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Melissa Luck

From: Steve Lowell
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 7:57 AM
To: Melissa Luck
Subject: RE: TSB

Melissa, I recently met with the new CEO at Oneida Healthcare. During our meeting she brought up a traffic concern on Route 5 (Genesee Street). Her concern is that the shoulder on the south side of Genesee Street is being used as a turn lane into the entrance at the traffic light west of the Seneca St/Rt 5 intersection. This situation where people use the shoulder as a turn lane increases the likelihood of a sideswipe collision. This area is a hotspot for crashes.

She was wondering if we could start the process of getting a right turn lane put in. I know this isn't a city controlled roadway, but I'd like this to be added to the next agenda to start the process with City traffic safety.

Thank you,

Chief



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Phone (315) 363-9111

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From: Melissa Luck <mluck@oneidacityny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 1:26 PM
To: Steve Lowell <slowell@oneidacityny.gov>
Subject: TSB

Hospitals concerns to go to Traffic Safety Board

Thank you,

Melissa Luck

From: Vincent Bailey <vincentdbailey@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 5:30 PM
To: Steve Lowell
Cc: Bob Anderson; Jeff Rowe; Rick Rossi; nbell@ccf-law.com; John Monaghan; David Jones; Melissa Luck
Subject: Re: Sign on Madison St

Good afternoon,

I want to confirm that I have marked the July 16 TSB meeting on my calendar.

Regarding the matter of the sign installation or potential re-installation, I hope you may see that it can reasonably be viewed as arbitrary, considering the context and the passage of time.

Given the information at hand and the uncertainties involved, I thought it was reasonable to propose removing the sign until comprehensive discussions could take place. Nevertheless, we shall have the ability to have such conversations for informed determinations in a couple of months.

Some questions that may be helpful are as follows:

- Has there been a thorough examination to ensure the sign wasn't intentionally or correctly removed previously?
- Has anyone reviewed the meeting minutes from 2013 to the present?
- Was there anything that prompted the installation/re-installation of the sign?
- Is the decision influenced by observations made on Google images/maps from a 2013 photo?

My intent is simply to gain clarity on the actions taken and the underlying purpose and rationale behind them.

Respectfully,
Vincent Bailey

P.s. Mr. Anderson, I believe that you may be responsible for the installation of the flags on the poles, and they do look quite nice, so I wanted to acknowledge that.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2024, at 12:45 PM, Steve Lowell <slowell@oneidacityny.gov> wrote:

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It seems preferable if we discuss this in person at the next TSB meeting July 16th at 2pm in the City Council Chambers. That way the whole board can hear the discussion and make decisions. No changes can be made until then.

