Thank you for your time. For the last month the police have been marking tires on some days. On my way back from the mail box one Friday this past month I ran into Trustee Greg Gron. We talked for a bit & he asked me about parking. I pointed out to him a business owner parked in a prime customer spot, no mark on the tire and it had been there most the afternoon. This was 1/2 a block away from free parking for business owners and their employees. During the past month you see the same business owners and employees cars parked on the street. Tire marking appears sporadic. So it appears to me we are back to the same tug of war for the CSO's time.

Lombard has spent a lot of time and money improving the downtown and trying to attract more business to the downtown shouldn't the downtown be as accessible as possible to the customers. Lombard spent \$850,000 on a parking lot for business owners & their employees to use free of charge. Every hour a business owner or employee occupies a spot is an hour the spot is not available to potential customers. No parking spot, so car continues down the road. Lost revenue for businesses. National Main Street Program states a parking spot in front of a business is worth \$40,000 in business annually. Why minimize the use of this asset. Glen Ellyn & Wheaton have acknowledged the importance of street parking to customers. The merchants of Lombard have recognized the importance of street parking for customers. 41 or over 85% of downtown businesses (in the area of street parking) signed a petition supporting Customer Parking Only.

I have been told but Glen Ellyn & Wheaton have a full time person monitoring parking. That is true but Glen Ellyn and Wheaton have an enforcement area 8 to 12 times the size of Lombard's 2 1/2 blocks.

I have been told "Customer Parking Only" is too complex, too hard to enforce etc. I'm sorry but I do not buy it. Lombard's CSO are extremely capable, professional and intelligent. I refuse to accept that Glen Ellyn and Wheaton CSO's are more capable, professional or intelligent than our CSO's. It just isn't so. Glen Ellyn and Wheaton CSO's say the Customer Parking Only works well.

I heard since Lombard is not home rule we might not be able to restrict parking to customers only. I spoke with an attorney familiar with Lombard and was told that was news to him. He said if someone is suggesting Customer Parking Only isn't possible in Lombard they should put it in writing and site their sources with copies.

So in summary

- A police study states "Apparently many merchants are opposed to Customer Parking Only" but after 5 months the Police Department still cannot answer how many, who or why they are opposed.
- What is the down side of Customer Parking Only?
- \$850,000 spent on a parking lot so businessowners and employees can park for free
- The value of a parking spot to a retail business as stated by National Main Street Program.
- 41 downtown businesses or over 85% support Customer Parking Only

So I ask this committee to put Customer Parking Only to a vote tonight.

Attachment: Petition

To: Village of Lombard

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Did Not Sign

- Joseph A. Wanders DDS 233 W. St. Charles Rd.
 - No, because sometimes they park on the street
- Fairy Tales 9 S. Park Avenue
 - No, it is hard enough for parking (on the street) now, making it Customer Only would make it harder for them.
- A. Taub & Associates 101 Orchard Terrace
 - No, they park in the street and are not interested in parking in free lot across the street.
- Thomas Piehl CPA 105 Orchard Terrace
 - No, want street parking for himself and tenants. Not interested in parking in free lot across the street.
- Slick & BJ's 4 S. Park Avenue

Richard Grene (Slick) signed, then discussed again with Billie (BJ) and asked for the name to be taken off petition.

- Action Motorcycle 103 W. St. Charles Rd.
 - No the building has no parking, believes there is enough parking for employees and customers. Village told him there were no available stickers in the Municipal Parking lot at 21 North Park for businesses.
- Punkies 16 S. Park Ave.
 - No, has many part-time employees and feels employees should be able to park on the street.
- Re-Max 113 W. St. Charles
 - No, employees park on the street.
- Country Companies 1 S. Park
 - No, did not feel it would be right to sign because they are moving in 2 weeks and they park on the street.
- Guy's Hair Style 10 W. St. Charles

Supports Customer Parking Only but only open 2 days a week so he didn't feel it would be right to sign.

- Ski Centers Marital Arts 26 N. Park Ave. 6 attempts not open during day
- Bruck Lighting Systems
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