

From: [Jane Morgan](#)
To: [McGuigan, Patrick](#)
Subject: Parking concern on Virginia Terrace
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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,
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