

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Proposal to Implement Residential Permit Restricted Parking
in the 5200 block of Mineola Road
Tuesday, October 27, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 7:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Brennan, Dennis, and Stulich. Councilmember Day arrived at 7:28 p.m. and Councilmember Mitchell arrived at 7:29 p.m.

ABSENT: Councilmember Hew.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Gardiner, Acting City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Jim Miller, Parking Enforcement Manager; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison; Adler Pruitt, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. and invited Mr. Ryan to provide an overview. Mr. Ryan reviewed the results of the parking survey: average number of cars in both the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Mineola Road: morning – 42, midday – 28 and evening – 48. Total capacity is 55 cars on both blocks. People are allowed to park in front of their own driveway. The two blocks seem to be at capacity at certain times. Parking staff is not available to survey after 10 p.m. or on Sundays.

Mayor Fellows invited public comment:

Arelis A. Pérez, 5101 Mineola Road: She is in support of permit parking but believes it should encompass both blocks (5100-5200) of Mineola Road and should cover 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. She parks on the street so that her driveway is available for her guests.

Vickey Bennett, 5103 Mineola Road: She would only support this if it covers both the 5100-5200 blocks of Mineola Road. Otherwise, overflow from the 5200 block would just extend down to the 5100 side.

Davis Zubres, 5210 Mineola Road: One of the main problems is that there are two rental houses; 8 people in one and 6 in the other, and most have cars. The problem is inconsistent: on some days there is no one there.

Eva Choper, 5213 Mineola Road: If this does not pass, what is your solution? Resident owners will get frustrated and leave, turning more homes into rentals, creating a domino effect. What are Councilmembers objecting to?

Brian Choper, 5213 Mineola Road: Residents support this action and need to feel that the Council is on top of these problems. The neighborhood is tired of inaction and delay.

Jose Ventura, 5207 Mineola Road: He has to park in front of his driveway when he comes home late at night because there are no other spaces. At 11:00 p.m. on a recent night, he counted 55 cars.

Daniel Lanterman, 5113 Mineola Road: He thinks the parking situation has improved since the first of the year. He thinks parking is mostly a problem late at night because a couple of homes have additional cars – it is not rentals or metro parking. If parking restrictions are necessary, he recommends that it only be imposed at night.

Christine Nagle, 9506 52nd Avenue: This block should be looked at as one block encompassing both 5100 – 5200, not as separate blocks. She urges Council to act tonight and not delay.

Derrin Sharp, 5106 Mineola Road: He hopes the Council will impose restrictions in the 5100 block of Mineola as well. The majority of time parking has not been an issue but some houses have as many as 8 cars at night.

ADJOURN:

There being no further public comment, Mayor Fellows closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved