

Christian Ave Timeline

- 1976 Parking Restricted South side 1150' west of East Side Drive
- 1978 Parking Restricted South side – Full Length
- 2005± Reduced Speed Limit to 25 MPH
- 2005-2010 GSD paved the shoulder on the north side to create paved parking lane
- 2008 Concern to Police Department
- 2011 Concern to TOC
- Average Speeds 25-26 mph, 85th percentile 32-33 mph
 - Parking offsets increased at Main HHH Driveway
- 2013 Concern to Councilor Patton about Ormond Street/Christian Ave
- TOC decided not to stripe Christian Ave due to local road classification
- 2013 Petition to Parking Committee
- Discussed moving parking to south side and accident history
 - Item tabled at Parking Committee
- 2014 Reopened at Parking Committee
- TOC discussed heavier used driveways on the south side and HHH residents would need to cross the street from parking on south side
 - Ordinances amended
 - Parking offsets increased to 20' or 30' on all driveways
- 2018 Concern to Councilor Bouchard about cut-through traffic and speeds on Christian Ave
- Recommendation: Speed trailer and enforcement
- 2021 Petition to Council/TPAC/TOC

M.Walsh - Christian Ave History

Parking on Christian Ave has a history dating back to at least 1976 & 1978. See attached reports / ordinances.

The issue of on-street parking and driveway setbacks on Christian Ave gets raised every few years, typically whenever HHH staff and/or residents turnover.

The last time parking issues on Christian Ave were “formally” raised by HHH was 2013/2014. At that time, the City amended two of our blanket ordinances regarding driveway setbacks for on-street parking and – simultaneously - agreed to install new pavement markings at all HHH driveways. Specifically, new pavement markings were to be either 20’ from a driveway without a stop sign or 30’ from a driveway with a stop sign, as those were (are) the maximum setbacks permitted by City Ordinance. I recommend that Engineering / GSD verify that pavement markings remain installed accordingly in the field.

Please see the attached October 2013 Letter from Havenwood to the City, Engineering Review by Rob Mack / City Engineering (with graphic detailing 2013 parking setbacks as they existed at that time), as well as staff report, ordinances, and copies of Parking Committee meeting minutes. (I believe the attached Ordinances were adopted in July 2014...Janice please confirm and provide official PDF copies from the Clerk’s Office).

As you review HHH’s latest request, I think some of TOC’s / City Engineering’s findings and conclusions in Rob Mack’s 2014 email memo remain true today; notably Rob’s statement that moving parking to the other side of the road may result in new issues or unintended consequences with Royal Gardens’ driveways. I strongly encourage you to read his memo, as I suspect baseline traffic data on Christian likely has not materially changed since 2013/2014.

In closing, I don’t have a strong preference regarding which side of the road the on-street parking is located at Christian Ave. Rather, such recommendations should be left to Karen Hill / GSD as they are better equipped to review geometric, sight distance, safety and maintenance considerations. However, that said, the City did review HHH’s concerns back in 2013/2014, and took appropriate action to resolve them at that time.