

South Knoll Area Neighborhood Plan

Public Meeting Series

Meeting 3 – On-Street Parking

- On-Street Parking **Pros (in addition to presentation)**
 - Impedes two-way traffic could be a pro
- On-Street Parking **Cons (in addition to presentation)**
 - City services can't pick up trash, bulk items
 - Don't see a problem with the above – give them a ticket to move their car (call the Police Dep't to come look at it). Ticket the homeowner for not making the trash available. There is a certain level of intelligence in this town to know not to do that.
- City's Policy on Parking Removal
 - There is a difference between doing an evaluation during the day or night. (all streets on list were visited 3 times)
 - Is it true that if one side of parking on the street is taken away, they take it off of the side where the fire hydrants are located? Yes.
- Joint Neighborhood Parking Task Force Recommendations
 - Only pursue neighborhood-initiated parking removal when related to public safety (through deed restrictions and covenants)
 - Increase off-street parking requirements
 - Maximum front yard coverage for new parking areas
 - New houses have to have a driveway or some parking? (Yes – 1 per bedroom, with no more than 4 required)
 - Does this go through a proposal? (this is a study and it is being brought forward to City Council, then ordinances will be written and the COO will be amended)
 - Does a garage count as 2 parking spaces? (Garages can be enclosed or are used for other things. Intent is to reduce amount of on-street parking, so it needs to be provided on the property).
 - If houses are remodeled (adding a new bedroom, converting a living room to a bedroom, ...), will they need to add new parking? (With a BP, we will know what is going on, but without that, we would not know).
 - What happens with front setback (dotted line in ROW??), what happens if the distance between the two includes a SIDEWALK?! And isn't wide enough for a car? (Sidewalk is in public ROW. Vehicle cannot be parked in a sidewalk. Required parking will be on your property.) So where the water meter is, that's ROW? You have to be on your property? (Yes.)
 - How is the City going to handle access to spaces? (Ordinance). If 4 cars line up house, they'd still have to have a 25' driveway (Yes.) What happens when students drive across yard? (Enforcement.)
 - Houses on Holleman – concreted whole front yard. How did they get away with it? (This ordinance is for new construction and Area 5. Recommended in Task Force Report).
 - Where do people park and why?

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- What parking needs or problems do you know of?
- Does the parking vary depending on the time of day, day of week, or time of year?
- Fire Department Safety Evaluation
 - How wide is fire truck? (9'6"). With door open, how big?
 - What's the turning radius? (30').
 - How much space do you require with investigation? (Not a space requirement)
 - How many issues do you have to have before parking is removed? Live on Caudill and a house caught on fire and couldn't get through. (There are one-time problems and chronic problems. Pebble Creek could have no problems and one night a year have filled both sides of the street. If we identify a chronic problem, we will address. If it's one time, parking won't be removed.)
 - If you have a report of a fire and it is a legitimate one and can't get to it because of parking, will you drive through vehicles? Find another way? What happens and you can't get to it? (We will get truck as close as possibly can. If we have to get ladder truck in place to save someone, and that means shoving cars into a yard, we will do that.)
 - Where is the liability if someone dies because of parking? (Not an insurance salesman.)
 - Did you look at Angelina Circle from Valley View where it makes the curve? There are a lot of cars there. (Not requested at the time of research).
 - Site vision – when you go out during football season, is it possible to mark where people shouldn't be parking? (Can't park within 30' of signs. Can put up 'no parking here to corner' signs.)
 - Have any reports from school buses having trouble come in? (No. Have contacted CSISD and didn't have any complaints.)
 - Caudill and Lawyer will have one side removed. How long will it take? (Will have to go through process of sending notifications to property owners and public hearings).
 - How many people get notifications? (Would be adjacent property owners)
 - How much parking will be removed from those streets? (Up to TMT)
 - Students on either side, students park at the end and leave parking open because roommate won't wake up. Four cars could be off of street, but they chose not to. (Only way to enforce that is to remove on-street parking).
 - Haines Street – 2 cars side-by-side and said have trouble getting by. From what I understand, you're saying this is ok? (Yes. There was space around the cars with a wide open area. Can pass between cars.) So getting down the street past a choke point is not a problem. (Run into problem when cars are solid. Will weave through because won't be speeding down the street anyway. Won't significantly affect services.)
 - Was there a recommendation for Ridgefield N & S? (Even if park on one side, can't turn truck around. Would have to back it out.)
 - If remove parking, will it be along entire edge or just at corners? (Removal at the corners because both sides are packed. If straight wouldn't be an issue. At the curve, truck will hit at front bumper and back bumper. Would be removed off of inside of turn.

