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TO: DC Wirsing
FROM: Sgt. Joe Grage #754
DATE: 01/12/2016
SUBJECT: Parking issue on 16th St near Four Seasons Park

DC Wirsing,

I have reviewed the concerns regarding 16th St. where it borders Four Seasons Park. I have also made some observations:

1. The roadway of 16th St. is wider between Finley Rd. and Collen Dr. than it is east of that location leading to the park district parking lot for the park. Regardless of that fact, traffic parked on the north side of 16th St. between Finley Rd and Collen Dr. has the potential of restricting sight lines for motorists turning off of Collen onto 16th St.
2. The use of 16th St. for parking by patrons of Four Seasons Park on both north and south sides can create congestion of the roadway to the point where the maneuver of emergency vehicles down the roadway could present some peril. For example, a fire engine or ambulance responding to the playground at the east end of 16th St. would be navigating what would essentially be a narrow one lane roadway at that point. No traffic could travel westbound until the fire engine or ambulance turned off of 16th St.
3. There already appear to be some parking restrictions in effect for the north side of 16th east of Collen Dr. The north side of the street has two signs posted perpendicular to the roadway that say "No Parking Any Time". I was unable to locate a reference to these signs in the traffic code. Their positioning also makes them very hard to see due to the fact that they are not angled in a way that westbound motorists can see them. (Fig. 1)

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4. The length of 16th St. between Finley Rd. and Collen Dr. is approximately 180 feet. Section 10-13-1 (a)(8) of the VOL Traffic Code already prohibits parking within 30 feet of the stop sign posted on the north side of the street.

The potentially dangerous conditions created by vehicles parking on both the north and south sides of the street do not occur every day. It is very difficult at best to anticipate or predict the attendance of events by park district patrons. The conditions created by vehicles parking on both sides of the street are severe enough to warrant action.

Based upon these observations, I recommend that the north side of 16th St. between Finley Rd. and Collen Dr. be posted "No Parking Anytime". I also recommend that the "No Parking Anytime" signage on the north side of 16th St. east of the intersection at Collen Dr. be altered to include three signs that are angled towards motorists instead of two that are positioned perpendicular to the roadway.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Newton", with the number "764" written below it.

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