

Cape May City may offer 75 on-street parking permits

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CAPE MAY - City council received a presentation and recommendation from the Parking and Traffic Subcommittee, Tuesday, to proceed with creating an on-street parking permit for homeowners with no off street parking.

Bob Biehn gave much of the presentation, in which the subcommittee recommended assigning on-street parking spaces to 75 residences - 21 on metered streets and 54 on

non-metered streets. City solicitor Anthony Monzo said removing the 21 meters would cost the city about \$34,000 in lost parking revenue. In order to make sure the city would not lose money, the city would charge \$460 for each permit.

Biehn said they were recommending a \$350 fee until the need could be more accurately assessed.

The permit would be available to property owners who do not have off street parking and who cannot create off street parking due to a lack of space or because it is pre-

vented in the zoning laws. The 75 properties have already been identified as being able to create off street parking.

Biehn said the Parking and Traffic Subcommittee was attempting to give some relief to a problem situation, created years ago before the automobile became a necessity. He said citizens should have the right to park as close to their home as possible, and the on-street parking permit would be sensitive to seniors who may not qualify for a handicapped parking permit.

The on-street parking per-

mit would assign one on-street parking space per qualifying property. The city would install a sign to indicate the space was for use by permit only. Biehn said the complete cost for the signs would be \$168,600.

Biehn said the space would ideally be located in front of the property or as close as possible. Deputy Mayor Niels Favre asked what would happen if a space could not be located in front of the owner's property - who would determine where the space would go?

Biehn said the city would

determine where the space would be located.

A permit would not be issued to applicants with unpaid parking violations, and would be subject to approval by the chief of police. He municipal clerk's office would verify the lack of off street parking or the ability to create it.

Permits would have to be renewed yearly, and would expire if the property were sold. The permit would have to be displayed on the dashboard of the car, and could be transferred between vehicles. Biehn said the holder would

be required to maintain the permit, which would have to be turned in upon expiration.

Councilman David Craig said he was concerned the permits would result in empty parking spaces during very busy times. Biehn said that would happen occasionally, but the intention is to provide a space for an elderly person, for example, who might have to run out to the store on a rainy day. They would be assured of having a parking space when they returned home.

100 years young

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Bauer) Klumpp.

"I was born in a hospital," she said. "And I always lived in a house with electricity and a bathroom."

Friday does, however, recall some of the differences associated with life in the early part of the 20th Century.

"We had milk delivery. And in the winter the cream would freeze at the top of the bottle. The cream was delicious on shredded wheat," she said fondly.

There was also no mail delivery when she was a child. She would pick up the mail at the post office on her lunch break from school. She would bring home the mail, eat lunch, and walk back to school.

Friday described her father, as U.S. Marshal, as a very progressive man, who insisted she do to things: learn to drive, and go to college. Friday did learn to drive, but never really cared for it. Her father even bought her a car, which she asked him to return - and he did.

"I was always glad when my girls learned to drive," she said.

Friday also had her own checking account when she was a teen, which she used only once. She went to Owasso, Mich., with a friend's family and in a one shop she saw two dresses she liked. She couldn't make up her mind which to buy, so she bought both of them, writing a check. Her friend's mother vouched for her credibility.

Earlier, like any "good Lutheran" growing up in Saline, Mich., she was catechized in German; however, her father insisted she be confirmed in English. In the end, she and one other individual were confirmed in English in 1923. The remaining four individuals were confirmed in German.

Friday graduated from Saline (Mich.) High School in 1926 - one of 15 girls and six boys. She said she was in the same school building from first through twelfth grade. The school, she said, had no gym and no cafeteria, but she

did play on a girls basketball team.

"I sprained my ankle," she said.

She was also in several plays and an operetta. She did not attend a prom until college, where she joined the Delta Phi Sorority.

After high school, she entered Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University), which was a joint program between Michigan State University and Cleary College. At the time, Michigan State, the nation's first land grant college, was referred to by locals as a "cow college." She said she spent half a day at each school studying "commercial" subjects; such as typing, shorthand, penmanship, and commercial law.

Friday said the colleges needed money and offered a program where if the tuition was paid in advance the student could take three year's courses in two years. After receiving a "life certificate" she later taught come of the same subjects.

Friday described herself as always having been fortunate. She first married Jack Caster, who was the manager of a dairy business, and that provided perks during the Depression era.

"When other people didn't have butter, we did," she said. Additionally, her husband

could trade butter for gasoline, meat, or even nylon stockings for his wife. Caster also bought their first television.

The men came to deliver it and I said 'You have the wrong home'," she said. "But they said it was bought and paid for and they left it. When my husband came home I asked him how come these men delivered a television and he said 'I bought one'."

Jack Caster died at 60. Friday said both of them smoked for years, but in 1965 a woman she worked with died from lung cancer, and she decided to quit. In 1976, Friday married Ivan Friday, whose wife had also passed away. Years earlier, Friday and his future wife, Jenna, used to double date with Jack and Lenora.

Friday would eventually outlive her second husband, as well.

Friday lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., much of her life, but many of the memories of her earlier life were destroyed in a fire. She has few pictures left from her younger days.

Around 1989, she went to live with her granddaughter Paula Mantei (one of five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren) and stayed with her for 17 years. She was living in Snohomish, Washington, until another fire prompted her daughter to

ask her to move in with her daughter Chris in West Cape May, which she did on Feb. 10, 2006. That same year, Friday and her two daughters, Christine and Mary Sue (Kriefall), traveled back to Saline for Friday's 80th High School Reunion. By this time, the reunion is for all graduating classes from Saline High School. In 2006, there was only one person older than Friday, but he has since passed away. While in Michigan she got to meet a number of second and third cousins.

Friday said she has never been bothered by her age, although some other people are surprised by it. When she turned 85, her granddaughter held a surprise birthday part and some of her lady friends from church said there was an error on the announcement.

"They said I must have been born in 1918, not 1908," she said.

Friday said she enjoys living in West Cape May, especially in the hot weather. She was born long before air conditioning was common, and she still doesn't care for it. She continues knitting, crocheting, and reading as she has done much of her life. She likes to read mysteries and history, and she is still a fan of University of Michigan football. And she likes her

chocolate.

Friday said she is not fond of the way banks have changed.

"Everything is so large and impersonal. I don't think that is so great," she said.

Modern televisions are impressive, but she doesn't watch much TV. She said she used to enjoy watching the news, but not anymore. She was also a lifelong voter.

"This year I'm not sure," she said.

She also regrets not being able to use a computer.

Friday is expecting about 10 guests today for a birthday party. Some of her visitors will come on Saturday and Sunday, and others will visit her this summer. A granddaughter and her family were here last weekend. She said she appreciates that because at 100 it's hard to understand people in large groups.

Friday said when her husband was living he once asked her if she would like to live her life over again.

"I said no, I didn't think I would," she said.

Perhaps one century of memories is enough for the girl who used to wear a spit curl on her forehead, liked to have cream on her shredded wheat, and who learned to drive but just didn't care to.



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office is reviewing the matter, and said DEP regulations do not have the force of law.

Superior Court Judge Raymond Batten referred to a

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beach tag as a "bearer license," and the purchaser has no contract with the city. Batten said the ordinance discriminates against commercial uses.

Muentz said even if Cape May has the right to prohibit the transfer of beach tag, there are "things a town can

do but ought not." Muentz said it was a "most obnoxious thing" to have to tell guests they can't transfer beach tags.

ing under a fence is something they would do," he said.

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