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Thank you,

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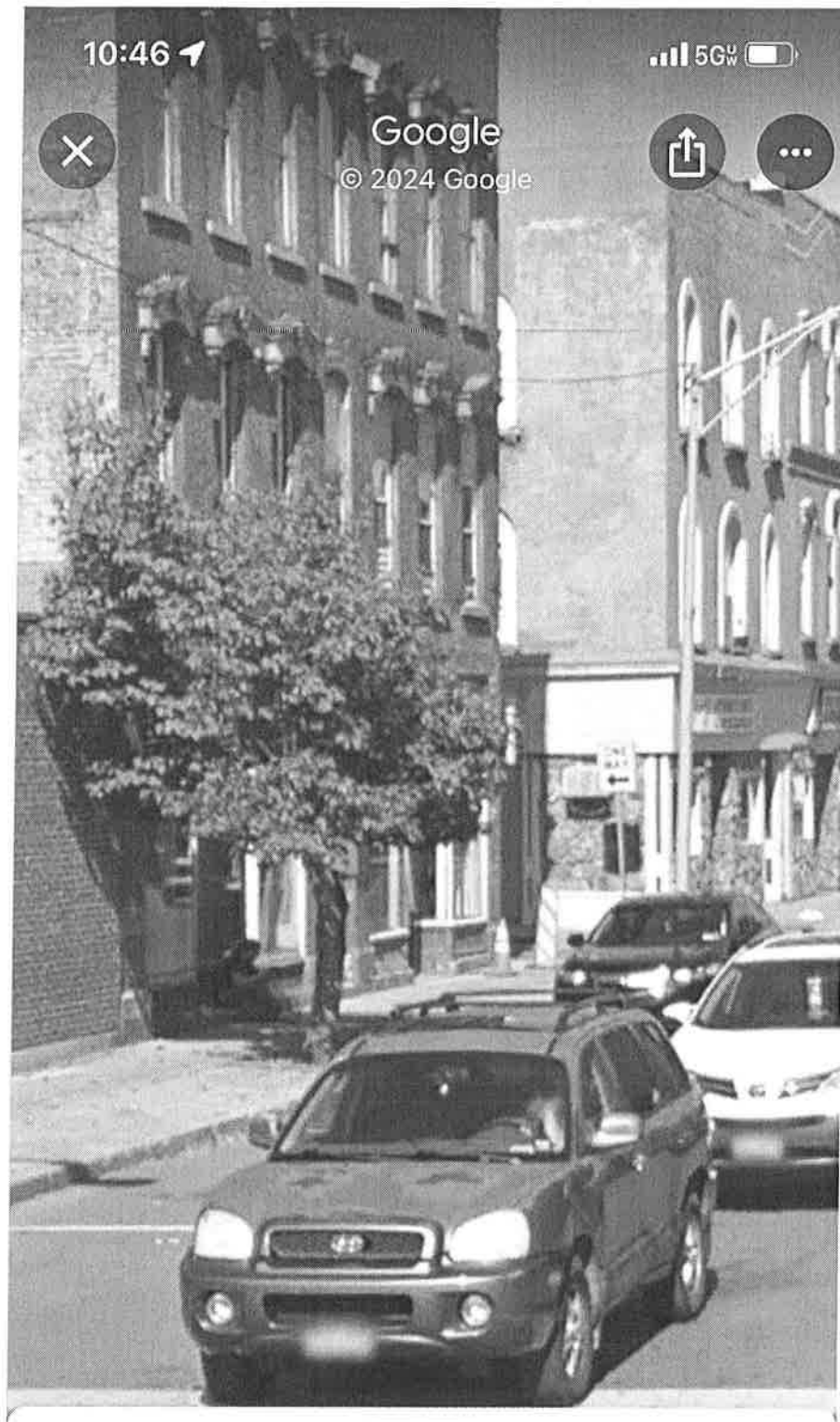
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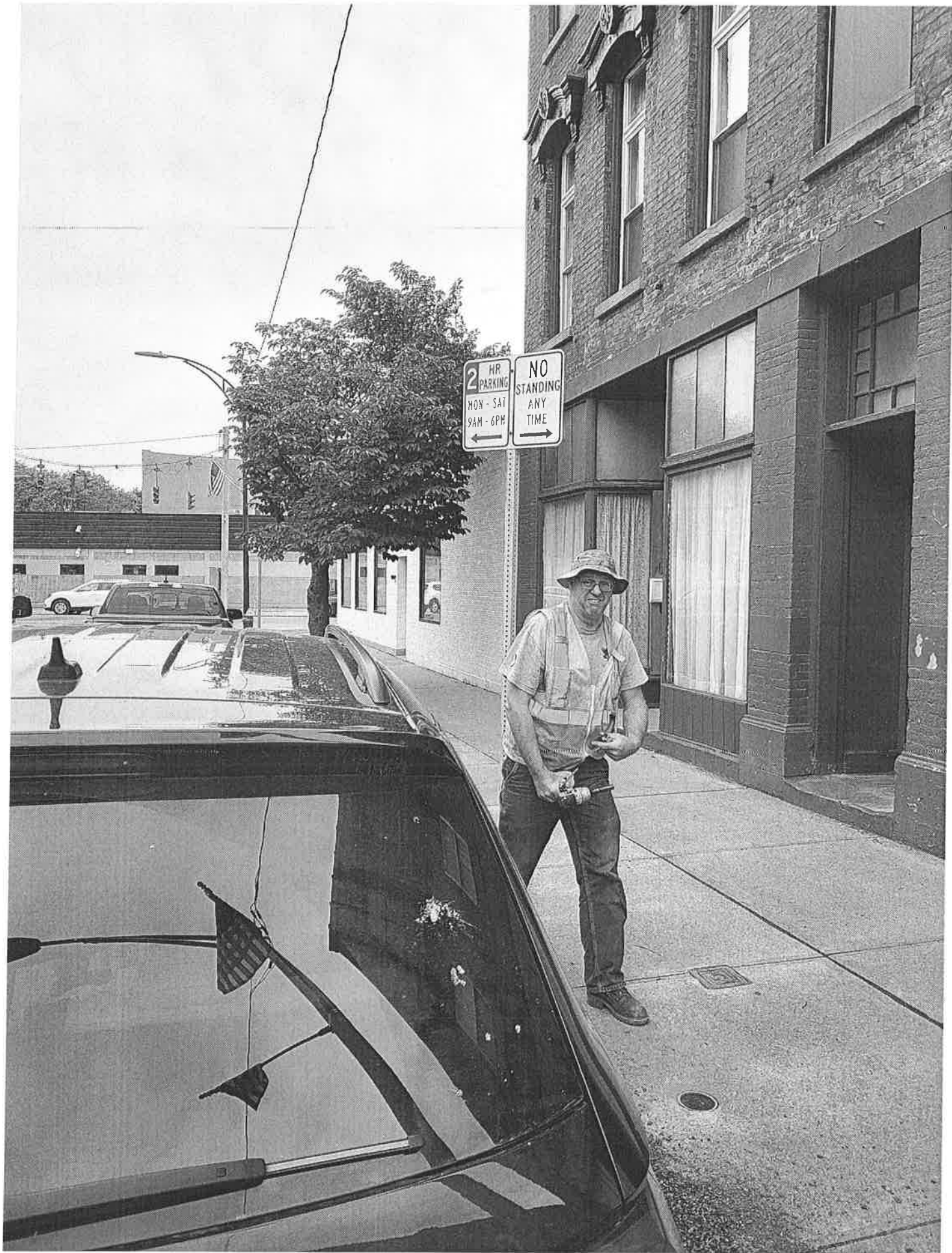