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- Unusual to have a 90* street.) Would it just be one house? (Not sure where property lines fall.)
- (Caudill/Lawyer bends) Put a stop sign the corner of the street for 30' of clearance. (There is already a stop.) Probably the fault of some of my buddies on the old P&Z, but this is designed to create a neighborhood – just intended to serve those families (PUBLIC road, not owned by individuals). If all became a commercial rent property with 6 kids per house and RVs, then they could do it.
 - When heading north on Lawyer from Southwest Pkwy (in am), parking both sides and queuing, can't use as a two-way street. Can you look at this? (This problem exists in any neighborhood with a school. Cars are occupied, so if pull up behind them with horns and sirens, they can move. Considered by law to be "standing" and not parking. Because it's a school, has to be areas for pick-up and drop-off. When it was built, cars were not as big an issue.)
 - Should put street lights on Caudill.
 - Holik Street is a cul-de-sac, a turn can't be made at Charles. Do a safety evaluation. Students park there for getting on to bus, so people that don't live there park. Street is busy because of avoiding lights. (Wasn't identified, but can get someone to drive through.)
 - When students move in, come in with boyfriends and girlfriends and big trucks. I have a Medina Street courtesy list and hand everyone's parents to let them know they're blocking yards and most are parking on their side of the street. Ok on football weekends and some nights. Communication helps! (DEFINITELY helps to get to know neighbors and let them know!)
- Existing Parking Restrictions
 - Ordinance on Guadalupe, but in order to enforce, has to be a recommendation? (Ordinance was passed 15 years ago and property owners and users have changed, so to put in no parking signs, notification would be required.)
 - Was Guadalupe driven? (Yes. Other reasons to remove parking.)
 - PUT THE SIGNS BACK UP!!! THAT'S A NO-BRAINER!!!!
 - If real estate told you that you can't park there, sue the real estate agent.
 - HOW MUCH IS A CHILD'S LIFE WORTH??? No child's life is worth getting on that street!! Why is it so difficult to put up signs?! (Rodney – one recommendation is to go back and enforce ordinance)
 - (Only original owner) – Safety for students walking to high school. No signs have never been put up.
 - Don't shoot the messenger
 - Question for City Attorney – was the city's failure to put up signs, is there a statute of limitations for this?
 - Confusing signs from Angelina to Longmire. Signage is strange. Says no parking this side and then no parking from here to...conflicting.

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- Glade/Orr is always parked out!
- School children approaching corner at Glade/Orr so the intent was to protect them when the ordinance was put in.
- That's why there are sidewalks.
- If on a bicycle, parking on both sides AND a bus coming down, the lovely sidewalks you are talking about are not safe to ride on. Can't get through bottleneck. This is the safest street for students biking to get through.
- Really shouldn't have an argument if there isn't any parking allowed anyway.
- There are 100 feet on both sides of street (Glade) that are always full.
- Additional Streets Needing Evaluations
 - Angelina Circle
 - Charles Place (Holik)

Other topics

- Parking removal doesn't have to be all or nothing. There are many metropolitan areas that don't have parking during certain times of the day. Has anyone considered restrictions during certain times of day? Alleviates safety concerns of children going to school and then allows for social lives in the evening. Is this all or nothing? Other options with variable time limits. (Troy – the issue becomes with people parking both sides and causes a problem for fire at night.) Could be a benefit to traffic flow were bikes and kids can use during the day.
- Signs at different times – Southside recommended removal of time restricted signs because couldn't enforce them. (Special Event Parking. Difficult to enforce specific times, assuming there's an officer coming through for enforcement.)
- City is only doing enforcement based on citizen complaints. If NRT wants to look at issue of time restrictions, will City bring it forward? (Yes, this is YOUR plan. City Council might not approve if something contrary to City policy, but could be something specific to South Knoll.)