

From: Glenn Bauman Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 6:05 AM  
To: Kucera, Lauren  
Subject: Converting Bruce Street and Elmwood Ave from one-way to two-way streets

Dear Ms. Kucera,

We are residents of 195 Elmwood Ave E and have some concerns regarding the proposal to convert Bruce and Elmwood Ave from one-way to two-way streets. Our primary concern is there has been no rationale provided as to why the proposed change is necessary or beneficial to the Village.

Currently, traffic flow along Elmwood seems to work efficiently. The recent reconstruction of the road as part of sewer replacements led to the construction of on street parking while maintaining sufficient space for traffic. This is important given the lack of parking in the village in general and for the houses on our section of Elmwood in particular. Elmwood is a major route for buses and Emergency vehicles. It is hard to see how a two way street could accommodate the need for buses turning onto Elmwood. During the winter, even with Elmwood as it currently is designed, it can be hard for buses to get down the street if there is parking on the street when there are snowbanks.

It is not clear to us how making Elmwood a two way street will improve traffic flow or what benefits are expected to accrue from such a change. Given the current configuration, in order to maintain parking along the street it would seem necessary to conduct additional major reconstruction along the street in order to convert to a two way street. In the absence of information regarding potential benefits of converting the street to two way traffic it is difficult for us to understand how the cost and inconvenience of a major reconstruction of Elmwood could be justified when the street was just reconstructed a few years ago.

As things currently stand, we cannot support the conversion of Elmwood and Bruce without further information about the scope of the changes proposed, impact on the residents in the area and a statement of a clear reason why this change is necessary and beneficial.

Regards,  
Glenn and Marcella Bauman  
195 Elmwood Ave E,