

Village Of Oak Park
Transportation Commission Agenda Item

Item Title: Recommendation to Extend Y7 Overnight On-Street Permit Parking and Remove Daytime Restrictions at 511 - 531 S Cuyler Avenue.

Review Date: November 9, 2021

Prepared By: Cinthya Redkva, Parking Restrictions Coordinator

Abstract:

On October 12, 2021, the Transportation Commission discussed staff's recommendation to extend the Y7 overnight zone by adding overnight permit parking on the west side of the 500 Block of South Cuyler, between 511 - 531 S. Cuyler Avenue. After discussing the staff recommendation, the Transportation Commission ultimately recommended adding overnight permit parking to the entirety of the west side of the 500 Block of S. Cuyler from the alley south of the CVS pharmacy to Adams Street, and replacing the current 2 hour parking restriction, 9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday to "3 hour parking 8 am - 8 pm Monday - Friday which are the daytime restrictions utilized in the parking pilot program area.

The Oak Park Village vehicle license overrides the "3 hour parking 8 am - 8 pm Monday - Friday" restriction, but it does not override street cleaning restrictions.

Since the meeting, Village staff has received feedback and concerns from residents of the block regarding the proposed recommendation. Additionally, staff wanted to ensure the Commission was aware that its revised recommendation to add overnight permit parking to the entirety of the west side of the block would require an Ordinance amendment. .

Staff Recommendation(s):

Staff recommends that the Transportation Commission approves extending the Y7 overnight zone by adding eleven (11) overnight parking spaces and replacing the current daytime restriction between 511 - 531 South Cuyler with No Parking Wednesday 8 am 10 am for street cleaning.

Supporting documentation attached.

MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 9, 2021

To: Transportation Commission

From: Cinthya Redkva

Re: Discussion to Extend Zone Y7 by adding Overnight Permit Parking on the west side of 500 S. Cuyler Avenue.

The Village currently maintains and manages 24-hour permit parking in Lot 44, which is owned by the Park District of Oak Park. Pursuant to the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the two entities, the Village must cease permit parking in Lot 44 effective January 1, 2022. The Village was recently notified by the Park District that Lot 44 could remain available for permit parking through February 28, 2021, therefore delaying the loss of parking. Permit holders have the option to continue utilizing the lot for an additional two months.

Lot 44 consists of 19, 24-hour permitted parking spaces. 52% of current Lot 44 permit holders live in the 500 block of S. Cuyler Avenue. In addition, zone Y7 consistently sells out towards the ends of the quarter.

To mitigate this imminent parking loss, staff brought forward a recommendation to the Transportation Commission at the October 12, 2021 meeting, to add overnight on-street permit parking, as part of the Y-7 Zone, on the west side of the 500 block of S. Cuyler Avenue, between 511 and 531 S. Cuyler Avenue. This street frontage would amount to approximately eleven (11) permitted parking spaces. Furthermore, staff recommended removing the daytime restriction (2-hour parking, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) on the same street frontage that overnight parking was proposed to be added. This would allow permit holders to continue to park on the street during the day. Street cleaning restrictions would remain in the permitted spaces.

The Commission ultimately moved to amend staff's recommendation by adding Y-7 permit parking on the entire west side of the 500 block of S. Cuyler Avenue, removing the two-hour daytime restriction and adding daytime restrictions consistent with the Parking Pilot Program as defined in Section 15-1-27 of the Oak Park Village Code on both sides of the 500 block of S. Cuyler Avenue.

Further discussion regarding the recommendations needs to occur due to the following reasons:

- The notification letters sent out to residents for the October 12, 2021 meeting did not include reference to changes to daytime restrictions between 511 - 531 S Cuyler Avenue. The revised notification letter ensures that residents have the ability to express their opinion at the November 9, 2021 meeting.
- Adding overnight permit parking past 750 feet from an R-7 zoned parcel would require an amendment to Ordinance 1995-0-68. This ordinance was last amended on November 7, 2020, increasing the street frontage of overnight parking zones to be within 915 feet from 750 feet of an R-7 Zoned Parcel. This was not discussed to Commissioners at the October 12, 2021 meeting and staff wants to clarify that the Commission's recommendation would not be a waiver or exception but rather an amendment to the Ordinance governing street frontage that may be eligible for overnight parking zones.

Current Parking Restrictions



R-7 Zoning Near 500 Block of South Cuyler Avenue



■ DT-1: Downtown Central Sub-District	 P-R: Right-Of-Way
■ DT-2: Hemingway Sub-District	 R-1: Single-Family Residential District
■ DT-3: Pleasant Sub-District	 R-2: Single-Family Residential District
 GC: General Commercial District	 R-3-35: Single-Family Residential District
 H: Hospital Zoning District	 R-3-50: Single-Family Residential District
 HS: Harrison Street Zoning District	 R-4: Single-Family Residential District
 I: Institutional Zoning District	 R-5: Two-Family Residential District
 MS: Madison Street Zoning District	 R-6: Multi-Family Residential District
 NA: North Avenue Zoning District	 R-7: Multi-Family Residential District
 NC: Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District	 RR: Roosevelt Road Form-Based
 OS: Open Space Zoning District	

531 S Cuyler Avenue

Multi - Family Buildings Zoned R-5 Near 500 Block of South Cuyler.

