

AGENDA: TSC 4/1/13

ITEM NO. 2: Consider establishing RESIDENT PARKING ONLY along a portion of the north side of Edgehill Road east of Louisiana Street.

Staff Report:

1. Parking has been a problem for residents along Edgehill Road for many years.
2. Students attending the University of Kansas park along both sides of the street while in class; as a result, it is very difficult for visitors to residences to park in the area.
3. In addition, some of the residences were allowed to develop with very little off-street parking.
4. City staff is recommending establishing RESIDENT PARKING ONLY for a distance of 100 feet to accommodate the residents on the south side of Edgehill Road east of Louisiana Street.
5. Permits would be issued to the two (2) property owners to allow visitors to park in this area.

MINUTES: TSC 4/1/13

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of four (4) e-mails and a letter from the City Manager concerning this item, which were forwarded to each commission member; and Betty Alderson had called and indicated she was in support of the proposal.

Public Comment:

Steven Watts, 1649 Edgehill Road: Edgehill Road is now a public parking lot for the University of Kansas, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and a sorority at 1700 Louisiana; therefore, there is nowhere for us to park; our houses were built prior to 1920 when parking wasn't an issue; this isn't a perfect solution, but, it is a reasonable compromise and it opens the concept of Resident Parking; it's one way that we can have people come over; my neighbor, Robert Brewer, wasn't able to come tonight, but, he is fully in support of this request; this is a project that the City Manager, Mr. Corliss, and I worked together on to come to a reasonable compromise; it would be very pleasant to have visitors to my house every once in a while without them having to park way, far away; the closer they can get to my house, the safer we will all feel; hopefully the Traffic Safety Commission will support this idea and also see it as an opportunity to begin the

idea of a concept of permit parking to alleviate some of the parking issues that exist within the Oread Neighborhood.

Mark Thiel, Assistant Director of Public Works: The Public Works Department is in support of this proposal; although it is unique, this is a unique situation with no close parking available; this is an issue both during the day and at night.

James Dunn, 936 Kentucky Street: I would have been more comfortable if this issue had come to the Oread Neighborhood Association for comment instead of just the adjacent residents; I question whether these residents would be able to sell their permits to others; I am a landlord and have properties in town that doesn't have any off-street parking and if this will become a option to guarantee parking spaces for my tenants, I'm very interested in it; I also question whether these spaces would be subject to the current 48-hour parking limit.

Jackie Gibbs, 1625 Edgehill Road: We would like to have resident parking only also, we only have five (5) off-street parking spaces, but we have 20 residents and a capacity for 39 residents.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked why the proposal showed two (2) 50-foot zones instead of a single longer zone; Thiel advised that the adjacent property owners preferred two separate zones.

Commissioner Rothrock asked if pavement markings would be included as well as signs; Thiel advise that that was under consideration.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked what the distance between the two zones would be; Thiel advised that it would be approximately 50 feet, enough room for two vehicles.

Commissioner Novotny: I agree that this is a unique situation, but, is it unique enough that we won't have an onslaught of petitions for private parking in front of residences city-wide, and what do we do to prevent that.

Commissioner Rothrock: I see the ripple effect potential; even tonight we have two individuals that are interested in this for their situations.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: This has been hinted-at for many years; I think we need to look at this as an overall community, not just piece-meal; I'm not opposed, but, I think the problem is bigger than just here.

Commissioner Boley: Maybe this is the place to start.

Commissioner Rothrock: I'd like to see a more comprehensive approach since it's been talked about for so long; if we think this is a good idea, maybe this is where we start.

Commissioner Storm: I agree there is an issue in this area and the owners have worked with city staff to come-up with what seems to be a reasonable solution.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: If we approve this, I think it should be as a "test" for six (6) months to see if we get the results we intend; we need to make sure they can't sell the permits and that the 48-hour restriction applies; I also think there should only be one (1) long zone instead of two (2) short zones.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A SINGLE 100 FOOT RESIDENT PARKING ONLY ZONE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF EDGEHILL ROAD CENTERED BETWEEN 1647 & 1649 EDGEHILL ROAD FOR A SIX (6) MONTH TEST PERIOD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

From: steven c. watts [mailto:scajj@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 8:33 PM
To: David L. Corliss; Mike Amyx; Michael H. Dever
Cc: Charles Soules; David Woosley; Robert Brewer
Subject: Permit Parking

Hello David:

I received in this day's mail a letter from Public Works about the permit parking you and I have discussed for Edgehill Rd.: One of the only streets in the University footprint that allows for parking on both sides of the street; it's a public trash bin as well as a public parking lot for, essentially, the University of Kansas.

I'm excited we're making progress.

However, there is a rather LARGE and SIGNIFICANT error in the letter:

The permit parking sections were and are to be on the NORTH SIDE of Edgehill Road per our discussions.....**not the SOUTH side which the letter errantly notes.**

Let's get this significant error corrected, please; And quickly, please.

The SOUTH SIDE of Edgehill Road has a degree of protection already from 17th and Louisiana and Edgehill (the corner) up about 150meters....just a bit to the East of 1647 Edgehill Road's "driveway" due to the fact it's a NO PARKING area; NO PARKING OF ANY SORT.

Offering permit parking on this South Side of the street is just going to invite more problems.

We're going to confront problems from the start and well into the "experiment"....and it's best to have those problems occur on the NORTH SIDE of Edgehill Road as you and I had discussed.

I hope you'll be able to honor your word and not be hoodwinked by whomever wrote the letter I received which is dated February 25. Maybe it's just a simple error.

