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**From:** Rooney, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:59 AM  
**To:** Simon, Andrew  
**Cc:** Metoyer, Jessie; Larrin, Tracey; Payne, Nancy  
**Subject:** RE: Marquette St Park lights and no parking

Officer Simon:

1. The park lighting is under the purview or Parks Department, not DPW, so please contact that office.
2. Installing No Parking signs requires a change in the traffic sections of the municipal code. So the item will have to go before Public Works and Services Committee and Common Council for approval. An agenda will be sent to your attention when this item is up for discussion at committee.

Currently, Section 94-141 No Parking Any Time reads:

Marquette Street, east side, from Kewaunee Street south 80 feet.

Marquette Street, east side, 30 feet north and 30 feet south of the centerline of the entrance to the Marquette Street playground.

It will need to be modified to cover the entire length of the Park.

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**From:** Simon, Andrew <Andrew.Simon@cityofracine.org>  
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**Subject:** Marquette St Park lights and no parking

Good Evening John,

We are currently experiencing significant problems with the Marquette St Park, 1425 Marquette St. These issues include loitering, large groups, short term vehicle contacts, gambling and multiple gang members using the park to film rap videos. The videos that were recently filmed there included a number of gang members in possession of handguns. We also had a shooting at the residence directly across the street from the park this past weekend.

We are working on a number of different ways to work toward solutions to these problems. I was hoping you may be able to assist with two of these items on our agenda.

First of all we would like to have the lights inside the park illuminated at night to provide more visibility on the illegal activity in the park. There are two poles with lights fixtures on them but I don't know what state of disrepair they may be in at this point.

The second item would be to extend the current no parking zones on the east side of the 1400 block of Marquette St to encompass the entire frontage of the park up to Kewaunee St (including in front of 1437 Marquette St which is city owned). There are currently two no parking areas with signs erected. Ideally we could make that stretch a no stopping/standing zone to prevent the short term contacts on the sidewalk in front of the park. This also would provide for more visibility into the park so the activity isn't hidden by vehicles. Additionally pedestrians, especially children, would be safer with passing vehicle traffic as they wouldn't be walking through a row of parked vehicles as they are crossing the roadway.

Please let me know of any additional information you may need from me and if these are items that we could work toward implementing.

Thank you,

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