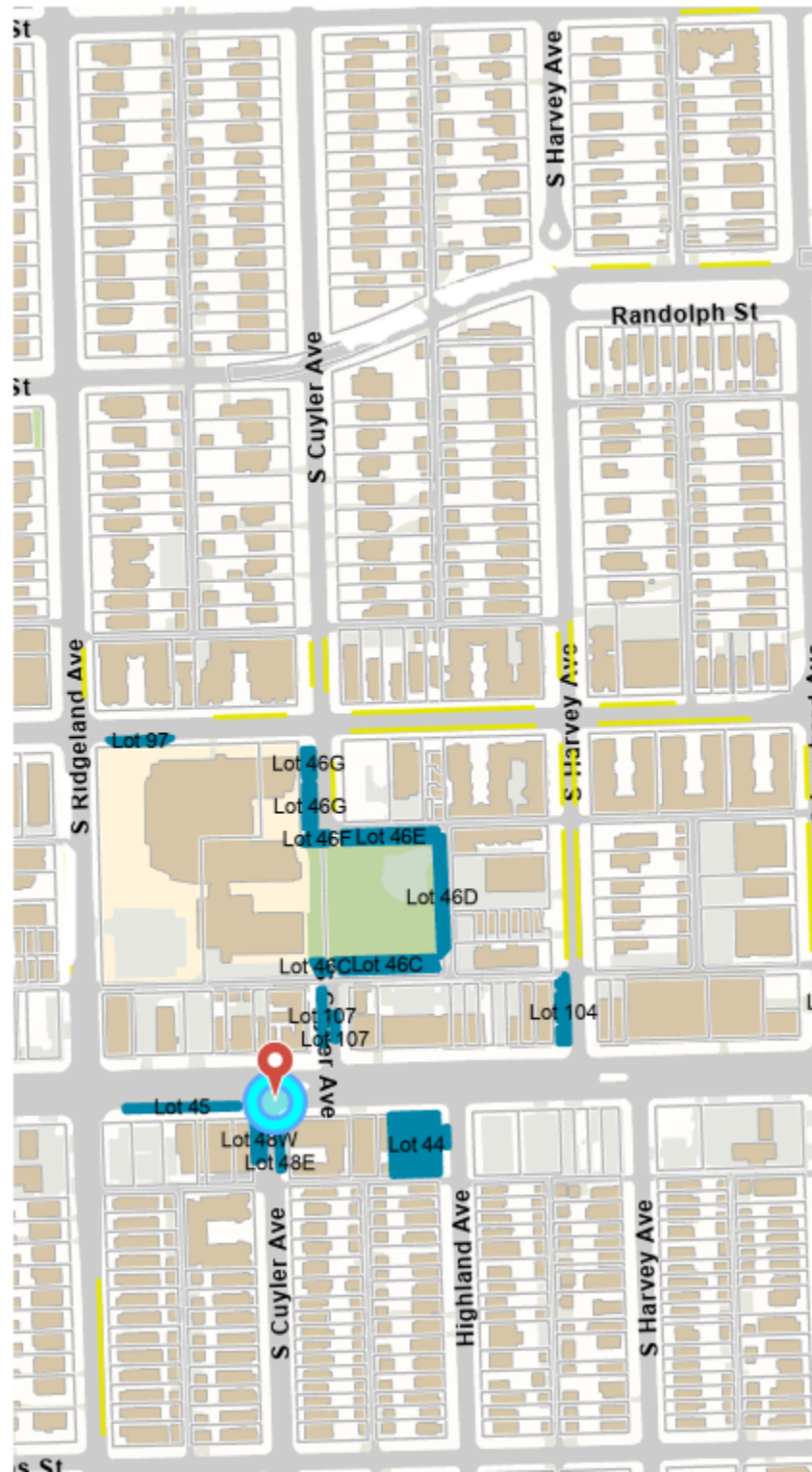


Two Multi-Family Buildings

504 - 508 = 30 Units.

511 - 521 = 43 Units.

Current On-street and Lot Permits Near 500 Block of South Cuyler Avenue



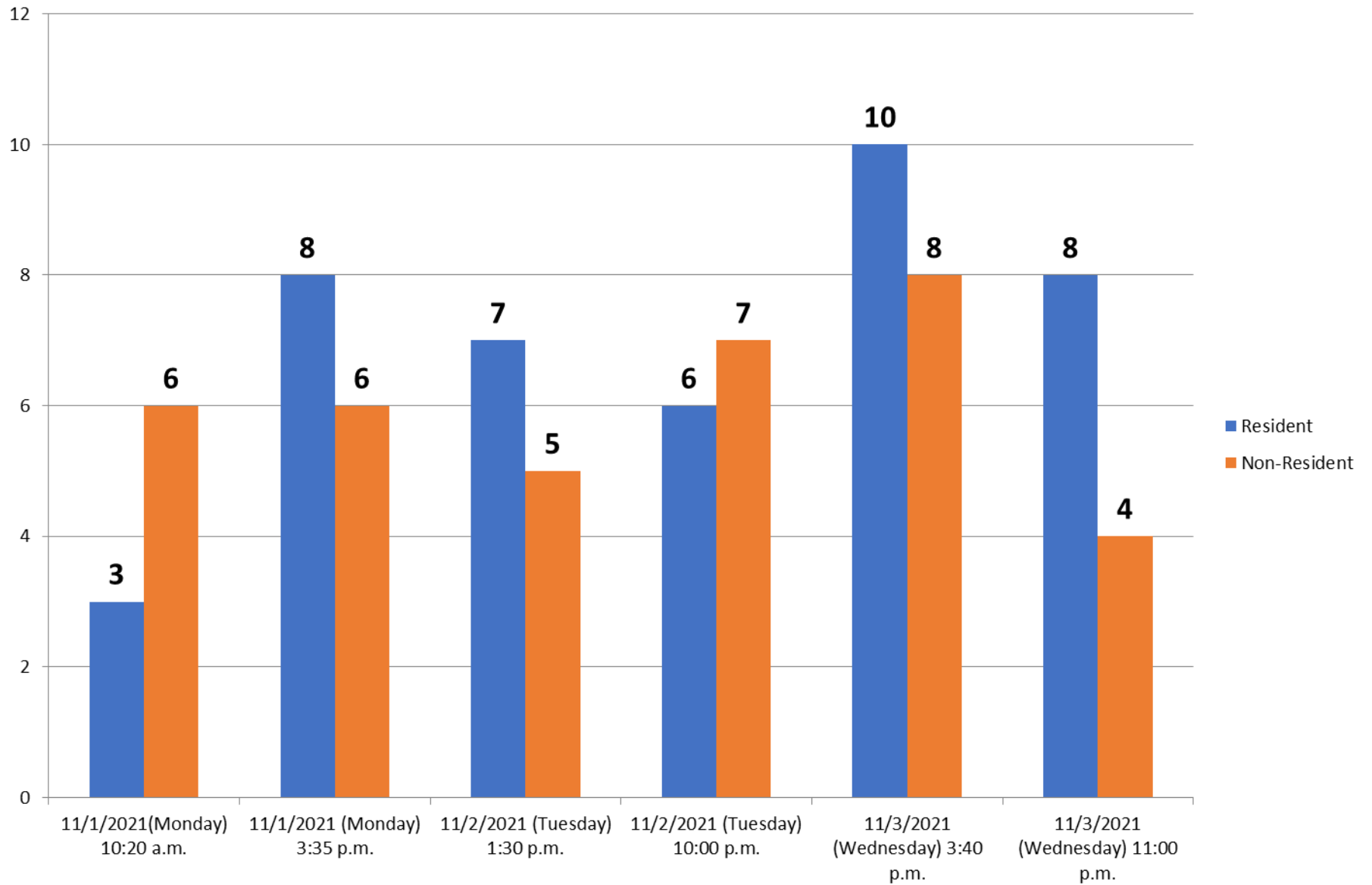
Current On-street and Lot Permit Availability Near 500 Block of South Cuyler Avenue

