

AGENDA: TSC 4/1/13

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Sharon Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Sharon Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area and is paved 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is permitted along both sides of Sharon Drive.

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Bethany Brayton, 125 Sharon Drive: When you parking on both sides of the street, you have a ping-pong effect with traffic moving both directions; when there are gatherings, people park on both side of the street making travel in both directions difficult; part of my concern is emergency vehicles trying to get through in a timely manner; when it snowed, everyone was able to park in their driveway; I don't think it would cause an issue for residents; I did take some photos (attached) showing the situation.

Heidi Gowen, 110 N Sharon Drive: I've lived on Sharon Drive for over 10 years and I don't feel that parking on both sides is an issue except weekends and holidays; you may have to wait for opposing traffic to get by; I don't think it is a problem; I'm not aware of any incidents due to parking on both sides; removing the parking could increase the speed of traffic; having to navigate around cars is a natural traffic calming.

Leo Leiker, 316 Sharon Drive: I was the first resident on Sharon Drive; our block has no problem with the parking; I think people just need to take turns and get along; I hope that if it is approved, you can keep the 300 block out of it; I'm a firefighter and drive a fire truck down Sharon Drive and I never have a problem with it.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin: The arguments against it make a lot of sense; with cars parked on both sides, it slows down the traffic, but doesn't inhibit emergency vehicles from getting where they need to go.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO PARKING ALONG ONE SIDE OF SHARON DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

David Woosley

From: Bethany [bethany.lynn@yahoo.com]
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Subject: Request to consider making one side of Sharon Dr. "No Parking"

To Whom It Concerns,

I wrote this morning regarding the upcoming meeting on March 18 and the proposal to install traffic calming devices on Sharon Dr. In doing so, it occurred to me that the Traffic Engineering department may be the place to start with a request to look into the feasibility of designating one side of Sharon Drive as a "No Parking" zone.

The reason for this request is that Sharon is a rather narrow street, and when people park on both sides, traffic turns into something of a pinball game, with only one vehicle able to get through at a time. This occurs on a regular basis with staggered parking on both sides (ie, two cars are not directly opposite of each other), and when somebody has a gathering and people park cars upon cars on both sides, it becomes quite the feat to make it through safely, particularly if two cars need by going in opposite directions.

There is enough driveway space on Sharon that making one side "No Parking" would not create a hardship for the residents. During the recent snowstorm, all but one resident parked all of their vehicles in their driveways prior to snowfall so that the street could be cleared more easily, and nobody was overhanging the sidewalk. Parking in the driveways can be done, people just don't. (And while I can't speak for the residents of Tumbleweed Dr. the next street over to the east, it seems that they have a similar problem the times I've walked or driven through.)

Interestingly, this doesn't appear to be an issue on the streets that intersect with Sharon - Stetson, Saddlehorn, Spring Hill, or Trail - though they seemingly have a similar density of residents and are not marked as "No Parking".

Since it is a situation that creates a safety issue, I hope that the city will take this request into consideration.

Sincerely,
Bethany Brayton
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Lawrence, KS 66049



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