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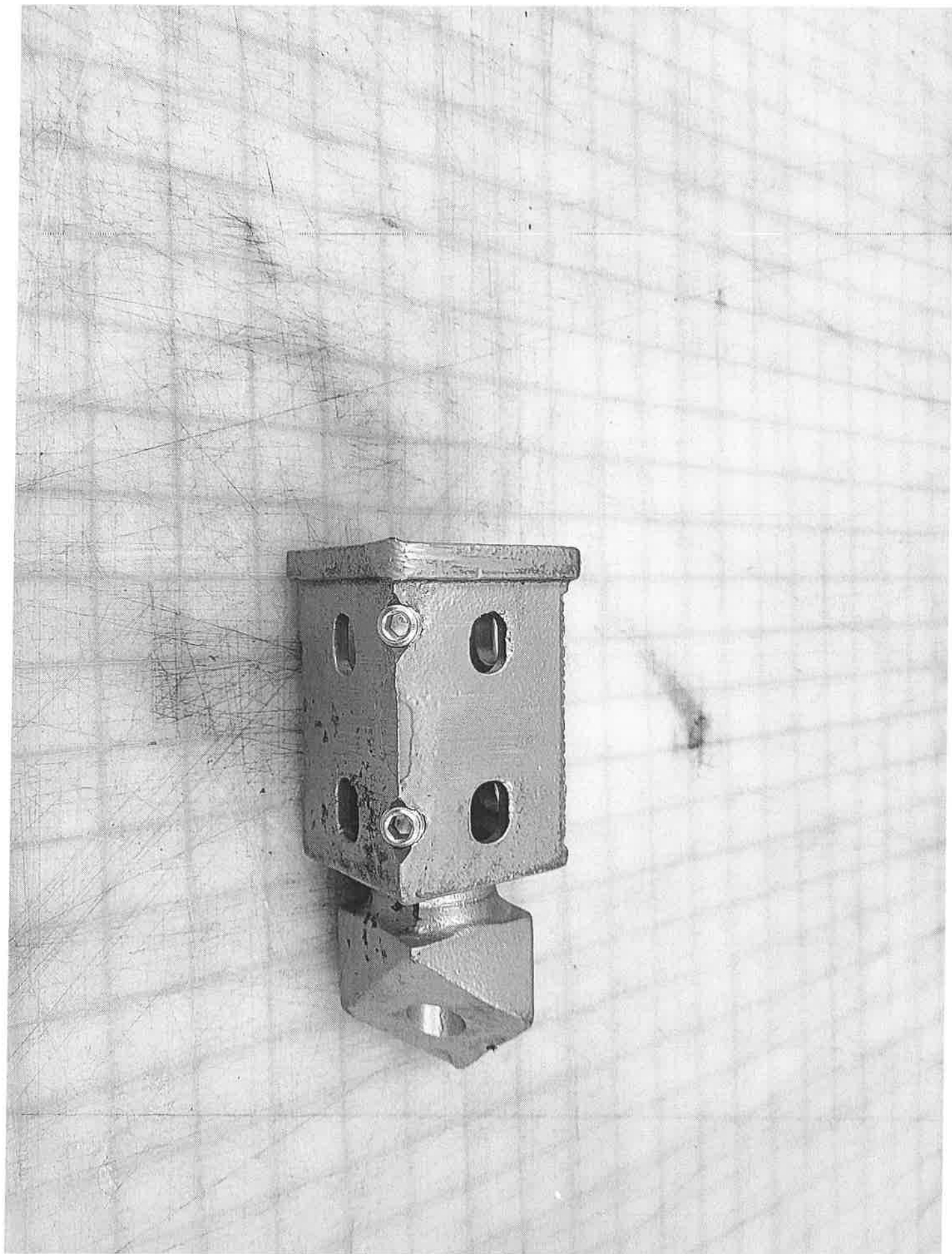
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Subject: FW: re: New no parking downtown

