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To: Chairperson and Transportation and Safety Committee
Through: Wes Anderson, Director of Public Works *Wes Anderson*
From: Nick Hatfield, PE, Civil Engineer *NH*
Date: September 26, 2006
Subject: Recommendation on Posting "No Parking" on Various Streets in Cambria

Staff requests the Committee's recommendation for the Board of Trustees on the parking situation within the Cambria neighborhood. As the Committee is aware, parking and access issues were raised by the Cambria Homeowners Association in regards to attendees of the nearby Islamic Foundation, parking within the neighborhood on Friday afternoons. In addition, other traffic and parking related issues were highlighted by Mr. Aly El-Dars', of 1125 S. Cambria Lane, and by other residents of Cambria during the September 12th meeting that should also be addressed. Several attachments follow this memorandum:

- 1) A memorandum from David Hulseberg, Assistant Village Manger and Director of Community Development, which addresses the past history and recent developments in regards to posting "No Parking" signs along various streets within the Cambria Neighborhood.
- 2) An email from the Cambria Homeowners Association stating their current position, which is posting both sides of all roads within Cambria as "No Parking Fridays 12PM-3PM."
- 3) A letter from Mr. Aly El-Dars, who resides within the Cambria neighborhood, which expresses both concern over the times of the posted "No Parking" signs and other parking and traffic issues within the Cambria neighborhood.

There are several issues that can be addressed at this time. The following points were taken into consideration in preparing staff's recommendation:

- There are eight other areas within the Village that are currently signed "No Parking" on specific days at specific times that were posted as a result of parking and access issues caused by nearby churches, schools or commuter areas.
- The roads within Cambria are 28 feet wide, and many of the roads are curved. With vehicles parked on opposite sides of the road, only 12 feet of clearance is available, while the Lombard Fire Department requires 18 feet of clearance to set up for a fire.
- Staff is currently coordinating posting "No Parking Stopping or Standing" on the south side of Jackson St., approximately 30 feet west from the intersection of Addison Ave. and Jackson St. This action, along with a similar action to the east

on Jackson St. in Villa Park (currently being coordinated with Villa Park staff), will alleviate a significant sight distance issue caused by vehicles that queue along Jackson St. while waiting to pick-up children from Jackson Middle School. This specific issue will be formally presented to the Committee at next month's meeting.

Staff's recommendation is to sign one side of the roads (the side with the fire hydrants) within Cambria as "No Parking," and sign the other side "No Parking Fridays 12PM-3PM." This action would allow for traffic, particularly fire trucks, to move easier at all times through the neighborhood and, although it is not what the Cambria Homeowners Association is requesting, it does, in part, address the issue of parking and access during Friday afternoons. The Cambria Homeowners Association has asked that if the Committee does not reach a recommendation for this item, then they would like to have the existing Police order extended until such time one is achieved.

NH
Attachments

cc: President Mueller
Trustee Soderstrom
Islamic Foundation

Mr. Aly El-Dars
Angela Sarno, Board Member, Cambria Homeowners Association
Joe Wagner, Lombard PD

Memorandum

To: Steven Sebby, Chairperson, Transportation & Safety Committee and Trustee District #4

From: David Hulseberg, AICP, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Community Development

Date: September 26, 2006

Subject: **CAMBRIA NO PARKING REQUEST**

This memorandum reviews the history for the above captioned matter.

Background:

On August 8, 2006 Officer Joe Wagner contacted David Hulseberg as a result of a request Officer Wagner received from Angela Sarno of the Cambria Homeowners Association. After discussing the issue with Officer Wagner, Mr. Hulseberg contacted the Trustee of the District, Rick Soderstrom. Based upon Trustee Soderstrom's willingness to assist in resolving this issue a meeting was held on August 15, 2006 with Zia Hassan and Vaince Tasadduq of the Islamic Foundation (IF), Trustee Soderstrom, Officer Joe Wagner and Mr. Hulseberg. The intent of this meeting was to share with them parking difficulties which occurred on Friday afternoon as well as trespassing onto Cambria property, with the goal to see if a solution to these issues could be identified at this meeting. At this meeting, Mr. Hulseberg shared video clips and pictures taken by a Cambria resident demonstrating the trespassing and congested parking. Zia Hassan and Vaince Tasadduq indicated that they were aware of attendees of their facility parking in the streets compromising the Cambria neighborhood. They indicated that they have asked their attendees not to park in the Cambria Subdivision. They stated that representatives of Cambria had shared with them trespassing and parking problems that occurred early on Friday afternoons. Zia Hassan asked what type of steps might be able to be taken to help solve the problems that were occurring in the Cambria Subdivision on Fridays. The following ideas were suggested:

