

THE 20 RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES OPTION

On September 19 the three representatives from the SCA (Sam Kirby, Greg Ames and Jake Greenvall) met in New Haven with Tim Lee (SCA attorney), Jim Strub (Legacy Theater attorney), Caleb Hamel and Mark Branse (attorneys for the co-plaintiffs) for about 2 hours.

A viable settlement of the parking issue was agreed to by all present, with the co-plaintiffs attorney agreeing to document the proposal, take to the co-Plaintiffs for approval, and copy to the SCA representatives.

The agreement, the rationale and its proposal is based on the following scenario. Even if individual reserved parking for the co-plaintiffs would settle the issue in their favor, it would occur that the Stony Creek community and Willoughby Wallace Library(WWML) patrons would also be severely restricted in access to parking spaces.

On Legacy performance nights, even with available parking at the ball field and fire house, theater patrons will, naturally, first seek the most convenient, closest locations. This would be the strip starting at the railroad underpass down past Sachem Road, both sides of the street. Depending on the number of theater patrons this could saturate the available parking. Theater parking could conceivably begin around 6 pm for a 7 pm performance. After 7 pm the Legacy patrons will have been accommodated.

The Willoughby Wallace Library (WWML) also has events in the evening, some that reach high numbers of patrons needing parking. The WWML Keyes Gallery has capacity for over 100 people. In addition there are WWML patrons making quick visits, to pick up a book or video, peruse an exhibit or conduct some research. It should be noted, the only need for parking in this area is by WWML patrons and a few others. It was agreed, by the various representatives at the September 19 meeting that (it would be desirable if some means could be available) to accommodate these competing venues.

The solution would be to set aside a block of parking spaces (20) that would only be available to WWML patrons and the neighborhood between the hours of 6 pm and 8pm. It should be noted this would solve two concerns 1. WWML patrons would not be shut out and 2. The co-plaintiffs have some on-street parking available.

In addition to the above 20 spaces, it was agreed that the following be included for transmission to the co-plaintiffs: 1(one) handicapped space opposite side of street from theater, 2(two) handicapped spaces corner Rextile Road south on Thimble Islands Road, 1(one) handicapped space in vicinity of the theater, 2(two) spaces set aside for load/unload in front of the theater. Note the handicapped spaces are for anyone ie: not reserved. The 3(three) handicapped spaces are included in the 20(twenty).

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This solution was not accepted by the co-plaintiffs but the SCA still considers this option to be available for further consideration and will keep it open.

