

Park Pl
Grand Ave
Regent St

Speedway Rd

RP3 Area 15 Parking Restrictions

- Dis/Vet Only
- 2 Hour
- - - RP3 2 Hour
- - - RPO
- No Parking
- - - Part Time Restriction
- Peak Hour Restriction



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From: [Andrea Dearlove](#)
To: [McGuigan, Patrick](#)
Cc: [Andrea Dearlove](#)
Subject: Regarding tonight's hearing on the Virginia Terrace parking issue
Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 3:47:53 PM

Dear Mr. McGuigan,

My name is Andrea Dearlove and my family lives at 430 Virginia Terrace. I am unable to come to the hearing this evening, although I think my husband (Paul Dearlove) will be able to attend.

I wanted to provide input since I am unable to attend in person.

There are many issues presented by having only the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace with unlimited parking options for teachers and students -- the safety of a heavily crowded street being first and foremost.

But rather than address each item separately, my overall thought is that the challenge of West High School teachers and students needing places to park close to the school is a SYSTEMIC issue that should involve a much wider audience -- the school, the city, surrounding neighborhoods -- and a neighborhood-wide solution. This is not an issue that the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace can solve - although it seems as if this challenge has fallen to us since all of the other blocks surrounding the school have changed their own parking limitations.

I hope that the city will choose to look at this from a much wider perspective and come up with a more comprehensive solution that can meet the needs of both neighborhood residents and West High School teachers and student who commute.

Thanks so much for taking this into consideration.

My best,
Andrea Dearlove

From: Beth Neary
To: McGuigan, Patrick
Subject: 400/500 block of Va Terrace meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:32:14 PM

Dear Patrick,

I hope to be able to make the meeting tonight, but I wanted to share my thoughts in advance.

I am the person who started the petition. I originally started a petition for one side of the street parking in Oct 2017 after my car got hit for the 6th time parked on the street. (No, I did not have a large bull's eye on my car.) Twice, the persons did not own up to hitting me resulting in me paying the deductible in addition to time and inconvenience. The first petition did not get enough signatures. So, I went back to the drawing board...but life happened.

In Nov 2017, my husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor and the density of commuter parking plagued us. He underwent 30 days of radiation. So every morning at 7:30AM, I had move our cars on the street to provide sufficient space to pull my car across the driveway to accomodate his wheelchair. This was an extreme situation, but illustrates how the density of parking affects the daily lives of residents.

This past winter, I convened a meeting at my house with neighbors to discuss the extreme level of commuter parking on our street. Issues of car damage, difficulty getting out of their driveways safely, blocked driveways, limited parking for guests, workers and bike safety were discussed.

The mail delivery person, the UPS person and others who provide service to our street have often complained about the lack of parking on our street.

After the meeting, my neighbor Jim Glueck met with Bill Putnam about our situation. We followed all the protocols and did get the majority of our neighbors to sign the new petition. The city studied our street and determined that we certainly had a commuter issue. Our request for the parking to be "on school days only" was approved by the city attorney.

We circulated the petition and did achieve a majority of 14/27 households. We hope that you will allow the 2 hour parking with residential permit on school days only.

Thank you,
Beth Neary

From: Alexis Wolfmeister
To: McGuigan, Patrick
Subject: Opposition to adding 400 and 500 Blocks of Virginia Terrace to Residential Parking Permit Program
Date: Saturday, August 17, 2019 7:21:48 PM

Dear Patrick McGuigan:

I was unable to attend the public hearing discussing adding the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace to the City's Residential Parking Permit. If that matter is still under consideration I'd like to express my opposition to adding parking restrictions to the 500 block of Virginia Terrace.

I live at 518 Virginia Terrace. The people who park on our block are often there to use the Southwest Commuter Bike Path. I think adding parking restrictions would unfairly restrict their ability to enjoy this path.

I feel very fortunate to live in a home which is so close to this beautiful bike path. The portion near 500 Virginia Terrace is especially nice. It is well shaded and has few street crossing. People often come to this section of the path with small children and enjoy the freedom that comes with knowing their children can bike without worrying about crossing the paths of motor vehicles.

I would love for Madison to expand it's network of cycling paths which are physically separated from motor vehicle traffic so everyone can easily access these types of paths without needing to drive there. As long as unequal access to this type of cycling infrastructure remains I strongly oppose anything which makes it more difficult for people to access our existing bike paths. Other than during football games, parking is generally plentiful on our street. There is no need to create artificial limitations which would keep people from using the path for long blocks of time, including but not limited to partial bike commutes.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alexis Wolfmeister
(608)215-1969

From: Jane Morgan
To: McGuigan, Patrick
Subject: Parking concern on Virginia Terrace
Date: Monday, August 05, 2019 8:48:22 PM

Dear Patrick,

We live at 2405 Rugby Row but have the longest lot line in the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace. We have been excluded from discussions about the parking and safety concerns in our area because we do not have a Virginia Terr address. Only in the past 3 days has the current situation been shared with us. I hope it's not too late for me to express my opinion.