Permit Name	Capacity	Active	Available
Y7 - On Street	150	125	25
104: Night + 24HR	6	6	0
97: Night	4	1	3
46G: Night	11	8	3
46F: Night	3	3	0
46E: 24HR	20	20	0
46D: 24HR	18	18	0
46C:Night	20	15	5
107: Night	8	8	0
45: Night	9	9	0
48W:24 HR	8	8	0
48E: Night	4	4	0
44: 24HR	19	17	N/A
4-Nov-21			
Total Parking Spaces:	280	242	
Available:	38		

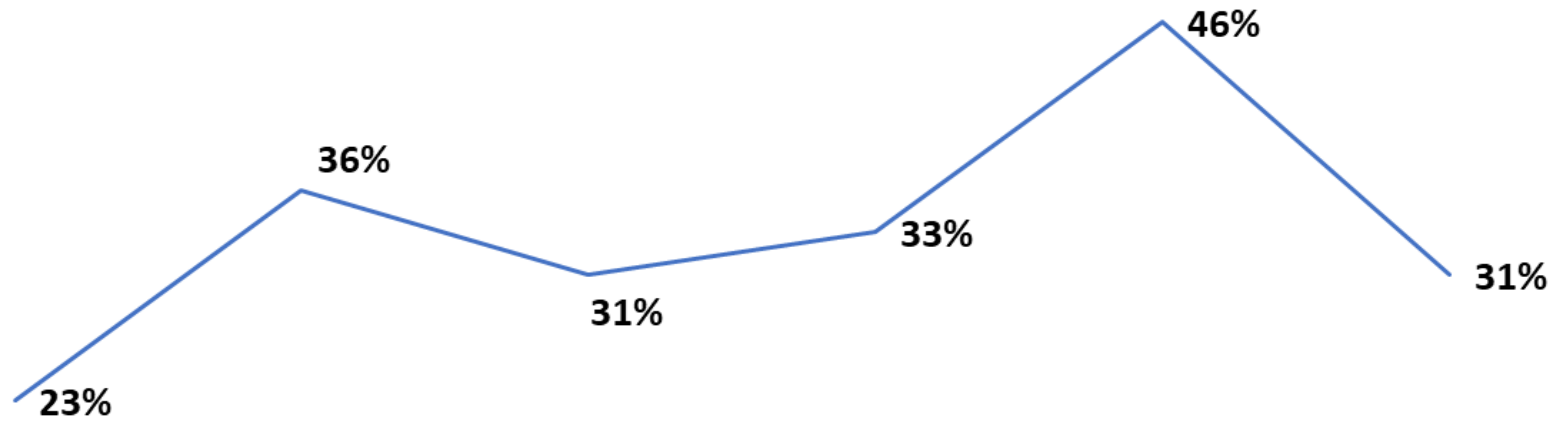
Permit Name	Capacity	Active	Available
Y7 - On Street	150	148	2
104: Night + 24HR	6	6	0
97: Night	4	1	3
46G: Night	11	11	0
46F: Night	3	2	1
46E: 24HR	20	19	1
46D: 24HR	18	18	0
46C:Night	20	9	11
107: Night	8	5	3
45: Night	9	7	2
48W:24 HR	8	6	2
48E: Night	4	4	0
44: 24HR	19	18	1
5-Oct-21			
Total Parking Spaces:	280		
Available:	26		

Car Counts								
500 S Cuyler Avenue								
(Alley to Adams Street)								
Sample #	Date	Time	Cars Parked	Spaces Open	Resident	Non-Resident	Capacity	%
1	11/1/2021(Monday)	10:20AM	9		3	6	39	23
2	11/1/2021 (Monday)	3:35PM	14		8	6	39	36
3	11/2/2021 (Tuesday)	1:30 PM	12		7	5	39	31
4	11/2/2021 (Tuesday)	10:00PM	13		6	7	39	33
5	11/3/2021 (Wednesday)	3:40PM	18		10	8	39	46
6	11/3/2021 (Wednesday)	11:00PM	12		8	4	39	30

500 S. Cuyler Vehicle Counts



Percentage of Block Capacity



11/1/2021 (Monday)
10:20 a.m.

11/1/2021 (Monday)
3:35 p.m.

11/2/2021 (Tuesday)
1:30 p.m.

11/2/2021 (Tuesday)
10:00 p.m.

11/3/2021
(Wednesday) 3:40 p.m.

