



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Motion to Concur with the Transportation Commission's Recommendation to Not Add Y-7 Permit Parking and Not Remove Current Daytime Restrictions on the West Side of the 500 Block of S. Cuyler Avenue, Between 511 and 531 S. Cuyler Avenue.

Overview

Parking Lot 44, located at 301 Madison Street, will close to permit holders effective February 28, 2022. To mitigate this future parking loss, staff recommended adding 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. The Commission ultimately denied the staff's recommendation. This addition would allow for approximately eleven (11) permitted parking spaces. As is required by Village Ordinance, this recommended area is the street frontage of the 500 block within 750 feet from an existing R-7 zoned parcel.

Recommendation

The Transportation Commission recommends not adding Y-7 permit parking and not removing the current daytime restrictions on the west side of the 500 block of S. Cuyler Avenue, between 511 and 531 S. Cuyler Avenue.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends adding Y-7 Permit Parking and removing current daytime restrictions on the west side of the 500 Block of S. Cuyler Avenue, between 511 and 531 S. Cuyler Avenue.

Fiscal Impact

The maximum revenue currently collected from Lot 44 permits, with nineteen (19) permits sold quarterly at \$222 each is \$4,218.00 (\$16,872 annually). The maximum revenue collected from the sale of the eleven (11) Zone Y7 permits would be \$1,507.00 (\$6,028.00 annually).

Background

The Village currently administers 24-hour permit parking within Lot 44, 301 Madison Street, which is owned by the Park District of Oak Park. Lot 44 currently consists of 19, 24-hour permitted parking spaces. Pursuant to the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Park District of Oak Park and the Village of Oak Park, the Village must cease permit parking in Lot 44 effective January 1, 2022.

The parcel that currently includes Lot 44 is a part of the Park District's planned future Community Recreation Center. The Village was recently notified by the Park District that Lot 44 could remain available for permit parking through February 28, 2022, therefore briefly delaying the loss of parking. With this recommendation, the Village staff is seeking to accommodate existing displaced permit parking holders beginning on March 1, 2022.

Alternatives

Deny the Transportation Commission's recommendation, approve staff's recommendation or make an alternative motion.

Previous Board Action

With respect to overnight parking zones generally, on December 7, 2020, the Village Board approved Ordinance 20-128, an Ordinance amending Village of Oak Park Ordinance 1995-0-68 to increase the street frontage of eligible overnight parking zones to 750 feet of an R-7 zoned multi-family residential parcel from the previous 500 feet, as reviewed at the November 23, 2020, Village Board meeting.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

October 12, 2021, Transportation Commission Meeting:

To mitigate the future parking loss, staff brought forward a recommendation to the Transportation Commission on October 12, 2021, 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, at the October 12th Commission meeting, staff recommended removing the daytime restriction (2-hour parking, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) on this same street frontage. This would allow permit holders to continue to park on the street during the day. Street cleaning restrictions would remain in place.

The Transportation Commission amended staff's proposed recommendation to: 1.) Add overnight on-street parking, as part of the Y-7 zone on the entirety of the west side of the 500 block of S. Cuyler (from the alley south of CVS Pharmacy, south to Adams Street); and 2.) Add daytime restrictions consistent with the Village's Parking Pilot Program, resulting in a 3-hour daytime parking restriction, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Residents of the block that hold a valid vehicle license would be able to override this restriction.

Staff expressed uncertainty to the Transportation Commission on whether this was administratively possible, given the complexities of programming the parking enforcement technology to exempt vehicle license holders from the daytime restrictions on their particular block. Additionally, staff stated that the policy of exempting block residents from daytime restrictions was a policy of the parking pilot program that would be discussed by the Village Board as part of the larger comprehensive conversation regarding the results of the pilot program and the potential implementation of these policies in other areas of the Village.

The Transportation Commission also unanimously recommended that staff cooperate with other agencies, including the Park District of Oak Park, to replace this on-street parking with alternative parking options in the future, such as shared lots or garages.

November 9, 2021, Transportation Commission Meeting:

Staff brought this item back to the Transportation Commission for discussion at its November 9, 2021 meeting for the two reasons listed below.

- 1.) The notification letters sent out to residents for the October 12, 2021 meeting did not include reference to the recommendation of removing daytime parking restrictions between 511 - 531 S Cuyler Avenue. Revised notification letters ensured that residents had the ability to express their opinion at the November 9, 2021 meeting.
- 2.) To add overnight permit parking past 750 feet from an R-7 zoned parcel, as recommended by the Commission, would require an amendment to Ordinance 1995-0-68, 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 expressed to Transportation Commission Commissioners at the October 12, 2021 meeting, and staff wanted to clarify that the Commission's recommendation would not be a waiver or exception but rather would require an amendment to the Ordinance governing street frontage that may be eligible for overnight parking zones.

Staff again recommended that the Transportation Commission approve adding eleven (11) overnight parking spaces and remove the current daytime restriction between 511 - 531 South Cuyler. **The Commission denied staff's recommendation (2-yes, 3-no).**

A motion was made and seconded to: 1.) Encourage staff to look for alternative 24-hour off-street parking options; 2.) Reduce the overall need for parking in the Village (i.e., alternative modes of transportation); and 3.) Look at the Parking Pilot survey results for potential revisions to overnight parking. **The Commission denied this recommendation (3-yes, 2-abstain).**

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A