

We are excited about the urban setting of our new location and that the neighborhood is one that seems to support urban economic development. There are many small businesses (many of which are minority or women owned) within walking distance of the proposed permit parking areas and this would have a detrimental impact on those businesses. Small businesses have plenty of challenges; and this would just add to the that long list.

We are very concerned about the impact this would have on our business. During our evaluation of the location, this was not something that was factored in as it was not in place at the time. We do not support permit parking as it would deter people to patronize businesses.

I implore you both to consider not only the residents of those in the immediate areas of the petitions, but also of the residents and businesses in the surrounding areas.

Thank you,

Bao Vang

From: Danette Lincoln [mailto:danettelincoln@live.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 12:53 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Permitted Parking Zone 4

June 25, 2019

RE: Permitted Parking Zone 4

Dear City Council Members,

I wanted to address the parking concerns voiced by a couple business owners at the last city council meeting on June 19, 2019, and their opposition to permitted parking in Zone 4. I would like to present some information that would help to reduce or alleviate some of the parking concerns they/you may have.

To clarify from the onset, there were business owners from two distinct areas voicing opposition. Only one business owner was present that would be directly impacted by permitted parking in Zone 4. The other business owners represented the Snelling/Selby area, not in Zone 4.

Concerning the objection from the property owner of 1630-1642 Carroll Avenue in Zone 4 and his renter MN Alternatives occupying 1650 Carroll Avenue, I would like to state that the street parking surrounding these addresses would not be designated permitted parking. So in addition to the four onsite parking areas this property has, (one which can accommodate 10-12 cars, another 20-22 cars, the remaining two roughly 3-4 cars) there will be 5 public-non permitted spots on Fry, 12-13 public-non permitted spots on Carroll immediately surrounding the building. In addition, a few feet from MN Alternatives' front door to the RR tracks is additional public, non-parking on both sides of Carroll and around the corner on Pierce, again more public-non-permitted parking. I would like to add that these spots are not used by the residents in the neighborhood and would be available for use by the occupants of the above mentioned addresses. Game days will provide competition for those spots; however, it will be no different than what is being experienced now. So, in my opinion, permitted parking will have little to no impact to these addresses.

I would also note that until recently, the parking on Fry (west side) was a no parking zone. Last summer, I requested the no parking zone be removed since there didn't seem to be a need. Traffic management reviewed the request and was able to remove the restriction and five more public parking spots were added to 1630 Carroll Avenue.

Lastly, I'd like to address the business owners' concerns of Snelling/Selby. On game days, I believe whether or not there is permitted parking in Zone 4, the congestion and traffic for those businesses will remain the same because of their close proximity to the stadium. The parking spots around those businesses are already being utilized on game day, and it's not because of permitted parking in Zone 4.

A Goggle search of Carroll Avenue will provide a very accurate photo glimpse of the off/on street parking available to businesses in the area.

Sincerely,
Danette Lincoln

From: John Adams <jmadams1128@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 1:41 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Permit Parking Carroll Ave

Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

Dai,

Please support the permit parking expansion for Carroll Ave. During stadium events, residents in our neighborhood are unable to park at a reasonable distance to our homes during the 2 hours before the event and half hour after the event. Our block is surrounded by commercial zoning. This gives us no buffer to find parking a block or so

away. I have attached pictures of Carroll and Igelhart during a recent game. The street is at 100% capacity for parking.

Very few lots in our neighborhood are large enough for driveways.

I am very glad the Minnesota United chose St. Paul for their home and paid for their stadium without public funding, but we need a method of forcing event attendees to use the transportation methods set in place for the stadium, park, and ride, Light rail, commercial parking lots, drop off zones etc... People are budget conscious and lazy by human nature. If it's free to park two blocks from the stadium people will.

Would you want to live in a place where you couldn't leave your residence during certain hours? My family typically comes over for Sunday Dinner. I am fortunate to have a driveway, so I have not had to stop this practice, but my neighbors are not so fortunate.

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