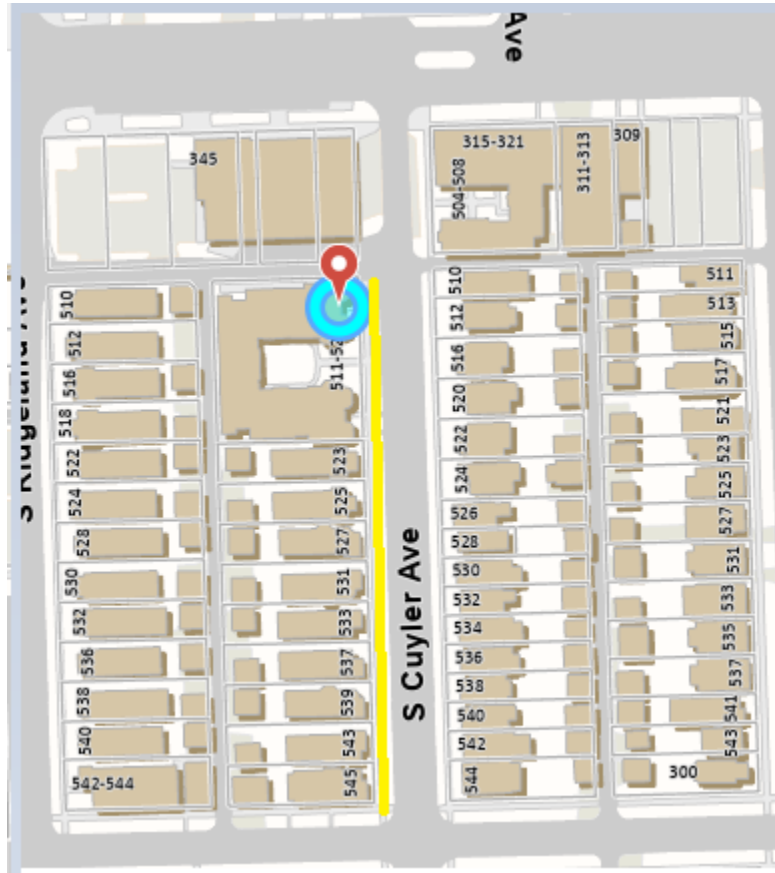
11/3/2021
(Wednesday) 11:00
p.m.

Staff Recommendation



- Add overnight permit parking on the west side of 500 S. Cuyler between 511 - 531 S. Cuyler Avenue.
- Remove 2HR parking 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday between 511 - 531 S Cuyler.
- Add No Parking 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Wednesday between 511 - 531 S Cuyler for street cleaning.

Transportation Commission Recommendation



- Add Overnight Permit Parking on the West side of South Cuyler Avenue (18 permit parking spaces)
- Remove 2Hr parking 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, and replace with 3Hr parking 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Residents of the block whose vehicles have a valid vehicle license are exempt from the time limit.



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November 2, 2021

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Company
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City, State ZIP

Re: Petition to Add Overnight Permit Parking, 511 - 531 S Cuyler Avenue

Dear Business Owner or Resident:

On October 12, 2021, the Transportation Commission held a virtual zoom meeting to discuss Village staff's recommendation to add eleven (11) overnight permit parking spaces on the west side of the 500 Block of South Cuyler, between 511 and 531 S. Cuyler. This petition was recommended by staff to mitigate future parking loss from lot 44, which is scheduled to close on January 1, 2022. In addition to adding the 11 overnight permit parking spaces, staff recommended removing the daytime parking restrictions (2 hr. parking, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) on the west side of the 500 Block of South Cuyler Avenue, between 511 and 531 S. Cuyler Avenue.

The Transportation Commission recommended to add overnight permit parking to the entirety of the west side of the 500 Block of S. Cuyler to accommodate more of the displaced parkers from Lot 44. The Commission asserted that the complete removal of daytime restrictions would result in non-residents parking for extended periods of time on the block during the daytime, particularly given the block's proximity to the Madison Street Business corridor. Therefore, the Commission recommended implementing the daytime restrictions approach used in the pilot area to accommodate block residents during the daytime. Residents may review the October 12, 2021 meeting online at www.oak-park.us/commissionty

This agenda item will be reviewed by the Transportation Commission on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, for further discussion and public input. The meeting will be streamed live and archived online for on-demand viewing at www.oak-park.us/commissionty as well as cablecast on VOP-TV, which is available to Comcast subscribers on channel 6 and ATT Uverse subscribers on channel 99.

If you wish to provide any comments regarding the petition, you may submit your comments in writing to the undersigned by U.S. mail, by fax to (708) 434-1600, or by email at transportation@oak-park.us. All comments must be received by Friday, November 5, 2021 at 12:00 noon for inclusion in the Commission's agenda. Any comments received after Friday, November 5, 2021 noon, will be read out loud at the meeting.

A copy of the Transportation Commission's agenda will be posted on the Village of Oak Park's website <https://www.oak-park.us/your-government/citizen-commissions/transportation-commission> on Friday, November 5, after 5:00 PM for public review and inspection. Please be advised the agenda will include the zoom link information for residents to attend the virtual meeting.

Respectfully,
VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
Parking & Mobility Services Division

From: [Tamas, Delia](#)
To: [Redkva, Cinthya](#)
Subject: FW: Parking plans on 516 South Cuyler Avenue
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 2:05:31 PM

From: TJ Nolan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Parking Services
Cc: Chris Nolan
Subject: Parking plans on 516 South Cuyler Avenue

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Dear Transportation Commission and Parking Staff,

I am sending this email to the parking email address and ask that it be forwarded to all members of the Transportation Committee. Please confirm.)

I, along with my wife Chris, am reaching out to join many members of the 500 block of South Cuyler to express our concerns of the proposed planning for the sale of parking spaces to an already overcrowded block.

