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Date: 11/20/2006 1:51:49 PM
Subject: Copy: RPP hearing

November 20, 2006

Ald. Robert G. Donovan, Chair
City of Milwaukee
Common Council Committee:
Public Safety

Dear Ald. Donovan,

It is common knowledge that the East Side of Milwaukee is dense in population and thus automobiles, as the enclosed picture shows. The location of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus compounds all problems. For many years the problems of parking and transportation for this area have been thoroughly discussed by all stakeholders.

One of the major results of these discussions was the study A Partnership For Change: A Strategy And Vision For The UWM Neighborhood. The Study was conducted by the City of Milwaukee (Department of City Planning) and was accepted by the City after its completion in June, 2003. (Enclosed is a section of the Study which addresses the Parking Action Initiative Strategy: Residential Parking Program.) Thus, the Common Council has already endorsed the Residential Parking Permit program.

The Study emphasizes "the need for on-street parking....must be evaluated and fairly balanced as part of a comprehensive parking strategy for the UWM Neighborhood". (pg. 17) The only way that the City can protect the rights of its residents is to include the residents in any system. The Residential Parking Permit program does this by formally including the residents in a balanced East Side parking system.

Thanks you for your support.

Kathleen Baldwin
University Neighborhoods Association

Cc. Ald. Robert Puente
Ald. Mike McGee
Ald. Terry Witkowski
Ald. Tony Zielinski
Ald. Mike D'Amato

CC: Sam McGovern-Rowen

From: Belle Rose Ragins <Ragins@uwm.edu>
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Date: 11/20/2006 8:49:31 PM
Subject: Fwd: RPP map/hearing

Dear Sam:

Since both my husband and I work, we are unable to attend the Wednesday morning hearing about the RPP.

We'd like the following statement to be read into the record:

"We support the Resident Preferred Parking Program (RPP). We have three concerns.

First, the RPP proposal must include parking restrictions for evening hours. Because of UWM evening classes, the parking congestion in the evening (when residents are returning from work) is as bad, if not worse, than the congestion during the day. We recommend that RPP hours extend through 8:30 pm.

Second, we must be assured that eligible residents will still have access to day parking permits. The parking spaces freed by the RPP are still not sufficient to cover parking demands, and this situation will only become aggravated with seasonal snow parking restrictions. Moreover, students will park illegally irrespective of restrictions. Residents, particularly those who do not have access to off-street parking, will still need to be able to park on the street in this highly impacted area.

Third, it does not appear from the attached map that the originally promised 720 parking spaces have actually been reserved for residents. In fact, it appears that less than half of the originally promised spaces have been reserved for the RPP program. The new restrictions in the number of reserved parking places compounds the problem on adjacent blocks, such as the 3200 block of Hackett, where our neighbors, who also lack off-street parking, live.

The RPP program simply does not meet the promise that was made in 1998, when we agreed to let UWM build the Klotsche Center.

After waiting eight years for this program to be implemented, we expect Alderman D'Amato to do much better for his constituents."

Sincerely,

Dr. Belle Rose Ragins
Dr. Erik A. Thelen

From: Gregory James <gjames@gjd.com>
Date: 3/2/2006 7:48:48 AM
Subject: MHNA: Parking Bill Information

The Residential Parking Permit bill, SB 329, passed on a voice vote by the Assembly today. After all the hard work done by Peter McMullen, Lynn Bauer, Tony McBride, Representative Jon Richards and so many others who worked with the Eastside Transportation Management Association over the years we finally overcame one of the greatest hurdles on giving the residents of the neighborhoods surrounding the university a better opportunity to find a parking space on their block. A special round of applause goes to Peter McMullen, who tirelessly kept working with the state and city representatives, ETMA's board members, the neighborhood leadership, and the university to create the final document which is now before Governor Doyle for his signature.

What this means to the residents of Murray Hill is that now the City has the opportunity to designate one side of the street for resident parking with each household getting two permits. It does not guarantee that there will be a parking space in front of our house, or even on your block, but it greatly improve the chances of having a space available when you do come home. At least that is how the program is currently envisioned to work once the City Council enacts the final ordinance based on the details that have been formulated by ETMA. Alderman D'Amato has been a strong supporter of this and other efforts to improve parking on the eastside and he is sure to be champion on seeing that the final ordinance gets passed by the Common Council as soon as possible.

Being a member of Murray Hill has a clear benefit over Water Tower Landmark Trust or Cambridge Woods. The first phase of the program has Murray Hill receiving 340 spaces of the 720 available in recognition that we are the most negatively impacted by transient parkers who generally come to UW-M for classes overwhelming the available on-street parking.

This is still not a done deal, and there are sure to be many more long debates over how the ordinance gets finalized, but it is the most significant milestone to date on this issue in years, and certainly not the last.

J. Gerard Capell
President, Murray Hill Neighborhood Association

From: <TBMCBRIDE@aol.com>
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Subject: letter for council

Dear Common Council Members,

I am very sorry to not be in attendance at the hearing today for the RPP Ordinance. I am traveling for the Holiday. Let my comments be very simple, as this issue really is as well.

For over nine years, I have been working on RPP with my neighbors, City officials, UWM, and other UWM neighborhood groups. I am one of the founders of the Eastside Transportation Management Association. As a mom, I thought this was important work and still do, as the impact that UWM has on our neighborhood threatens its safety, accessibility and integrity.

This RPP Ordinance will bring some sense to the parking situation surrounding the UWM area and help not only residents, but students and commuters as well. We have worked on this for nine years to bring about a system that makes sense for all, and yet takes some of the burden off tax paying residents who are shouldering too much now.

The new system simplifies the regulations, extends time limits and gives residents a place to park in which they have none now. It makes sense for everyone and I urge you to consider Michael D'Amato's recommendation to pass this at this time.

Thank you.

Toni McBride
Past Water Tower Landmark Trust President
Past Eastside Transportation Management Association President

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August 30, 2006

Ald. Michael D'Amato
City Hall, Room 205
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Re: UWM-Impacted Parking on Summit Avenue

Dear Ald. D'Amato:

This letter is to follow up our recent e-mail to you regarding the resident-only parking in the UWM area. We are aware of the imminent designation of resident-only parking in the area and would like to strongly encourage you to consider designating at least a portion of the 3200 block of North Summit Avenue for resident-only parking.

As was stated in our e-mail, we, at 3219 N. Summit Avenue, have no off-street parking, no driveway or garage, and neither do two of our neighbors across the street, at 3218, and immediately adjacent to our home, at 3211. Needless to say, it is a constant battle during the day and evening hours of the school year to find even one parking space near our home, not to mention the lack of parking for our second car or for service people that are required occasionally.

You may be familiar with earlier correspondence regarding the parking that we've had with your staff while you've been in office as well as as far back as when Lorraine McNamara-McGraw was in office. We were extremely pleased to learn of the work you, your staff and other East-Siders have done to make the resident-only parking happen.

Again, please consider designating at least a portion of the 3200 block of North Summit Avenue for resident-only parking. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to call us at 414-332-2818. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Diane Meredith and Bill Lipscomb

3219 N. Summit Ave.
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