1. No parking at all
2. Limited no parking
3. Fencing of property line
4. Permit parking

Zia Hassan and Vaince Tasadduq recommended that the Village initiate the limited No Parking scenario on Fridays only between the hours of 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. The representatives of the IF indicated their support because they believed this would be the least restrictive scenario for Cambria residents. Trustee Soderstrom indicated that he would meet with the Cambria Homeowners Association Board of Directors (CHABD) with Officer Wagner and Assistant Village Manager Hulseberg.

On August 30, 2006 Office Wagner, Trustee Soderstrom and Mr. Hulseberg met with the Board of Directors of the Cambria Homeowners Association (CHABD). Trustee Soderstrom indicated the recommendation of IF representatives of No Parking 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. on Fridays. The Association indicated that they were in support of the IF recommendation. Cambria representatives asked how quickly the Friday No Parking 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. might begin. Mr. Hulseberg indicated that the Chief of Police could issue a 30-day No Parking order with the approval of the Public Works Director. It was agreed that Mr. Hulseberg would initiate this process since both the leadership of the IF and Cambria were in agreement on how to resolve the issue. The request to make Friday 12 p.m.– 3 p.m. No Parking ban permit was forwarded to the Traffic and Safety Committee.

The Traffic and Safety Committee did not officially meet on September 12, 2006 but members did hear testimony from Beverly Thomas, Muhammad Sami, Aly El-Dars and a Mr. Adbuhl. The Committee, due to a lack of information and a quorum, did not officially act upon the Friday No Parking 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. request.

On September 19, 2006 Trustee Rick Soderstrom hosted a meeting between the following individuals:

- Zia Hassan of the IF
- Vaince Tassadduq of the IF
- Doreen Natalino of the CHABD
- Angela Sarno of the CHABD
- Angela Murphy of the CHABD
- David Hulseberg, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Community Development
- William T. Lichter, Village Manager
- Beverly Thomas, Cambria Resident
- Muhammed Sami Cambria Resident
- Aly El-Dars, Cambria Resident

The purpose of the meeting was to share the historical information outlined in this memo and to see if a consensus could be brought about. It was clear after one and half hours of discussion, that a consensus could not be achieved. Both the leadership from the CHABD and the IF were in support of the solution for the parking problem while those Cambria residents who attended the last Traffic and Safety meeting remained opposed to the request.

New Cambria Request:

The CHABD requests that all the streets be posted No Parking Friday from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

If the Traffic and Safety Committee cannot reach a recommendation on this new request, they have asked that the Chief Police's existing order be affirmed by the Committee and Village Board until a resolution for this issue is achieved. The existing order expires on October 6, 2006.

Additional Information:

The Village has limited parking in the following instances:

- On Ash between Lincoln and Elizabeth -NO PARKING SYMBOL 6AM-1PM SUNDAY (St John's)
- On Lincoln between Maple and Ash - NO PARKING 6AM-1PM SUNDAY (St John's)
- Around most of the schools - NO PARKING STANDING STOPPING 7:30AM-4PM SCHOOL DAYS ARROW RIGHT
- Streets near Glenbard East -NO PARKING 9AM-3PM SCHOOL DAYS DOUBLE ARROW
- 17th Street between Highland and Main - NO PARKING SYMBOL 8AM-12PM SUNDAY DOUBLE ARROW (Christ the King)
- Harmony Lane between Madison and Court - NO PARKING SYMBOL SUNDAY 6AM-1PM DOUBLE ARROW (St Pius)
- Hammerschmidt daily fee lot - NO PARKING THIS AREA 7PM FRI-2PM SAT RESERVED FOR FRENCH MARKET. Also No Truck Parking
- Commuter parking restrictions - 1 HR. PARKING 7AM-10AM EXCEPT SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS. This general area is from Illinois Prairie Path to Great Western Trail and Grace to Finley.

Cambria's streets are 28 feet wide. With parking on both sides of the street, the remaining available drive width is 12 feet. The Fire Department requires eighteen feet (18') to set up for a fire. The additional problem with parking on both sides of the street is that it creates significant difficulties for vehicles to back out of their driveways.