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Subject: RE: re: New no parking downtown

Mr. Bailey, Thank you for the email and feedback concerning the parking situation. Citizen and business owner input is essential in helping settle issues within the City.

The parking ticket pictured below is written for NYS Vehicle and Traffic law 1200 (d). I've included the state law included in its entirety.

§ 1200. Basic rules. (a) When stopping is prohibited by this article, or by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

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(c) When parking is prohibited by this article, or by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation, no person shall park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, but may stop or stand temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

(d) When official signs have been posted prohibiting, restricting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any highway, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in violation of the restrictions stated on such signs.

Local changes to issues concerning city controlled streets are handled during the City's Traffic Safety Board (TSB) meetings. These meetings are held quarterly. Mrs. Luck is the secretary to the board, I have included her on this email so she may notify you of the next meeting so you can attend the next meeting.

In the meantime, I'd like to direct you to the City's website and the section pertaining to the City's TSB. Please follow: <https://www.oneidacityny.gov/bc-tsb> to complete the TSB form so this issue can be discussed at the next meeting to evaluate the situation. The board has the authority to make recommendations to the Public Safety Commissioner and Common Council regarding changes.

I cannot speak to the placement of signage changes as that job is the responsibility of the sign department who completes work (including traffic signs) based on authorized work orders filed with Clerk's office.

I hope this addresses at least some of your concerns. Again, thank you for the input and please make sure to fill out the form so that the item is added to the next TSB meeting.

Respectfully,

Chief Lowell



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NEW UPDATE:

It appears that the signs have been flip-flopped around, still no traffic pattern or parking pattern legislation. Is it possible that the legislation was done is some letter passing scheme intentionally designed to run afowle to the spirit of the law in a manner to defraud the public from the requirements open meeting laws? 🤖 (I only ask as the city has been known to do such prior)

Please inform me to if there was indeed legislation for such changes. (Or changes to the changes as the case may be)

It's important to note that a vehicle which was parked prior to the flip-flopping of the sign, has now been given a ticket despite the vehicle already being there. With no proper notice or legislation this could be problematic for the City.

Not sure anyone is receiving the below message as there has been no acknowledgment or response..

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
ONEIDA, NY**

**SUMMONS
PARKING VIOLATION**

DATE OF VIOLATION 5/23/24	TIME OF VIOLATION 1759	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM
REGISTRATION NUMBER NGH F24	STATE NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASS <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> COMM
VEHICLE MAKE VOLVO	BODY TYPE SUBARU	COLOR Black
OFFICER'S NAME 765 Madison St		
LOCATION OF VIOLATION Madison St		

**TO THE OWNER AND/OR OPERATOR OF THE VEHICLE BEARING LICENSE
PLATES INDICATED ABOVE, YOU HAVE INCURRED THE FOLLOWING VIOLATION.**

