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PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm
Public Forum

PRESENT:
City Councilor Mark Coen
City Councilor Allen Bennett
City Councilor Jennifer Kretovic
Intown Concord Representative Tonya Rochette
Parking Clerk Alison Sinisgallo
Parking Manager Dave Florence

ABSENT:
City Councilor Fred Keach
Intown Concord Representative Pam Peterson
Community Representative Jeff Bart
Concord Area Transit Representative Jim Sudak
Chamber of Commerce Representative Mark Ciborowski
Intown Concord Representative Sue McCoo

GUESTS:
Deputy City Manager Carlos Baia
Chief of Police John Duval
Traffic Engineer Rob Mack
City Councilor Keith Nyhan
Facilities Director Concord School District Matt Cashman
Transportation Director Concord School District Terry Crotty
Local Home Owner Chris Beauchemin
Local Home Owner Sherry Burbank
Local Home Owner Paul Halvorsen
Local Home Owner Alison Nyhan
Local Home Owner Lucille Runde
Local Home Owner Warren Runde

Monthly Review Items

Public Forum called to discuss parking concerns in the area of the Abbott-Downing School. Monthly Reviews Items were not discussed.

Public Forum

City Councilor Mark Coen asked the Home Owners in attendance to share their concerns relative to Parking in the area around Abbott-Downing School.

Home Owner Warren Runde expressed concern for the safety of students and pedestrians at the corner of South St. and Conant Dr. Vehicles park on South St. too close to the intersection at Conant Dr. and along both sides of Conant Dr. during school drop off and pick up times. Mr. Runde is also concerned that the number of School Buses turning North onto South St. from Conant Dr. are adding to the congestion. Mr. Runde suggested sending the buses to Clinton St via Springfield St. and Norwich St. Transportation Director Concord School District Terry Crotty will examine the current routes and see if changes can be made.

Home Owner Chris Beauchemin questioned the effectiveness of creating new No Parking zones considering the existing No Parking zone on the South/West side of Conant Dr. between Winant St. and Springfield St. is rarely enforced. Chief of Police John Duval said there will be an increased Police presence in the area. Home Owner Sherry Burbank suggested that enforcement of the existing No Parking zones as well as any future No Parking zones should begin with education, tickets only being issued for willful non-compliance. Mr. Beauchemin and Mr. Duval agreed.

Home Owner Paul Halvorsen raised concerns for the safety of students being dropped off on Bow St. A large number of vehicles parked along both sides of Bow St. and students are let out of vehicles, often on the road way side and need to navigate their way to a sidewalk. Mr. Halvorsen suggested banning parking along both sides Bow St. from South St. to the crosswalk, as well as both sides of Carter St. during drop off and pick up times. Mr. Halvorsen asked if the existing No Parking zone on South St. could be changed to drop off and pick up times, so that all zones are consistent in the area. Traffic Engineer Rob Mack stated that there is not enough of a shoulder on South St. to allow parking.

Mr. Warren suggested that all of the side streets in the immediate area be posted as No Stopping, No Standing, No Parking 7am to 9am and 2pm to 4pm Monday through Friday September through June, as well as South St. from the existing No Parking zone to Wilson Ave. It was the general consensus of those in attendance that new ordinances should be enacted prohibiting parking in the area.

The Parking Committee will review this information at the next Committee Meeting and make a recommendation to City Council.