DAH/jd

Nick Hatfield/VOL
09/28/2006 08:07 AM

To Wes Anderson/VOL
cc
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Subject Re: Fw: Traffic Meeting on 10-2

Nick Hatfield, P.E.
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Village of Lombard
Wes Anderson/VOL



"angela sarno"

09/27/2006 07:21 PM

To

cc

Subject Traffic Meeting on 10-2

Mr. Anderson:

This email is to let you know that the Cambria Condo Association Board has revisited the issue of the No Parking on Friday 12-3 signs/restrictions. Our position is in favor of making the Friday parking restrictions permanent and we would ask that the village complete the posting of the signs on Cambria Lane. We are not requesting or endorsing any other parking restrictions or solutions to the trespassing problem at this time.

If you need to get in touch with me I can be reached by phone at 708-284-2386.

Thank you,

Angela Sarno
Secretary
Cambria Condominium Association Board
Lombard, IL

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The Village of Lombard Board of Directors,
Lombard IL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

With all due respect, since August 31st of this year I have been opposing an ordinance in my sub-division that was "brokered" between the Islamic Foundation and the Village. This ordinance as illustrated in the pictures below is to ban parking in my sub-division on Fridays between 12-3 (please see the following image of the signs posted in the community by temporary police order)



Figure 1 - Parking Ban signs by Temporary Police Order

This ban was reported to us in an ill-worded document from the current Cambria Homeowners Association board. The letter states the fact that this ban is permanent and that it was not temporary. The purpose of the ban as stated in the letter is to "stop trespassing on our

property". I applaud the efforts by the Cambria board to help make the community safer, but unfortunately, this ordinance is not aligned with the US Constitution since it impedes on the rights of a minority to practice their religion.

Trespassing is a serious issue that needs to be addressed, however, given the other traffic safety issues and trespass incidents that occur on a regular basis in Cambria, the proposed Friday parking ban targets only one such issue and a group of people by attempting to prevent them from practicing their beliefs on their congregational prayer day.

As I and others outlined to the Lombard Transportation and Safety Committee on Tuesday, September 12, there are enough other traffic safety concerns besides Friday parking that a safety survey or study seems to be warranted in order to seek a comprehensive solution to all the traffic safety problems as well as minimize all trespassing upon Cambria property.

To reiterate what the obvious traffic safety concerns are in Cambria, I will list them here:

- 1) In general, the Cambria street layout does not lend itself to street parking because of the curves. There are several "blind" spots where it's impossible to see oncoming traffic when cars are parked there. Additionally, there are frequently cars parked on both sides of the street making it hazardous for one car to navigate through and impossible for two cars to pass through. In this letter, I have included photos of such incidents.
- 2) On days when Jackson Middle School is in session, the Jackson Street entrance of our subdivision is nearly impossible to use during school drop-off and pick-up times. During pick-up times, Cambria streets near that entrance are particularly full of parents waiting to meet their children at their previously established meeting point. Many of the students are also trespassers as they cut through the property to meet their parents.
- 3) During Little League season, the Cambria streets are frequently used for parking in the same area where the attendees of the prayer services park on Fridays. The Little League fans trespass on Cambria property across the same ground walked upon by Muslims on Fridays, yet the Friday only parking ban does nothing to stop or deter those trespass incidents. The letter from the Cambria board refers to an incident of someone driving across the lawn to go to prayer; while that might have very well happened, baseball fans have been witnessed to drive across that patch of lawn to transport their equipment and picnic supplies to games. Again, targeting the limited hours on Fridays for a parking ban does nothing to solve these problems.
- 4) The cul-de-sac near Jackson and Addison seems to have become a mini parking lot. For the last several weeks, there has been an average of 6-8 cars parked in the center of the cul-de-sac. See attached photo with 4 remaining cars on a recent midday.

Although this ban was agreed upon by the IFS, this ordinance clearly is targeting a group of people based on religion and it infringes upon their constitutional rights. Additionally, Cambria has numerous other issues that need to be addressed.

Despite Cambria's letter implying to me that this matter is a "done deal", I have learned from last week's Transportation and Safety Committee Meeting that the ordinance is still in review by public hearings. I appeal to all of you to consider the full implication of this ordinance as it stands and do not pass it. Please uphold the U.S. Constitution and disapprove the request.

I am fully aware that as elected officials the Village board can pass any ordinance it may well please regardless of public outcry. I feel it is my civic duty, however, to inform this board of all the public safety issues in Cambria and request a fair and equitable solution for all.