Mr. Woosley has never been particularly sensitive to the parking matters being confronted on Edgehill Road. Perhaps he accidentally mistook which side of the street was being discussed for Permit Parking as I rather suspect it is David Woosley who wrote the letter and provided the attachments to the letter.?

As you know, David, I am of the belief the ENTIRE NORTH SIDE of Edgehill Road needs to be NO PARKING (Permit parking excepted). I compromised with you that day you were so kind as to come over to Edgehill Road and see just exactly what is confronted: You also noticed several other traffic related matters (including stolen parking signs; One Way Signs; and Street Name signs) that day you were over here.

Bluntly, it seemed to me that you were taken aback at the amount of traffic and the dangerous driving existent on Edgehill Road. Please recall that I pointed out to you that cars were parked on the WRONG side of a NO PARKING sign on the NORTH side of Edgehill; You were surprised; noted, indeed, they were ILLEGALLY parked; and then I informed you that despite calls to the LPD, tickets were typically not issued as police officers were allowed "officer discretion" by the LPD Chief. You were somewhat taken aback in my view. But that is another issue for another day.

I'm sure the letter means to read and state Permit Parking on the NORTH side of Edgehill.....NOT the South Side. If we attempt permit parking on the South Side (which is already NO PARKING.....and which took almost FIVE YEARS to be taken seriously by the parking public), we're just inviting people to park on the SOUTH SIDE. NO: That's unacceptable. Why do we want to backward steps? Too, allowing parking (be it permit or otherwise) on that section of Edgehill Road is UNSAFE. UNSAFE. Mr. Woosley didn't support the NO PARKING on that section of the SOUTH side of Edgehill back when it was put into place. I don't think Mr. Woosley quite understands the problem because he doesn't want to understand the problem.

It's the NORTH SIDE of Edgehill Road with the four permit slots we wish to "experiment" with, please.

Please advise.

Cordially,

Steven C. Watts

PS: What about the implementation of the need for the SPEED BUMP at that intersection you and I discussed that day? You personally witnessed how dangerous that corner is.....with cars careening around the hill at speeds in excess of 40mph and then some. Mr. Woosley doesn't support the use of "traffic calming devices" at that corner either: He has time and again dissuaded me from asking for same.....noting I would have to pay for it myself!!

From: Brewer, Robert A <rbrewer@ku.edu>
Subject: Re: Permit Parking
To: "steven c. watts" <scajj@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: "David L. Corliss" <dcorliss@lawrenceks.org>, "Mike Amyx" <mikeamyx515@hotmail.com>, "Michael H. Dever" <mdever@sunflower.com>, "csoules@lawrenceks.org" <csoules@lawrenceks.org>, "dwoosley@lawrenceks.org" <dwoosley@lawrenceks.org>
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 10:06 PM

Hi David,

I too received the letter outlining the experimental permit parking plan. I am the owner of 1647 Edgehill Rd. I am in 100% agreement with Steve regarding the stance that there should absolutely be no parking allowed on the south side of Edgehill road permit or not. The permit experiment makes sense if conducted on the north side but otherwise I have no interest in such a plan. Steve is correct in the fact that our street is essentially a KU parking lot minus the proper trash receptacles. Vehicles consistently travel at unsafe speeds and in the wrong direction day in and day out. To reiterate: the current no parking zone on the south side should remain as is. South side parking is a safety hazard and not even practical considering the passenger side door would be smashing into a concrete wall. Please reevaluate the plan and let me know when you do.

Thank you,
Robert Brewer
rbrewer@ku.edu

From: steven c. watts [mailto:scajj@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 5:20 PM
To: 'rbrewer@ku.edu'; Mark Thiel
Cc: David Woosley; Charles Soules
Subject: Re: Permit parking on Edge Hill Rd - follow up

Hello:

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--- On **Mon, 3/18/13, Mark Thiel** <mthiel@lawrenceks.org> wrote:

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Cc: "David Woosley" <DWoosley@lawrenceks.org>, "Charles Soules" <csoules@lawrenceks.org>
Date: Monday, March 18, 2013, 4:53 PM

Mr. Brewer – Mr. Watts; I wanted to follow up from our second letter regarding proposed permit parking along the North side of Edge Hill Rd. (attached letter & map).

Have you all had the opportunity to review this proposal? If so, your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

This item is scheduled to be on the April 1, 2013 Traffic Safety Commission agenda for consideration.

Please let me know if you would like additional information or if you would like me to come out to discuss with you.

Thanks

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Hi All,

What Steve said, I agree with. Thanks for working on this!

Robert Brewer
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To: Traffic Safety Commissioners
From: City Manager David L. Corliss
Cc: David Woosley, Mark Thiel
Date: March 28, 2013
Re: Edgehill Road parking

I am writing to provide additional background information and support for the proposed parking permit system for two residential properties along Edgehill Road. City staff has been aware of the problem of limited residential parking at this location for several years. I suggested that this proposal be implemented because there is not an apparent better solution for these two residences. They have very limited area, extremely difficult topography, and severe parking demand when the University of Kansas is in session. When I have visited this area to review a number of concerns voiced by an area resident – there is simply no place to park. The residences were constructed with extremely limited driveway parking. While this is not the only place in Lawrence where this might be an issue, I believe that it is sufficiently unique that this unique solution is very appropriate.

Thank you for your service on the TSC. I urge the TSC's favorable consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Corliss
City Manager





Edgehill Rd

W 17th St

