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From: Bennett, Angela
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 11:19 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: RE: Substitute Ordinance 3429 Landscaping Wheelchair ramps

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Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2007 10:50 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: RE: Substitute Ordinance 3429 Landscaping Wheelchair ramps
Importance: High

Brad:

The CPD decided as follows regarding the substitute ordinance:

- i. Wheelchair ramps when the maximum size of the ramp is not greater than the minimum requirements for ramps under Wisconsin Administrative Code Sec. COMM 21.045 or 62.1003. All ramps that are in a required front or side yard and are more than three (3) feet from the level of the adjoining ground shall have skirting covering the opening under the ramp and a landscape buffer shall be provided along the base of the ramp.
- ii. Off-street parking and loading spaces only if any vehicle parked in the space displays a current disabled parking identification card or license plate, issued to a resident at the address; the space is signed with an approved disabled parking sign; the space has access from a public street, and all other applicable requirements in Sec. 28.11(3) are met."

What they would like is that the skirting and landscaping requirements be removed from the proposed ordinance.

Thanks for giving the CPD the chance to comment on the substitute.

Call me if you have any questions.
 Angela

From: Murphy, Brad
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2007 2:55 PM
To: Bennett, Angela; Tucker, Matthew
Subject: RE: Substitute Ordinance 3869 Landscaping Wheelchair ramps

Angela,

The next opportunity to schedule the Plan Commission review would be on March 19th. If your full commission is scheduled to take it up on the 22nd, my recommendation would be to take it to the Plan Commission after they have acted. That would mean the Plan Commission meeting of April 9th. I'm copying Ald. Olson to see if that's ok.

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Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 11:50 AM
To: mrummel@sbcglobal.net; Judy Olson; Murphy, Brad
Subject: FW: Substitute Ordinance 3429 Landscaping Wheelchair ramps

Hello,

I have expressed my concern about this proposed ordinance change to Judy Olson. I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight, but have a few comments.

**in this case there is a large backyard, back garage and back driveway, and so the resident could have come up with a plan other than the front yard parking.

**at this time, the parking situation is solved. The residence and neighbor right next door to the resident have a special arrangement where the resident can park her van in the driveway right along the front of the house (at the front door), in exchange for letting the neighbor park in the garage at the back of the lot.

**we have very small front yards for properties on the isthmus. I don't believe Front Yard parking is safe for residents, and it brings about an eye sore for the neighborhood. The residence in question is a corner lot, visible from all four corners (Bashford and Division Street).

**I have heard other neighbors express concern about the van parked in the front yard.

Please see below for a copy of an earlier message.

Thank you,

(Photos from August 05 attached)

Judy Olson wrote:

On Monday, April 9, 2007, at 6:00 pm, the Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the proposal to permit handicapped parking in front yards under certain conditions described below:

ii. Off-street parking and loading spaces only if any vehicle parked in the space displays a current disabled parking identification card or license plate, issued to a resident at the address; the space is signed with an approved disabled parking sign; the space has access from a public street, and all other applicable requirements in Sec. 28.11(3) are met_."

If you wish to communicate with the Plan Commission members, you can send an e-mail message to Brad Murphy, Planning Unit Director, at the e-mail address above, and he will share it with the commissioners. You may also register your views or speak at the hearing, which will be held in Room 201 of the City County Building. The Public Hearing includes several items, and I understand that this item is listed last on the public hearing agenda, so it is difficult to know when it will be taken up.

If you would prefer not to appear or send a message, but want me to present your views at the hearing, I will do so, and as we have discussed, I am not a fan of front yard parking, except in certain limited circumstances, so it will be easy for me to do that faithfully.

Unless the Plan Commission refers (postpones) the item, it will be sent for action to the City Council, probably at the meeting of April 17. At that time, I will no

longer be a member of the Council, and you may wish to communicate with Marsha Rummel (mrummel@sbcglobal.net) to let her know your views.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Judy

----- Original Message -----

From: "Catherine Stephens" <cstephens@education.wisc.edu>
To: "Judy Olson" <jolson@operationfreshstart.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2006 3:18 PM
Subject: Parking permit on the street

Dear Judy,

I have this response, and the message below from Larry Stephens. Please feel free to share this message with City Zoning, and City Traffic Engineers.

I think we have compelling reasons why a "parking by permit" on the street is the more logical solution for Mary. Reasons include:

- **Small front yard lots in the City are not intended for parking (a vehicle blocks the front entrance in a haphazard way);
- **Front yards are intended for landscaping and green space.
- **Zoning ordinances are in place to bring guidelines to residents, including those with special needs, with safety considerations in mind;
- **A change to zoning law should only be considered as a last resort on a property that does not include a back yard, back garage, back driveway (which Mary does have).

In Mary's case, a permit at the street would mean that Mary's van would need to move on Wednesdays during street sweeping times, but this seems a logical compromise. You might also look at examples where a special permit is allowed. For example, in Middleton, teachers at Middleton High School receive a permit to park all day on the street near or around the school.

As this saga continues, I hope I can be of some help in finding a solution. It is unclear to me how other neighbors will respond. I am wondering how you plan to notify other neighbors?

Thanks,

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Judy,

Why not make the Division St. parking space in front of Mary's house a standard handicap parking space (permit only, just like any other handicap parking space in Madison). Mary can park there when the space is available, (which would be most of the time) when the space is unavailable (Wed. etc,) she could park in the yard, but only as a last resort.

Larry Stephens