In the following set of pictures, I have taken on Saturday 09/16/06 and Sunday 09/17/06 of parking issues in Cambria that this ordinance does NOT address:



Figure 2 - (Saturday 09/16/06 6:25 PM) Blind Spot Parking Hazard

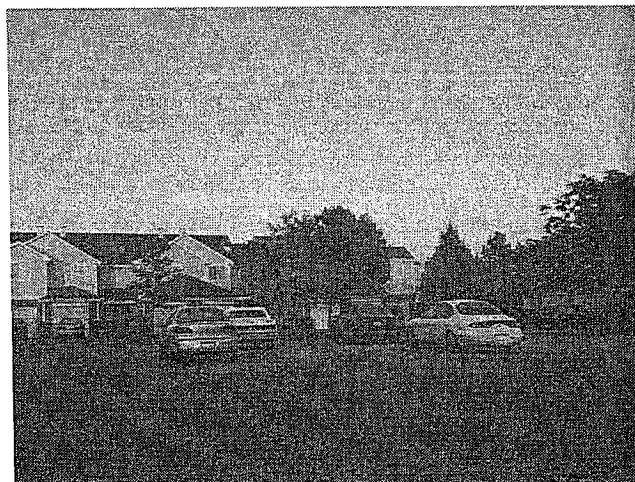


Figure 3 - (Saturday 09/16/06 6:30 PM) De-facto Illegal parking on cul-de-sac



Figure 4 - (Saturday 09/16/06 6:35 PM) Double Parking with no space to maneuver vehicle traffic on Addison Street



