

Jackson Street Temporary Closure Meeting
Thursday May 29, 2014 7:00 pm - 8:30 ish

Live on Ohio, but people use Jackson to get out of neighborhood. Ohio is difficult due to parking. Would rather see Ohio closed.

Live on St Paul between Jackson and Ohio. Concerned about traffic that gets rerouted onto Ohio due to sight poor lines at Ohio. Community garden issue with people walking through the gardens with their ice cream. We need more and effective signage at the gardens, not just no trespassing, but educational.

Live on Jackson at corner of St Paul, pro Chocolate Shoppe, against closing Jackson St. General concern about loitering in the street. Don't mind people in the green space, but line for ice cream goes into the street, this is not a message we want to encourage (being in the street). Know someone who's child was hit at Division Street (on a bike last year maybe?). Closing Jackson creates more risk for kids, has 2 young kids herself. traffic on perimeter puts entire neighborhood at risk.

David from Chocolate Shoppe, lives on Rutledge. Where are people going to go when they buy an ice cream (to eat it). Don't want to impact the neighborhood. What can he do as a business for safety. Over last three weekends, nice crowds, people go across the street and sit on the grass hill. People crossing the street seems dangerous. People are not just walking on the path but standing on it impacting runners and bicyclists. How do we keep everyone safe. Marsha asked if there is a window on the corner, can they relocate where the line is? Window is up high. Line should go around sidewalk, not into street.

Cars go through fast, how do we slow them down (on St Paul)

Left turn arrow at Division

Walk, bike drive in the neighborhood. Concerned when driving could hit someone when turn onto Jackson

Line from Chocolate Shoppe goes down Jackson, hard to walk now, bikes on sidewalk, can line go other way down Atwood

Bike or walk there, cars scare her, they fly by and don't notice others. Unsafe now

Live on Jackson close to St Paul, read a statement from neighbor who could not be at meeting

Concerned about loitering, negative activity

Her own question and comment basically the same. No bathrooms, no lighting, no police resources.

Concerned about continuing criminal acts. Also parking concerns.

Musicians playing and putting out hat for tips already.

Move window to back, put out roping to guide line, put out signage to look when crossing street

Let's see how things go this summer and reconsider next year

PO Dave Sampson, 15 yrs w/dept, east for 7 years. This area is close to central and east border. Not a lot of calls for service in this area. Juvenile shelter drives a lot of calls, but quiet so far this year.

Regarding concerns about quality of life issues, in terms of true crime, don't see that as being the case.

They don't want to be in a public area, prefer to be out of sight, out of mind.

Lance Green Path use will go up in future when east Starkweather Creek / Goodman Path goes in, looking at changes per TE proposal for the path in this area.

Bike and ped, find it dangerous to go from Evergreen to Atwood. Problem is Eastwood and Atwood speeds. Needs to be addressed with speed boards back to Olbrich and out to Schenks Corners. What can we do as a community. PO Dave said there is no magic bullet for this.

Person from Chocolate Shoppe Been working on these things for 3 years, when bought building had problems with tenants, might do cow prints (on sidewalk for the line?) We want it to be positive. Someone asked what their plan is for lighting. Answer low voltage lights shining down onto patio and two little ones on the front. in terms of seasonality, close a end of September and reopen in May.

Look for a solution to slow down traffic. Not opposed to stop sign at the bike path, but if close Jackson will create more crashes at Ohio. If close anything close Ohio. Don't take parking off Ohio (in reference to several people concerned about sight issues and problems getting from Ohio onto Atwood). Bar deserves parking. Hears that bike path is more of an issue at Ohio than at Jackson.

Tim Wong, as historical note, St Paul used to go through to Dunning. Jackson had little traffic then, now cars do the speed turn onto Jackson. Once Jackson is closed people will figure something out like they did when St Paul was closed. Lives on Jackson. When on Jackson trying to cross Atwood to Evergreen a car turning off Atwood went right at him, driver went to his right side and zoomed away. Since store opened, people dawdle in the street with their ice cream, crossing Jackson, stop on path, drivers south on Jackson are a potential problem, close it.

Stefanie, live on Jackson at St Paul. Did not know SASY was looking for a place making location. Makes her think differently, but with several bars in area, late hours, loitering, foot traffic and parking in neighborhood due to bars, closed area might be attractive to loiterers especially if there is not good lighting. Had van broken into this winter as did others. Crime is occurring, it might increase. Let business happen and see what people think next summer.

Laurel, live on Evergreen, thrilled to see Chocolate Shoppe. 2 concerns, speed of traffic turning onto Jackson, therefore good idea to close street. Crossing between Jackson and Evergreen a problem. She always drives the speed limit, why can't there be a traffic light at Ohio (and /or at Jackson?)

Live on Ohio at far end. Rarely drives all the way down Ohio, with parking on both sides it's too narrow. With gardens visibility is poor for the path. Timing of lights on Atwood is for through traffic. f go to Waubesa, all the turning traffic is coming from Fair Oaks, so even to go outbound, he drive towards downtown to get out of neighborhood to Jackson. Prefer to give up (close) Ohio than Jackson

Lives on Jackson street, driver a lot, no inconvenience to close it

Live on Jackson, goes down to Dunning to get out at the light

Grant need more discussion about the placemaking part of this. He bikes, goes through everyday with his kids. one of problems with Jackson is the short distances from the path to Atwood and to St Paul

If Jackson is closed how will anyone know whether the closure did want it should have down, did it work or did problems occur?

Marsha, some like the idea of closing Jackson, others don't. What can we do that people can agree to?

Keep eye on when Atwood is reconstructed, good time to make changes.

In terms of placemaking and safety, putting people there makes it safer, people who eat ice cream are types of people you want. Accommodate this type of use. Right now people going to Chocolate Shoppe don't know what to do or where to go. What is proposed will give people a place.

Needs to be more than putting up barricades, need place to sit.

In terms of half measures, close it coming in, let people out. Don't think this is best, but (AR note - this would give space next to Chocolate Shoppe)

People don't recreate in parking lots. Make it feel like people belong there without fully turning it into a park.

PO, they will be able to step up some foot patrol in the twilight hours.

Lance We have problem with pedestrian crossings of Atwood, this was number one problem in SASY community survey. Where can people cross safely? At a light. Promote that
Reopen cul-de-sac of St Paul?

How much seating in patio, etc.

30 seats, 4- 5 tables 3-4 seats each, rock wall will provide seating

garbage cans? yes, part of final plan

can area of garbage cans be expanded if we do this

chairs will stay out all night, chained to tables but not stacked

Live on Jackson don't see a problem. Don't see people loitering already, so don't see why street closure would cause it. Don't think the area bars cater to people who are problematic

Mixed feelings, live on Jackson, concerned about Bashford becoming fast through street

Placemaking sounds like a nice thing, but would we pull the plug with first problem

St Paul is too fast would like speed bumps

Change timing of signal at the church to make it easier to get out of the neighborhood

Live on St Paul as well and it's horrible, people are getting off Atwood and zipping through, only people on Ohio are bar patrons, people in neighborhood know it's horrible

Agree that closure would benefit Chocolate Shoppe and make it safer but what are greater placemaking stuff?

Marsha, things like food carts like at Elmside, what other ideas do people have

Have more neighborhood meetings about traffic safety

Marsha took a show of hands

try 90 day closure - - strong majority

try closing half the street - - sounds dangerous, no one really like this idea

do nothing - - a few

If do it make it attractive

If seating take it out at night