

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 22, 2010**

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove the loading zone and implement 2 hour parking 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday on the west side of the 100 block of North Fayette Street from King Street to 90 feet north and on the east side of the block for the 40 feet in front of 107 North Fayette St.

APPLICANT: Danielle Romanetti, Fibre Space, 102 North Fayette St

LOCATION: 100 Block of North Fayette Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends implementing 2 hour parking 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday.

DISCUSSION: This issue was considered at the October 25, 2010 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The Board voted four to one to defer this issue until January and have staff work with the community on establishing District 5 parking restrictions. Staff has investigated this matter and found that this section of Fayette Street is not in a permit parking district and does not meet the requirements for a district. Section 5-8-75 of the City Code requires that at least 75 percent of the parcels abutting the block face be used for residential purposes. Furthermore, establishing district parking regulations in front of commercial businesses is not consistent with the recommendations of the Old Town parking study.

Currently, the majority of the parking on the west side of the 100 block of North Fayette Street is unrestricted. There is a 20 foot loading zone, which is active from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday, on the west side just north of King Street. The east side of the block has a 20 foot no parking zone just north of King Street and a 40 foot loading zone, which is active from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday. The subsequent 40 feet of curb space in front of the Five Guys establishment is unrestricted

Ms. Romanetti's business is located on the west side of Fayette Street where there is unrestricted parking. Ms. Romanetti is making this request because commuters are monopolizing the parking all day long in front of her shop, making it difficult for customers to patronize her business. The 100 block of North Fayette Street has a mixture of commercial and residential uses. Most of the buildings have ground floor retail with apartments on the second floor. This block is not in a residential parking district, however, residents would be eligible to participate in the residential permit parking program. Permit holders would not be excluded from the proposed two hour parking restrictions.

Parking meters used to be on the west side of Fayette Street but were removed approximately 15 years ago at the request of one of the previous shop owners. Since this street is already listed as a metered parking area in section 5-8-92 of the city code, metered parking may be reinstalled as part of the Old Town multispace meter project. The two hour restrictions would be consistent with the meter hours in the area. The recently completed Old Town Area Parking Study recommends increasing turnover in front of commercial land uses through implementation of metered parking or decreasing allowable time restrictions. This proposed restriction is in concurrence with the study recommendations.

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