Figure 5 - (Saturday 09/16/06 6:40 PM) More Double Parking on Wilson

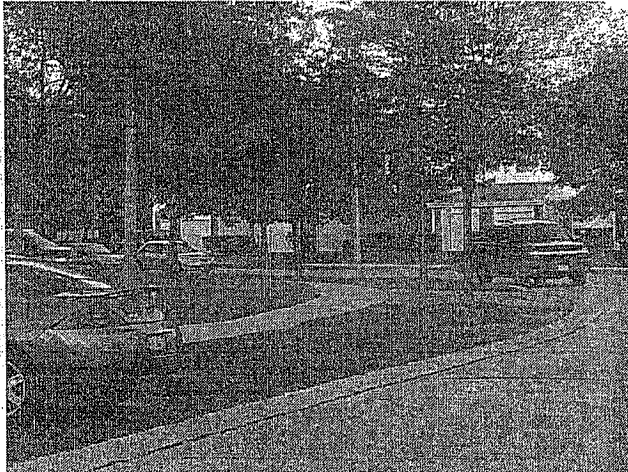


Figure 6 - (Saturday 09/16/06 6:45 PM) More Blind spot parking

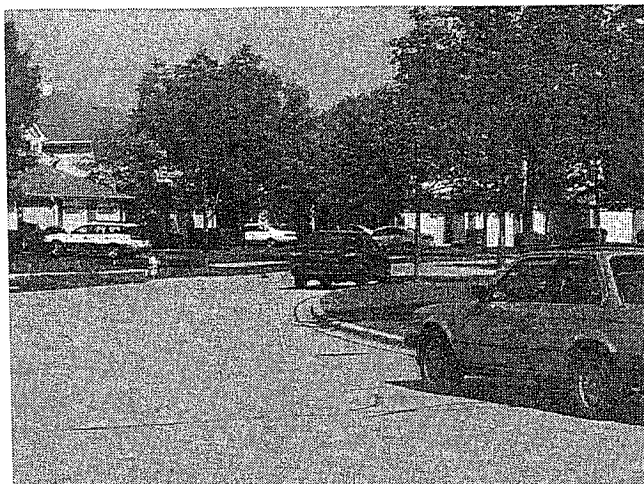


Figure 7 - (Sunday 09/17/06 10:50 AM) More Blind Spot Parking in Cambria Lane

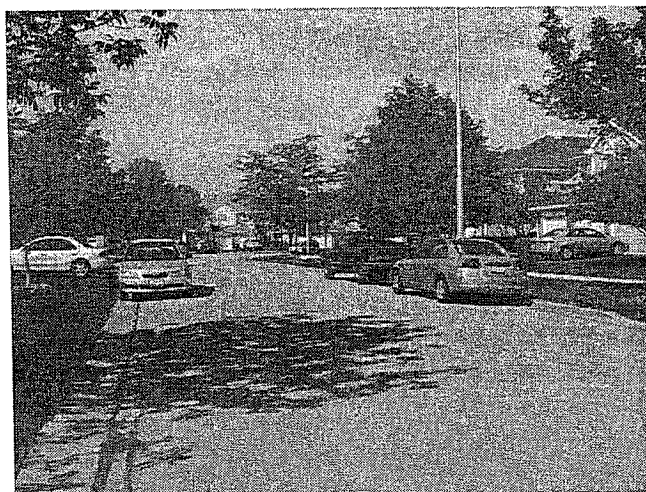
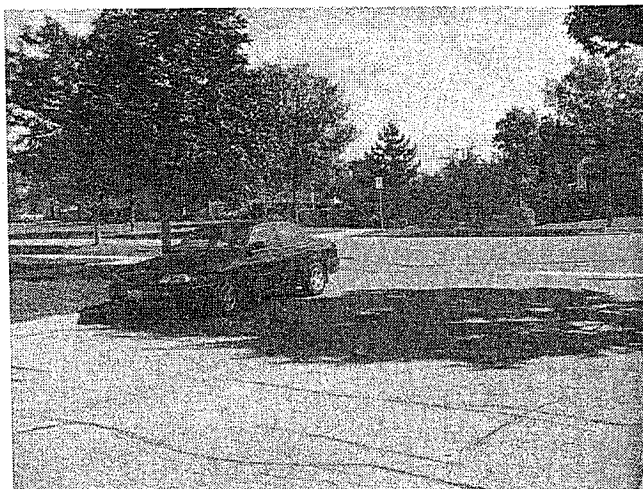


Figure 8 - (Sunday 09/17/06 10:52 AM) Double Side Parking in Cambria Lane



**Figure 9 - (Sunday 09/17/06 10:53 AM) Parking Close to Stop Sign preventing entry into Cambria Lane from Wilson
- too Close to Stop Sign**

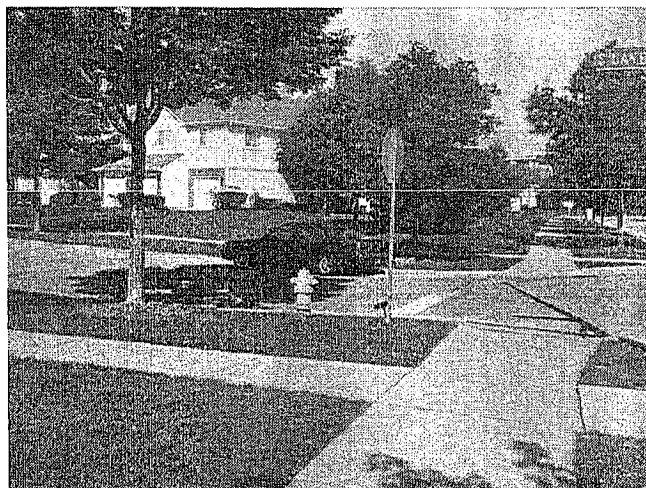


Figure 10 - (Sunday 09/17/06 10:53 AM) Parking Close to Stop Sign preventing entry into Cambria Lane from Wilson – too Close to Stop Sign View 2



Figure 11 - (Sunday 09/17/06 10:55 AM) Double Parking in a blind spot curve

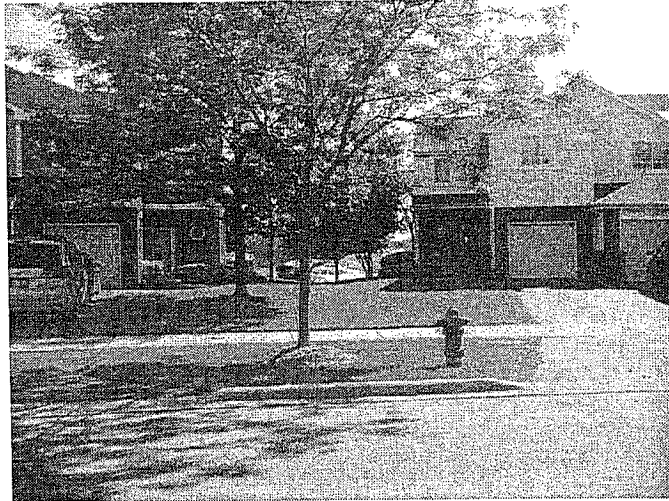


Figure 12 - (Sunday 09/17/06 10:54 AM) Alleged trespass pathway – NO Signs posted to inform public from Wilson side.