- The notification letter we received in the mail spoke about overnight parking, it said NOTHING about lifting the 2 hour day time parking requirement. This was a misrepresentation and I believe inappropriate and unfair to carry this out without reengaging the community. **This felt as if you were sneaking this past the community to try and force your agenda.**
- We were told comments must be emailed and would be read aloud. In opposition to Permit Parking, four homeowners (7 residents) wrote to your board yet only 1 letter was read aloud. **Why were the other letters excluded?**
- The notification letter advised comments sb emailed and would be read aloud yet a pro-permit parking resident was allowed to speak live and address the board during your Zoom meeting. Why was this option not extended to those in opposition of permit parking?
- I sense a couple board members understand the desire of homeowners to preserve the overnight parking ban on our block. With that said I was shocked that the Transportation Board not only sided in favor of the 11 permit parking spots but went ahead and almost doubled it 19 permit parking spots.
- Residents were notified in a public and legal manner that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss 11 permit parking spaces yet the board quickly moved to discuss and approve 19 permit parking spaces. **Is this a community decision or dictatorship?**
- Staff and board members commented that permit parking won't affect the East side of the street. This is an highly inaccurate and not based on analysis or even empirical evidence related to the 500 block of Cuyler. With CVS on our street along with Longfellow Park our block is already overparked on a daily basis. **Do the residents of our block have to park**

blocks away to access our homes, unload our children, groceries etc. at the trade-off of funds for the Village?

- Board members and staff stated that permit parking and signs for street cleaning would actually help our block and intimidated signage and enforcement would be a panacea to cure our problem. This statement presumes all citizens will abide by the rules. I will make a similar but more realistic prediction based on current parking patterns. Once permit parking is approved, those 19 permit parkers will occupy one or both sides of the street and another 19 cars will occupy the other side. This will occur regardless of enforcement, time of day or signage.
- Please can someone explain why our block is so full right now (even while our residents are currently parking in lot #44)? Please explain how the Village will handle the 18 or 19 cars currently parked on our street (see graph above) after we add 19 permit parking spots?
- Also why would non-permit parkers abide new signage if they don't currently abide signs or firm knowledge of the overnight parking ban? All of the sudden they're going to start obeying our parking rules?
- The 2 hour daytime parking limit and overnight parking ban were discussed. It was commented that parking rules were relaxed due to covid and that this was why we have our parking problems. Yes, during the relaxed covid parking period there were more cars but as you can see above even after that period ended, our block is different and has a ton of cars on the street always. We've been on this block for 23 years and the 2 hour limit has seldom been enforced.

This entire execution has very one sided and harms the homeowners that live on our block.

Can someone explain to me why the 11 or 19 spots can't be accommodated around Longfellow Park or on Adams Street? Could the Village coordinate an arrangement with Julian Middle School, at SD97's office lot or allow parking on Madison Street? Perhaps reapproach the CVS folks? Could the Village strike an agreement with the owner of Lot #44 to allow these 11 vehicles until the Rec Center construction starts in earnest? Again what about parking at Longfellow or Adams St.?

We ask that you please reconsider and take our interests into consideration. I would expect that someone on your team get back to me at some point to discuss.

Thank you,

TJ and Chris Nolan

■ S. Cuyler Avenue
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From: [Wendy Chancellor](#)
To: [Transportation; VOP Board](#)
Subject: 500 south Cuyler
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 5:47:58 PM

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I'm to whom it may concern,

If you are still considering the parking variant for overnight parking, the neighbors are interested in having a meeting with anyone interested to discuss the concerns on this street as well as to educate you on the nature of parking on this block so you can make a more informed decision.

Currently there is a ransacked abandoned car that was set in front of my home. It's been there for 2 weeks. No tickets. No movement. The neighbors have called many times and finally today an officer came out to answer a complaint. By the time they go through the process it will be another 2 weeks at best before it will be moved. In the meantime I can not park in front of my home, use my walkway to the street and the street has not been cleared for 2 weeks. Winter is coming. More problems will ensue.

So please let me know if you would like to arrange a meeting with us.

Thank you,

Wendy Chancellor



S Cuyler

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wendy Chancellor](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Board meeting 10/12/21
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:05:42 PM

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To whom it may concern,

With respect to your need to find parking spots for 19 cars on 500 block of S Cuyler, I'm disappointed that you did not share all public comment provided by the long term neighbors of the block. My letter was not read....

As predicted in my letter, the plan would begin with 11 spots and would proceed to the rest of the block. In providing permit parking to the entire west side, you have now moved every car that has been parking on both sides of the block over to the east side only. Not sure where they other cars will go. This plan essentially has resulted in even more spill over parking in the neighborhood. When my children and family visit and can not park in front of my home and probably not even on my block- you will hear from me. Please keep a tally.

I will be raking my leaves to the middle of the block when I am not able to form a pile in front of my home near the curb due to the cars parked there. I will send you an email each time so a tally can be kept on that impact too.

When I can't shovel my walk way to the street and when my home is not plowed due to a car-we will tally that as well.

Please pay attention to the impact this parking decision will make to our block and I urge you to work to find a long term permanent solution for rental property, that does not impede on the homeowners quality of life on their own block.

As one of many long term residents on this block-I speak for all of us when I say how disappointed we are in the discussion tonight with the board and the poor and hasty decision they made tonight. It was painful to listen to the uninformed and misinformed discussion that took place.

Wendy Chancellor

■ S Cuyler. Owner since 1996.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carmen Perry](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Comment for-Petition to Add Overnight Permit Parking, 511-531 S Cuyler Avenue
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:38:09 AM

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Dear Transportation Commission

I agree with your recommendation of adding overnight permit parking to the entirety of the west side of the 500 block of South Cuyler to accommodate more of the displaced parkers from Lot 44. But I want to stress the need for 24-hour parking which is why I agree with implementing the daytime restrictions, so Lot 44 permit holders can park their vehicles along the west side of the 500 block of South Cuyler anytime of the day whenever the day. This will allow us to keep our current 24-hour parking benefit and not have to worry about being able to find parking regardless of the time of day. Current Lot 44 permit holders are paying to have 24-hour parking for varies reason whether that be working from home, working overnight shifts or having flexible work hours which is why we need parking that allows us to park anytime of the day regardless of the day.

I believe it was mentioned during the October 12 meeting that there may be a tech issue with setting up the 500 block of South Cuyler like the pilot area. If the issue is knowing what vehicles and license plates can park on the 500 block of South Cuyler, can't the vehicles and plate numbers just be listed on a sheet of paper until the issue is resolved.

I realize the 500 block of South Cuyler is near the Madison street business corridor, but customers of Madison street businesses can park on the other of side of the 500 block of South Cuyler with a 2-hour daytime parking limit restriction from Monday to Friday.

Lastly, as mentioned during the October 12 meeting, this can be a temporary solution until a permanent solution is found to replace Lot 44 parking spaces.

If I may suggest in the future, building a small 2 or 3 level parking garage. This could be constructed in Lot 44 or nearby to help ease the limited 24-hour parking availability in this area, that seems to be a larger issue.

Thank you,
Carmen Perry
A Current Lot 44 Permit Holder

From: [Pedraza, Art \(MMA\)](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: FW: October 12 Transportation Commission Meeting.
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:47:48 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
Importance: High

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Dear Transportation Committee.

I sent the email below to the parking@oak-park.us address on Monday. I apologize for not sending this directly to you. Please would you read my comments below and provide any feedback possible. If I could be of any assistance please let me know.

Thank you very much.

Art Pedraza
[REDACTED] S. Cuyler Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60304
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Pedraza, Art (MMA)
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:43 AM
To: 'parking@oak-park.us' <parking@oak-park.us>
Subject: FW: October 12 Transportation Commission Meeting.
Importance: High

Dear Transportation Commission and Parking Staff,

(I am sending this email to the parking email address and ask that it be forwarded to all members of the Transportation Committee. Please confirm.)

Thank you for reading my letter aloud at your meeting on Oct. 12th. I must say though that so many on our block are very upset over various aspects of the meeting. I elaborate:

- The notification letter we received in the mail spoke about overnight parking, it said NOTHING about lifting the 2 hour day time parking requirement. This was a misrepresentation and I believe inappropriate and unfair to carry this out without reengaging the community.
- We were told comments must be emailed and would be read aloud. In opposition to Permit Parking, four homeowners (7 residents) wrote to your board yet only 1 letter was read aloud. Why were the other letters excluded?
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- I sense a couple board members understand the desire of homeowners to preserve the overnight parking ban on our block. With that said I was shocked that the Transportation Board not only sided in favor of the 11 permit parking spots but went ahead and almost doubled it 19 permit parking spots.
- Residents were notified in a public and legal manner that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss 11 permit parking spaces yet the board quickly moved to discuss and approve 19 permit parking spaces. I beg you to reconsider the outcomes of your meeting on the basis of misrepresentation and unfairness to the residents of 500 S. Cuyler.

Separately I would like to point out a number of statements made by staff and possibly a board member that were inaccurate and should have substantial bearing on this matter.

- Staff and board members intimated that businesses occupy many of our spaces and that any parking issues could easily be resolved with enforcement or signage. While business parking, enforcement and signage all play a role in our problem, all of those combined won't change our situation. Please note the graph below illustrating cars parked on the middle to North side of Cuyler. Note also that Monday 10/18 was a street cleaning night.

	West Side	East Side
Tuesday Oct. 11, 3p	11	7
Tuesday Oct. 11, 7p	10	8
Monday Oct. 18, 10:30p	10	8
Wednesday Oct. 20, 9p	8	11
Thursday Oct. 21, 5:10p	7	12
Friday Oct 22, 10:47a	5	9

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- The 2 hour daytime parking limit and overnight parking ban were discussed. It was commented that parking rules were relaxed due to covid and that this was why we have our parking problems. Yes, during the relaxed covid parking period there were more cars but as you can see above even after that period ended, our block is different and has a ton of cars on the street always. Further, from someone that lives on this block for 25 years, the 2 hour limit has seldom been enforced and there are many many evenings when “street cleaning, no parking” signs have been posted and not even those deter overnight parking.

A pro-permit neighbor of mine that spoke to the Transportation Committee, stated he has 3 kids and did not know of Oak Park’s overnight parking ban before he bought his 2-flat. While I empathize with him, are we now going to overturn the Oak Park overnight parking ban because someone “did not know”? That is extremely unfair to those that abide by the rules and to all those that came before him. I would emphasize it is inconsiderate to harm the homeowners property values by overcrowding our streets for the interest of offering parking to renters that do not have a vested or long term interest on our block.

This matter was discussed in a vacuum without resident input. It was very one sided and harms those with the greatest investment in our community. I would be remiss if I didn’t thank members for their interest in making this a temporary solution. I would say however that the language fell short and virtually guarantees permit parking on Cuyler will happen and will remain in perpetuity.

Please can someone explain to me why the 11 or 19 spots can’t be accommodated around Longfellow Park or on Adams Street? Also what other alternatives are you considering? Could the Village coordinate an arrangement with Julian Middle School, at SD97’s office lot or allow parking on Madison Street? Perhaps reapproach the CVS folks? Could the Village strike an agreement with the owner of Lot #44 to allow these 11 vehicles until the Rec Center construction starts in earnest? Again what about parking at Longfellow or Adams St.?

Board members I beg you to please reconsider and take our interests into consideration. Please if someone could get back to me at some point to discuss.

Art Pedraza
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Oak Park, IL 60304
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From: Redkva, Cinthya <credkva@oak-park.us>
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Pedraza, Art (MMA) [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: October 12 Transportation Commission Meeting.

From: [Ann Collins](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [VOP Board](#)
Subject: Transportation Commission Virtual meeting 10/12/2021
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 3:59:39 PM

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To: Oak Park Citizen Commission

Last night I watched the virtual meeting regarding the Petition to Add Permit Parking, 511-531 S Cuyler Avenue. Even though the commission invited written comments, which " MUST be received by noon Friday, October 88, 2021", you allowed someone to appear by way of zoom who was in favor of the proposal. Two letters was read into the record, but my letter was not read nor were the letters of other longterm residents on the 500 block of S Cuyler Avenue. One male member did refer to one part of my letter stating concerns about "street cleaning, leaf pushing and snow plowing on the street from curb to curb." I would have preferred to appear by way of zoom but that was not an option in the mailing I received.

