

AGENDA: TSC 10/1/12

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Dakota Street between Louisiana Street & Ohio Street.

Facts:

1. Dakota Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area paved approximately 25 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of Dakota Street.

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted that an e-mail (copy attached) had been received concerning this item.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin asked if speeding had been a problem; Woosley advised that that was not indicated in the request and speed data had not been collected.

Commissioner Rothrock asked if it were an "all or nothing" proposition; Woosley advised that the request could be reduced, but it could not be expanded.

Commissioner Rothrock stated that he had driven the area with vehicles parked on both sides and it is very tight and that his thought would be to open-up the area a little.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF DAKOTA STREET FROM LOUISIANA STREET, EAST TO THE SIDEWALK (APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET); THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

From: turners@sunflower.com [mailto:turners@sunflower.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2012 7:35 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Traffic Safety Commision Agenda

To whom it may concern,

We received a letter in the mail yesterday regarding an upcoming city commission meeting to discuss item #5, (consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of Dakota Street between Louisiana and Ohio Street.) While it is not possible for us to attend the meeting, we would like to voice our concern and request to deny that request. As you know the traffic on Louisiana can be very busy at times. Our driveway faces Louisiana street and there are times when we actually sit there 10 to 15 minutes to back out of the driveway. Needless to say it is quite frustrating. The way the lights are situated on 23rd, the constant cars coming and going from Checkers and the Malls Shopping Center there is no good time to get out of the driveway. We park our vehicles on our side of the street (the North side of Dakota) in front of our house and it makes leaving easier because we just leave from the stop sign. Our neighbors directly across the street do the same thing for the same reason as their driveway also faces Louisiana. If you establish a No Parking on one side it just makes it harder for us as it seems we are the only 2 families who really park along the street in this one block area. People pulling on to Dakota from Louisiana and the ones leaving Dakota to Louisiana most generally are driving too fast anyway and they just need to slow down a bit before someone gets hurt.

We respectfully wish that you would vote against a No Parking sign for either side of Dakota Street from Dakota to Ohio Street.

Thank you for the consideration.

Is it possible for someone to email the decision to this address?

Thank you,

Mike and Vicki Turner

514 Dakota St

Lawrence, KS. 66046

From: Molly [mailto:love2bicycle@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 2:08 PM
To: Traffic Safety Commission
Subject: Re: Parking Issues on Dakota street

I respectfully request that the Commission consider my request to limit parking on Dakota from Louisiana to Ohio to one side of the street. The reason for the request is that the street is not wide enough to allow more than one vehicle to pass when cars are passed on both sides of the street. The requested block provides the closest access to the 23rd and Louisiana intersection from the Parkhill neighborhood and is heavily used by neighbors wanting to travel out of the neighborhood avoid 23rd Street. Drivers pull off of Louisiana into the neighborhood and often find that they have to stop at the corner of Dakota and Louisiana and allow another car to pass. Conversely, drivers approaching that block from the east often have to stop at the Ohio and Dakota intersection to allow a car traveling east to proceed through the parked cars.

Thank you for considering this request.

Molly Coplen
321 Kansas

From: Hunt, Lisa [mailto:Lisa.Hunt@firstgroup.com]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 3:32 PM
To: Traffic Safety Commission
Subject: Dakota street

As a resident of Ohio Street, I am writing in regard to overcrowding on Dakota street in the block immediately East of Louisiana. When cars park on both sides of Dakota, visibility is drastically reduced, and there is no longer room for two-way traffic. This becomes especially hazardous when cars are trying to turn onto Dakota from Louisiana while cars are also leaving the Park Hill neighborhood via Dakota street.

I also have concerns for the safe passage of the school buses which travel that block on their way to and from a stop at the corner of Dakota and Ohio.

Is it possible you would consider allowing parking on only one side of Dakota Street between Louisiana and Ohio?