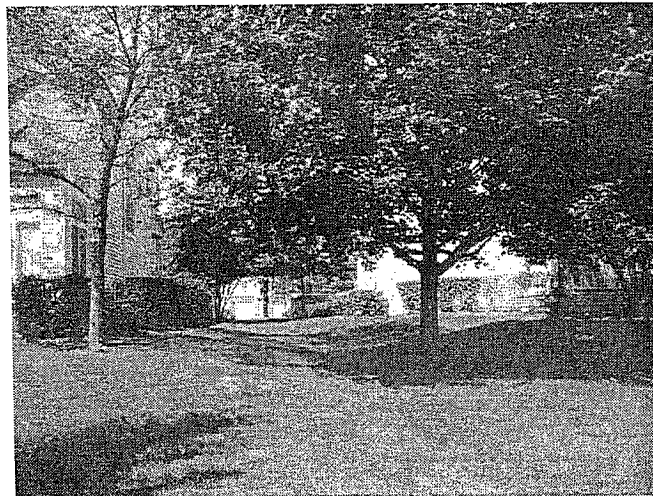


Figure 13 - (Sunday 09/17/06 10:54 AM) Alleged trespass pathway – NO Signs posted to inform public from Villa Park side.

Besides the pictures in this letter, I also wanted to note the traffic safety issue of non-resident traffic that speeds through the sub-division taking shortcuts. There is no reason why people should cut across this community with speeds such as this. In recent memory, there have been a couple of accidents where a vehicle hit a fire hydrant (actually both times it was the same hydrant). The driver was not a resident but nothing was done to stop this from ever reoccurring.

Summary:

Something must be done to ensure that Traffic and Public Safety issues are addressed at all times. A targeted ordinance such as this one is unconstitutional. The current signs should be removed from the streets until a FULL Traffic and Public Safety evaluation of Cambria is complete. A full report of this traffic and safety investigation needs to be made public coupled with a set of recommendations to correct the overall situation of public safety in this community. The report should include no unnecessary bias toward the Muslims of the community.

For almost ten years, I lived in this community it is only since the most recent Cambria Board election that we are seeing such drastic measures with only one effect – spreading hatred and discourse amongst citizens and community members. This is an internal Cambria issue but one that I feel is necessary to mention in light of their misleading the Village of Lombard to believe that the only parking and traffic problems in Cambria result from Muslims.

Lombard has always been a very well integrated community and unfortunately this is a dark day in our Village's history. Please, let's work together to continue making Lombard a respectable place where Character Counts.

Regards,

Aly El-Dars



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**TO: ALL UNIT OWNERS
CAMBRIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION**

FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: TRESPASSING

DATE: AUGUST 31, 2006

As most of you know, the Cambria community has been subjected to 200 to 300 people walking through the yards along Addison Avenue every Friday afternoon after services at the mosque adjacent to the community. Multiple announcements were made to the attendees by the leaders of the mosque to stop this practice but the announcements had no effect.

Representatives of the Village of Lombard have met with the leaders of the mosque adjacent to our community. The leaders of the mosque and the representatives of the village have jointly offered the following solution to the large number of trespassers walking through our community before and after services at the mosque.

Effective immediately, parking will not be permitted on Cambria streets from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Fridays. Residents may call in license numbers if their guests need to park on the street during these hours. If your guest is ticketed in error, you may file a protest with the Police Department.

It is important to emphasize that the leaders from the mosque were very frustrated with those members who were trespassing despite their repeated requests to respect Cambria as private property and to refrain from walking through the yards. They suggested to the Village representatives that the trespassers' cars be ticketed and also agreed wholeheartedly with the plan to prohibit parking on Cambria streets before, during and immediately after service hours.

This decision is not only in the best interest of all Cambria homeowners, but it also protects the privacy and enjoyment of the property for the homeowners living along the border with the mosque parking areas. It protects the grass and other areas from repeated damage as service attendees ride bikes through the yards as well as walking through them. There has also been at least one incident of a car being drive through the area from Addison to the parking lot, but is unknown who was responsible for that incident.

Your cooperation with and understanding of these changes is greatly appreciated.

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Figure 14 - Vanguard Cambria Board Letter