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Subject: RE: Parking and traffic flow problems at Park HS

Dave,

I spoke with Officer Leslie and DPW is going to modify some of the existing signs on the east side of Valley opposite the Park HS field house entrance to note no standing or stopping is permitted in addition to no parking at any time. Some suggested changes by Leslie need to be addresses by Traffic Commission at the March meeting. Please contact Nancy to get an item on the next agenda because these changes will require modifications to the transportation ordinances. Thanks.

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As of Feb. 12th we began addressing parking and traffic flow problems on 12th St. at Park HS. While I was at the school during student drop off and pick up times I identified several problems. The snow was piled so high along 12th St. that parents could not legally park and open the passenger side doors of their vehicles. The school buses were dropping students off in the parent loading zones and not using the bus only zone. I did notice that the bus loading zone was also much bigger then it needed to be. I also watched parents stopping in the traffic lane to drop off their children when parking was available. This action would cause total traffic grid lock. Students would then exit their parent's vehicle in the roadway while waiting for traffic to move again.

On Thursday Feb. 13th DPW was contacted by Lt. Zuehlke and the snow was removed from in front of Park HS. It is now being maintained the staff at Park with their snow removal equipment. I then contacted the Thomas Eeg at City Hall and had the bus zone in front of Park reduced because only 5 buses were showing up at dismissal. It should be noted that the buses show up one at a time in the morning. This allowed us to increase the parent loading zone by 25% in front of the school. These signs were changed on Feb. 14th with the schools approval.

After the signs were changed I spoke with the bus drivers and asked them to use the bus only zone on the east end of 12th St. for drop off and pick up of students. I then drove out to the Bus Company and spoke with a Safety Director about the changes and why they were needed. They stated they would inform their drivers of the changes and also monitor the problem.

The staff at Park HS also contacted parents with their auto dialer and informed them of the problems and changes being made. They stated he had already received several positive calls about the changes and the police present at Park.

Over the next week we parked our squads on the north side of 12th St. with the emergency lights operating and walked the roadway. We then stopped and verbally informed drivers when a violation was observed. They were told of the violation and asked to used the available parking lanes for student drop off and pick up. They were also told tickets would be mailed in the future. By Friday Feb. 21st we had about 90% compliance on 12th St. After more then a week of

verbal warnings I issued 8 parking tickets for violations that took place on Feb. 21st. These were mailed out to violators. The mailing also included a highlighted copy of the School Safety Violation Sheet.

There are still parking and traffic flow problems on Valley Drive that need to be addressed. I spoke with John Rooney at City Hall and requested changes to the parking signs on Valley Drive. The east side of Valley from Woodland to the round about needs to be posted No Parking Stopping or Standing. I am also asking that the west side of Valley from the city bus stop to half way in front of the field house doors be changed to a No Parking Loading Zone Only. Most parents think they can pick up and drop off in a No Parking Zone which is not the case. These changes would clarify things for parents, increase pick up/drop off areas for parents and improve student safety.

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