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Hunt, Location Safety Manager

First  **Student**

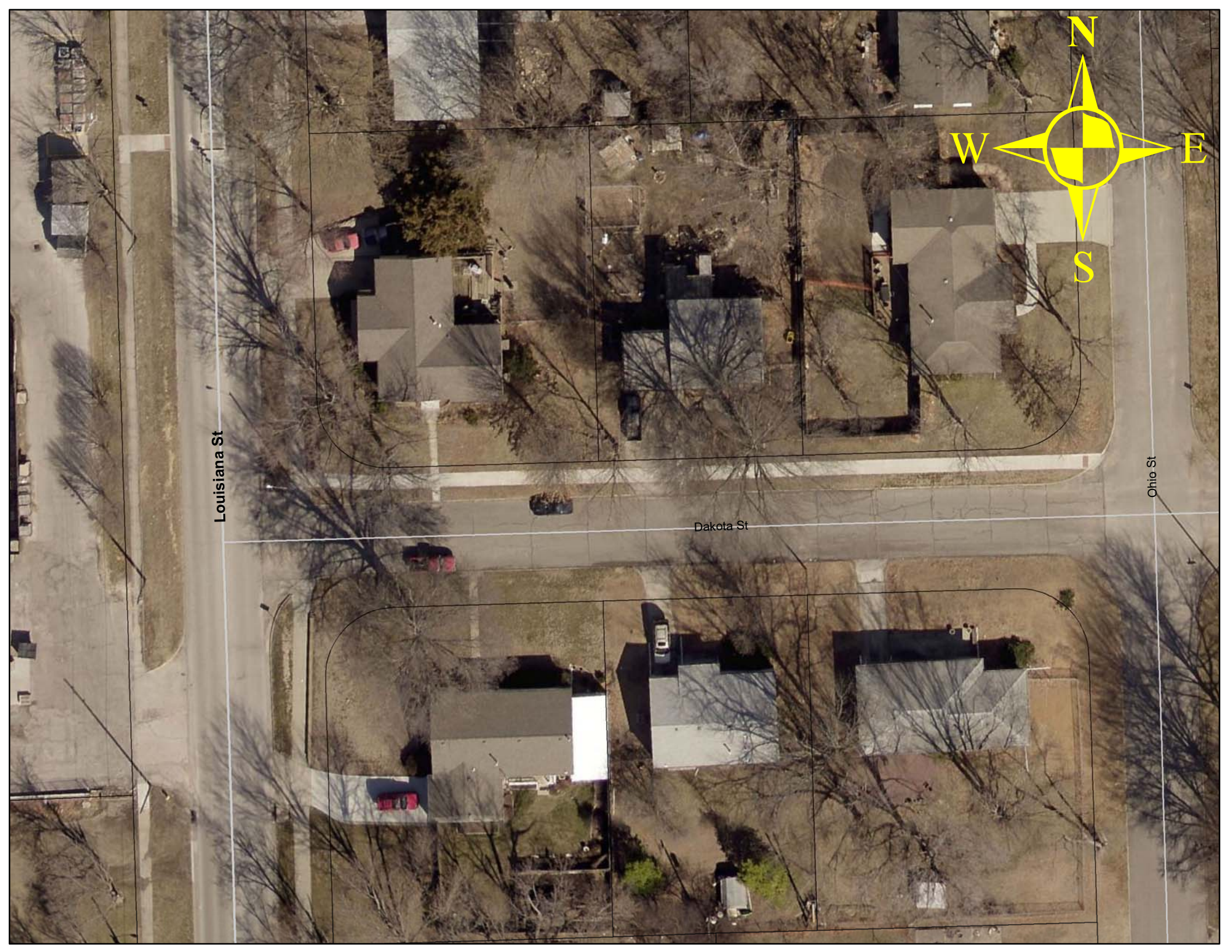
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"If you cannot do it safely, don't do it!"



Louisiana St

Dakota St

Ohio St