- | | | |
|--|-------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 ALLNIGHT | ORD | 180-21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 OVERTIME | ORD | 180-27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 LOADING ZONE | ORD | 180-20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 FIRE LANE | ORD | 180-23 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 FIRE HYDRANT | V & T | 1202-3 (b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 NO PARKING | V & T | 1200 (d) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 NO STANDING | V & T | 1200 (d) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 NO STOPPING | V & T | 1200 (d) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 HANDICAPPED (STREET) | V & T | 1203 b(2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 HANDICAPPED (OFF STREET) | V & T | 1203 c(4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 BLOCK DRIVE | V & T | 1202 (a) 2a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 DOUBLE PARKING | V & T | 1202 (a) 1a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13 FACING TRAFFIC | V & T | 1203 (c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14 ON SIDEWALK | V & T | 1202 (a) 1b |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 ON HIGHWAY | V & T | 1201 (a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 OTHER | | |

PLEA INSTRUCTIONS

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SCHEDULE OF FINES

HANDICAPPED PARKING - \$50.00 (if paid after 10 days - \$100.00) ~~DBL~~
PARKING - \$10.00, Fire Lane/Hydrant - \$35.00, All Other - \$25.00.
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NAME

ADDRESS

SAVE STEPS - MAIL IT

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OFFICE HOURS

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER - CASH AT YOUR OWN RISK
RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECEIPT OF PAYMENT RESTS WITH THE VIOLATOR

POSTAGE MUST BE PREPAID

- PEEL OFF TAPE - FOLD FLAP TO SEAL

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Upon further reflection it turns out the city left the one space closer to the intersection of Madison/James St and actually removed the spaces from that sign all the way to Main Street... please see attached photos.

Oneida St

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China King Chinese
Chinese • \$

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James St

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The Blend

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Madison St

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Napoleon Cafe
Top rated

bella vita cafe

Delta Deli and
Smoke Shop
Tobacco shop

James St

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(original message follows)

Dear Recipient(s)

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of concern regarding recent changes to parking in the downtown area of Oneida.

It has come to my attention that the installation of a new no parking sign(s) has resulted in a reduction of available parking spaces. Furthermore, the condition of these signs is less than satisfactory, being dirty and unattractive. I am unaware of any legislative measures that were undertaken to amend traffic or parking patterns prior to the implementation of the sign(s).

The diminished parking availability in downtown Oneida is particularly troubling as it serves a multitude of businesses, including, Bella Vita, the Barbershop, Napoleon, The Blend, and others including the very popular bodega, probably the most successful business in all of downtown.

Regrettably, the current state of affairs makes it challenging for patrons to access these businesses without encountering undesirable elements along the way. (I.E. Crackheads and the likes)

I am curious to know if any studies have been conducted to assess the parking and traffic patterns in this area? And if so did they provide valuable insights into the necessity of these changes?

Additionally, I would like to address the notion that these alterations were made to accommodate a turning radius. It is worth noting that the intersecting street on Madison Street is one-way, rendering the removal of the parking spot irrelevant to traffic turning right or left.

As the city moves forward with plans for the repaving of Madison Street, I urge careful consideration be given to ensuring that the new markings are executed in a manner that is both aesthetically pleasing and practical. Presently, the spacing sizes appear arbitrary, and the lines lack uniformity, detracting from the overall appearance of the area. currently most cities are just painting straight lines to indicate the parking lane versus the traffic lane. It is my understanding that it is believed this maximizes the parking so small vehicles and big vehicles can mix along with providing a more aesthetically pleasing presence.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the City of Oneida reevaluate the recent changes to parking and undertake measures to address the concerns and legitimacy raised herein. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Vincent Bailey

P.S. I was going to send this to the city manager but there is no indications as to who the city manager is or how to contact them on the citys website...

(P.S.S. It now looks like there has been a tab added for city manager)

I have attached some photos for reference





Submission information

Form: Traffic Safety Board Contact Form [1]

Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Fri, 05/24/2024 - 7:19pm

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First Name

Melissa

Last Name

Elias

Email

melissaelias14@gmail.com

Phone Number

315-868-0088

Describe Concern/Issue

I would like to know process for getting a speed limit sign installed on Sylvan Street, Oneida. Small Street, fast cars :(Thanks!

Location of Traffic Safety Concern/Issue

Sylvan Street/fast traffic

Source URL:<https://www.oneidacityny.gov/node/2535/submission/348>

Links

[1] <https://www.oneidacityny.gov/bc-tsb/webform/traffic-safety-board-contact-form>

Rec. 6/7/24
Paint a stop
ahead
corner west walnut
st and broad st
815-813-1347
Joe Todd
Anna

Received from Anna Hood 6/7/24.

Called Joe Todd to Request Formal/Official Request 6/11/24
+ received nothing to date.