As someone who has lived on the block for 31 years it was frustrating to listen to members make assumptions that were absolutely incorrect. Although there "used to be" an overnight parking ban in Oak Park that is not what happens now. Each car/license plate now may have up to 15 nightly passes each month. Too many cars already park on both sides of Cuyler nightly. Maybe they have nightly passes or not because until the last three weeks or so, parking restrictions were NOT enforced. (I am NOT talking about the relaxing of restrictions during COVID that was suggested during the meeting.) Now that you have voted to make 18 permitted spots on the west side of Cuyler, instead of the 11 in your letter, those people who do or do not get nightly passes currently will now HAVE to park on the East side of the street. (The side with single family residences.) And FYI parking lot 44 is currently still open. There are already too many cars parked overnight on this block.

Parking issues on the 500 block have been going on for years. And for some reason people think that overnight parking restrictions do not apply on the weekends. Street cleaning usually occurs around 11 to 12 at night on Sundays. The street sweeper just goes around all the parked cars on the street. (West and east sides.) Leaf pushing also happens Sunday night and goes around the parked cars. In the last couple of years, in addition to leaf pushing on Sundays, signs are posted on trees that there is leaf pushing on Tuesdays between certain hours but no tickets are given, the signs are ignored and the pushing just goes around the cars. Then we get to winter and snow issues. Currently many people think that it is ok to park on the street overnight whenever it snows. There are some rules that relate to snow parking on even number days on the even numbered side of the street and odd days on the odd numbered side of the street when snow is present. Now if there are permit parkers on the west side (or odd numbered side) all the other parkers will park on the east side. Again no clearing of snow curb to curb and it's just too bad for the single home owners on the east side of the street.

At the meeting it was stated that of the 19 spots lost when lot 44 closes, 52% of the cars are owned by persons who live on the 500 block of Cuyler. So why does this block have to accept all the burden? Why not just over 50%? Another misconception was that the Aamco business parks cars on Cuyler. Not true!

As far as enforcement goes, it is sporadic. The village makes the rules but the police department has to enforce the restrictions at night. If you call to complain before 2:30 AM, the police say there is not a violation until 2:30. Am I to get up at 2:35 to call the police and complain? You suggest this is temporary fix but I doubt that.

The 2 hour parking at least stops a few cars from parking all day and night in the same spot. In the

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evening and on weekends, when there is no 2 hour restrictions, I can rarely even park near my home on either side of the street. I am very disappointed that you decided to go ahead with your plan, but then actually decided to extend the plan to the whole west side of the street.

Thanks for not considering the issues of the long time residents of the 500 S block of Cuyler and the impact on their property values.

Ann Collins
[REDACTED] S Cuyler Ave

From: [Pedraza, Art \(MMA\)](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Comment to be read aloud re: Petition to Add Overnight Permit Parking 511-531 S. Cuyler Ave
Date: Saturday, October 9, 2021 12:32:21 AM

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Dear Transportation Committee.

My wife & I and three sons have been residents of this block for almost 25 years. We and many neighbors vehemently oppose adding overnight parking. Reasons why we oppose monthly permit parking on West side of 500 Cuyler Avenue are as follows:

- 11 spots will take up virtually the entire West side of the street from Madison to Adams (note the fire hydrant on the West side).
- Right now parking on the North of our street is extremely difficult to obtain.
 - As an alternative perhaps offer 5 spots but restrict it to the South side of the Street.
 - An even better alternative is to offer spots on Adams between Highland & Ridgeland.
 - Another great option offer permit parking around Longfellow Park.
- Snow removal is horrible on the North side of 500 Cuyler and will be much much worse. Seldom if ever has our has the North side of the street (both sides) ever been snowplowed. So often it is just a disaster especially after the 3rd or 4th snowfall.
- Same goes for leaf pickups. So often winter comes and we still have batches of frozen leaves on the North side of the street because cars were parked overnight when leaves were picked up. And incidentally on those nights when street cleaning or leaf pickup will occur where will all the cars park?

- 11 permits will raise additional revenue for the Village of Oak Park while it deeply harms the homeowners' property values. Our taxes are high enough please don't harm the value of our homes.
- 11 permits will benefit the owner of the apartment building by enabling him to charge more for rent. This is to the disadvantage of all homeowners on both sides of the street.
- 11 permits do not consider the interests of homeowners on both sides of the street.
 - Residents and temporary, non-monthly parkers will suffer
 - When you account for the 11 permits as well as the visitors, our block will be full 7 days/week.
 - Overnight permit parking should be enough

- When did we lift the overnight parking ban and make even half of 500 Cuyler eligible for monthly parking permit? I thought there was a ban on overnight parking? When did that change?

We have been here since 1997 and the overnight parking ban brings value to our block. Permitting even on one side of the street will completely destroy our ability to park. Parking on one side will reap the same harsh reality of parking on both sides. This will ruin our block!

- On a random night like tonight we have 14 cars parked on the North side of the street between 510 and 526 S. Cuyler (both sides). The half of the block South of 526 has only 2 cars. This is with no permits, imagine the congestion on both sides when you add 11 permitted cars.

I can tell you without a doubt the ability for residents to park near our homes and much less to have snow plowed, leaves picked up or streets cleaned will go away forever. Incidentally street cleaning is important to us just as it is to all residents of Oak Park. Trust me I know as I pick up garbage from the CVS or from fast food restaurants on Madison every week. Often I see visitors to our block emptying garbage from their cars or most recently an oil filter and container of used oil. Masks, CVS price tags, wrappers, bags, you name it.

Please do not allow permit parking (except limited call in overnight parking) anywhere on Cuyler street.

Thank you.

Art & Arlene Pedraza

██████████ Cuyler Ave.

Oak Park, IL 60304

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redkva, Cinthya](#)
Subject: Parking Area Designation
Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:11:29 AM

From: Efraín Dorado [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 11:32 AM
To: Parking Services <ParkingServices@oak-park.us>
Subject: FW: Parking Area Designation

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Good Morning

I am writing this email as suggested by Doris in the Parking Department after our phone conversation yesterday morning.

