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Subject: Removing parking spots on N Baldwin/?
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Hello. I am emailing again as I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow. It was suggested by someone I spoke to at the traffic division office that I email you again closer to the meeting today to voice again express my opposition to removing the six parking spots on N Baldwin by E Johnson St.

I cannot attend this meeting because I have to work. I work at a bar, so I get home very late and wake up in the early afternoon. I also wanted to add some more information about me and at least three of my neighbors in this building. I am a longtime renter here at 1247 E Johnson and am very low income. I barely make my rent and bills every month. Removing these parking spots is going to make living here even more of a struggle than it already is. I cannot afford to pay for off-street parking. As I got older my mobility worsens. I and at least 3 of my neighbors park there and have permits to do so. Taking away these spots would be removing the places we depend on to park our cars. We live here and pay rent and removing that parking is gonna leave us in a really inconvenient situation, especially in the winter! The 6 spots at E Johnson and N Baldwin are the only places we have to park as all the other spots are taken up by some guy living in a trailer (he is always there and has been for years, he takes up at least two spots with his truck and trailer) and other residents, as well as someone vehicles without a parking permit. On top of winter plans, for some reason. By the time I got off work at 1 or 130am in the morning, all the spots are taken but I have a permit to park in. ALL of them, EVERY night. Taking away spots is going to leave those of us who work nights driving around for 15 minutes, wasting gas and ending up having to walk in the snow 1 to 2 icy, slippery blocks to where we live. That is IF we can find a spot and don't end up having to park someplace out of the permitted areas and racking up expensive citations. Nobody I know who lives here can afford that! I wanted to add that am also an avid biker and am very familiar with what it's like biking around this area as well as this city at large. I have seen what it is like living on this street corner for seven years and observing traffic patterns.

Moreover, on Wednesday nights I have to park on the opposite side due to street cleaning which has only these spots, because I get home so late these are often all taken up and I have to park across E Johnson. This forces me to haul my backpack, bags of groceries, laundry, any other potentially bulky/heavy purchases etc. across a busy street late at night and in the winter through snow banks. Why would it be fair that I and my neighbors would have to bike one or two blocks from our cars to our home? When there is a show at Breese Stevens, concert attendants park on N Baldwin and limit where we can park even more. PLEASE do not remove these parking spots! I bike up N Baldwin almost nightly. A painted bike lane will not make one iota of difference (so if anyone would pay attention to it?). What I think is needed is speedbumps (like the ones on Jenny St. or Haywood Dr., for a few examples) to slow traffic down, that would improve safety for bikers and pedestrians alike. Can some whipping over the hill on N Baldwin from E. Wash and turning off of E Johnson St. WAY too fast and speedbumps would effectively calm traffic. I know people who like speeding through residential streets complain about them loudly, so you know they must be effective.

I love the enhanced crosswalks, but can you please consider speedbumps on N Baldwin St/? and my neighbors who park on N Baldwin and E Johnson explore you: leave the parking spots. It seems like we are being punished or discriminated against for being low income and having a car at this point. Please don't make our lives more difficult by removing the places we park every night. Thank you for your consideration.

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