First, please refer to a map to see our location.

This past winter I watched a 4 different vehicles unable to enter VT to the south due to snow banks and cars parked on both sides of the street. These vehicles included a school bus, a garbage truck, and both UPS and FEDEX trucks. I called the city to report this and request that the street be widened. The city responded in the next few days and we averted potential serious problems. It was because of this event (which has occurred many times in the past) that several neighbors met to discuss the issue. For my husband and me the issue is simply safety. We welcome West High and UW hospital employees who park here, though it means we are never able to have guests here during the week and having workers here is often problematic. Our concern is that no fire engine or ladder truck could have negotiated our street. It is questionable whether or not an ambulance could have negotiated our street. If an emergency had occurred between Rugby Row and Norwood the response time of MFD would have been affected significantly.

I understand that there is a plan being suggested the street would have a period of a few hours weekly where there would opportunity to do snow removal. I've also heard mention that the

entire neighborhood should have one-side parking. But the plan for 2 hour parking on both sides is the one that has a slight majority of supporters.

My husband and I will be out of town at the time of the meeting to share concerns. Even though it appears that our opinion doesn't count we want to go on record saying that 2 hour parking is a mistake. It doesn't solve the safety issue for emergency vehicles and it is mean-spirited and unkind to make the already serious parking problems for West High staff and students and UW Hospital employees even worse.

Thank you for considering our position. It sounds like there is not solution that will make everyone happy. But I do hope that our concern for the safety of our neighbors is taken into account into the decisions that your department will make.

Sincerely,

Jane E Morgan

2405 Rugby Row

Madison

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From: [Bill Babcock](#)
To: [McGulgan, Patrick](#)
Cc: [Bldar, Shiva](#); [Barb Babcock](#); [Bill Babcock](#)
Subject: Transportation Commission Hearing - Virginia Terrace Parking - 8/14/19
Date: Tuesday, August 06, 2019 9:19:26 AM
Attachments: [VirginiaTerraceParking_TransportationCommissionHearing_BabcockWrittenComments_2019-08.pdf](#)

Patrick:

Thank you for your time on the phone yesterday to discuss the upcoming public hearing by the City Transportation Commission.

Since Barb and I will be out of town next week, we appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments for consideration by the Commission members.

Attached please find our comments in opposition to the request for 2-Hour Residential Permit Parking on School Days for the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace.

Please let us know if you or members of the Commission have any questions about our statement.

We would appreciate being kept informed about any further developments regarding the request for residential permit parking on Virginia Terrace.

Thank you.

William & Barbara Babcock
453 Virginia Terrace
Madison, WI 53726

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William & Barbara Babcock
453 Virginia Terrace
Madison, WI 53726

DATE: AUGUST 5, 2019

TO: MEMBERS, CITY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RE: REQUEST FOR 2-HOUR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ON SCHOOL DAYS
400 & 500 BLOCKS OF VIRGINIA TERRACE

Thank you for this opportunity to provide these written comments in opposition to the request for 2-Hour Residential Permit Parking on School Days for the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace. We are unable to attend the public hearing on August 14 because of prior commitments.

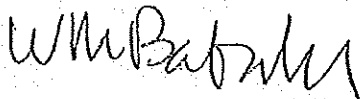
We have lived at 453 Virginia Terrace since 1978. We are opposed to the request because designation as a residential permit parking street will not address in any way the issue of the narrowing of the street in the winter. However, it will result in additional expense to residents required to purchase parking permits, inconvenience and confusion for residents, visitors and guests attempting to understand and navigate the new parking rules, and increased risk for damage to cars parked on the street as commuters and others try to avoid parking violations by moving their vehicles every two hours.

The request fails to address the big issue, which is the lack of on-campus parking for faculty, staff and students at West High School, Edgewood and the University of Wisconsin. If approved, the request will simply push the issue to other streets. For example, the request for residential permit parking for the 500 block of Virginia Terrace appears to be a self-protection reaction to the request for such restrictions for the 400 block.

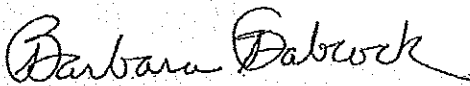
In our opinion, it makes sense to wait and see what changes are proposed for parking regulations for the entire area in late fall as part of the expansion of the Clean Streets/Clean Lakes program and Snow Emergency Zone.

Thank you for your consideration of our opposition to the request for 2-Hour Residential Permit Parking on School Days for the 400 block of Virginia Terrace.

Sincerely,



William Babcock



Barbara Babcock

cc: Shiva Bidar
Alder, District 5