This past month our 3 college age children moved in with us and they have their own vehicles but prior to them moving in I attempted to obtain permits and/or redesignate our block to allow for overnight parking. There were no available spots in any of the lots near my home back then and there still no availability, we are multiple waiting list. They have been utilizing the Passport App for overnight parking, but they are only allowed to purchase so many passes and then they are ticketed, relentlessly, every night they are not able to purchase an overnight pass. Between our three children they must have close to 20 tickets in the last two weeks which is simply ridiculous. There must be a better solution instead of simply just being told get an overnight pass or get a permit when that is not reality of what we are allowed to do. More options need to be made available in areas where there is increase number of apartment complexes.

A few months ago, when we moved into Oak Park, I sent the email below along with making several phone requests that went unanswered. I have since done a little more research and have complied the following information:

- Out of the 31 addresses listed on 500 S Cuyler Ave and South of the Madison Ave alley
 - 16 (51.61%) are multi-family
 - 15 (48.39%) are single family
- Out of the 72 living units on 500 S Cuyler Ave and South of the Madison Ave alley
 - 56 (77.78%) are apartment units
 - 12 (16.67%) are single family homes
- The East side of the block is Zoned as R-4: Single-Family Residential District
- The West side of the block is Zoned as R-5: Two-Family Residential District

I feel that based on the above information that over 50% of the housing is designated in a R-5 zone already we should be allowed to obtain parking permits for overnight parking on the West side of the block.

Thank You,
Efrain Dorado



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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Alex Hatch](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Overnight Permit Parking, 511-531 S Cuyler Ave
Date: Sunday, October 10, 2021 4:44:35 PM

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I'm aware these comments are past the cutoff to be read, and give my apologies for that. I am a vehicle owner who lives at [REDACTED] S Cuyler Ave and would like to voice my whole hearted support for overnight parking allotments in this area. I encourage the Village to vote in favor of this proposal.

Sincerely,
Alex Hatch

From: [Wendy Chancellor](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Parking 511-531 S Cuyler
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 8:11:20 PM

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Dear Oak Park Citizen commission,

I am the owner of [REDACTED] S Cuyler. I am opposed to permitted overnight parking. Currently and over the past few years we have watched our street become very congested with cars that are parked both throughout the day and overnight for extended periods of time. As it stands, we can no longer park in front of our own homes and our guests can not park in front of our home due to the congestion.

We are opposed to permit parking bc that will further impact clean up after we have raked our leaves and shoveled our snow. As it is, due to an overnight parked car in front of our house, we have issues with the inability of the village to clear our streets of that debris.

While we understand the need for permitted parking, this is not the solution. In our opinion, you will begin with 11 spots, then eventually you will add more. It's not a sustainable solution. Perhaps some of the empty buildings in the area could become a parking garage or a parking lot.

In addition, the parking congestion on our street can only hurt our home values and quality of life.

Sincerely,

Roger and Wendy Chancellor

[REDACTED] S Cuyler Ave.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ann Collins](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Parking permits 511-531 S Cuyler Ave
Date: Friday, October 8, 2021 9:22:28 AM

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Dear Oak Park Citizen Commission,

I live and own the property at [REDACTED] S Cuyler Ave. I have lived here since 1991. I am opposed to permitted overnight parking on the west side of Cuyler. In the last few years our street has been congested with, many times, up to 45 cars parking on the 500 block of Cuyler overnight. The village parking rules are rarely enforced. Some cars are parked for up to a week without being moved. And for some reason, probably non-enforcement, the weekends are parking free for all.

As residents, we do not receive Village services such as having regular street cleaning, having leaves pushed during the fall, and having the snow plowed curb to curb during the winter because of the number of cars parked on the streets overnight. We are also rarely able to park near our homes on the street.

Although there have been parking issues in Oak Park for years, I do not believe that the 11 overnight permitted parking spaces will solve the problems on the block. There will still be other cars parked on the street in addition to the permitted parking spots unless the village seriously enforces their own parking regulations both overnight AND on weekends. Perhaps any permitted parking spaces should be on the non-residential west side of the 600 block of Cuyler or the south side of Adams Street by Longfellow Park. Additionally, I feel the lack of services we receive and the congested parking on our block will have a negative impact on our property values.

Sincerely,
Ann Collins
[REDACTED] S Cuyler
Oak Park

From: [kathleen blevins](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Petition to Add Overnight Permit Parking, 511-531 S. Cuyler Ave
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:38:44 PM

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We are Virgil and Kathleen Blevins at [REDACTED] S Cuyler Ave . We are the property owners of the 2 flat next door to the 36 unit on the left hand side of the building. Going South the rest of the building are 2flats and part of the Gunderson Historic District . We have tenants as well that need parking spaces for our renters along with our own convience of parking in front of our homes . We do have many visitors that complain of the parking situation now . Our street is already overcrowded and not serviced properly by the village . We lack in street cleaning , snow removal and maintenance. Our block is very crowded and chaotic with many people using our block for Madison St business CVS Pharmacy Julian Middle school and Longfellow on the other end . The alley behind CVS is a hazard and very unsafe with numerous parking and speeding violations . Please do not add to the big problems we endure as tax paying citizens that seem to always get ignored or dumped on for the convenience of those that do not live on the block . We do not want to give up that many spaces for permit parking . This is unfair to the property owners

From: [Abdulqadir Sutarwala](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Fowziah Shahmalak](#)
Subject: Support for Y7 overnight parking zone expansion
Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:13:16 AM

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Hello,

I am a resident of [REDACTED] Culyer Ave, Oak Park, and show my full support to expand the Y7 parking zone area to cover the West side of S Culyer Ave.

Parking is very restrictive in Oak Park and it only gets worse in the winters. In addition to this annoyance is the closure of Lot 44 which will leave a lot of residence in the area scrambling to find an Overnight parking spot.

Ideally, parking for any individual would be right below their apartment and not waking 5 mins to the nearest parking lot. Having such restrictive and scarcely available parking space forces many young working people like me out of Oak Park, which is not something I look forward to.

I look forward to quick approval of the parking zone.

Thank you,

-Abdulqadir Z. Sutarwala