



BALLWIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2013

To: Bob Kuntz, City Administrator

From: Chief Steven Schicker

Subject: CVS Pharmacy/Ballwin Grove Plaza Fire Lane – 2nd Report

Mr. Kuntz,

After submitting a recommendation on January 7th, a request was made to re-evaluate the proposal with the West County Fire and EMS District Fire Marshall. It was believed a balance could be achieved to address the concerns of public safety agencies and the businesses operating in the plaza.

Traffic Safety Unit Sergeant Mark Marino met with Fire Marshall David Frazier about this request and found that during the interim the fire district had handled a number of calls to the plaza. As a result additional concerns and problems from the firefighters responding to those calls have surfaced. Based on those concerns and evaluating the first proposal for fire lane restrictions, Sgt. Marino has submitted the following revised recommendation. I have reviewed Sgt. Marino's report and after physically examining the plaza I concur with his recommendations for legislation establishing fire lanes at various points in Ballwin Grove Plaza. Currently no fire lane markings in the plaza are supported by Ballwin ordinance. Sgt. Marino's recommendation is further support by Fire Marshall David Frazier with the West County Fire and EMS District.

Sgt. Marino's report identifies the areas in which parking desperately needs to be restricted to continue an unrestricted flow of traffic on the CVS Pharmacy lot, which also supports the fire district's operational response. It further identifies areas that will enhance the ability for fire apparatus to access the plaza and stage during a medical emergency or fire incident on the eastside of the plaza near the two restaurants. These restrictions will diminish public safety concerns for both the fire district and this Department.

A street level map of the plaza is provided with this report identifying the actions CVS Pharmacy has taken in marking fire lanes on their lot, an existing fire lane established by the property owner/manager and a revision to the fire lanes at the entrance to the plaza from Henry Road.

If additional information or analysis is needed, it will be submitted in a supplemental report. Currently there is no legislation in place to enforce the fire lanes as marked in Ballwin Grove Plaza. I am requesting the Board of Alderman review this report and proposal to move forward with enacting legislation.

Respectfully submitted,


Chief Steven Schicker

Attachments



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MEMORANDUM

Date: 02-26-2013

To: Captain Scott

From: Sgt. Marino

Subject: Ballwin Grove Fire Lanes

Sir,

As you know discussions have been ongoing in reference to the fire lanes at the Ballwin Grove Plaza. I have previously spoken with West County Fire Marshal Dave Frasier about this matter and submitted a proposal. After the first proposal I was asked if the proposed fire lanes could be adjusted. Per this request, Fire Marshal Frasier and I again met and discussed the matter. During this meeting Fire Marshal Frasier said firefighters were still having issues navigating the parking lot in their fire trucks and brought up additional concerns which have been observed on the lot.

Fire Marshal Frasier stated the additional concerns cited since the initial report include vehicles being parked along the curbs of the driving lanes within the parking lot. This creates a situation where a fire truck is unable to safely maneuver around the lot. He requested prohibiting parking along the curb lanes in the main parking lot area (please see the attached photograph). There was also concern for vehicles parking to the west side of the Tide Cleaners (14434 Clayton Rd). Vehicles are being parked in this area on a regular basis and when they are present a fire truck is unable to access the area. I have highlighted this area with the suggested parking limitations on the attached picture.

This updated recommendation calls to keep all current fire lanes in place. It would also add additional fire lanes on the eastside of the entrance into the plaza from Henry Road to the first curb cut at the southernmost entrance into the CVS parking lot (14400 Clayton). This would connect with the current painted fire lane in place on the south side of the CVS parking lot that extends around to the eastside of the building. Fire lanes would also be added to the curb located directly across from the North 6 Café (14438 Clayton) as well as the Pulaski Bank (14446 Clayton). Please refer to the attached picture.

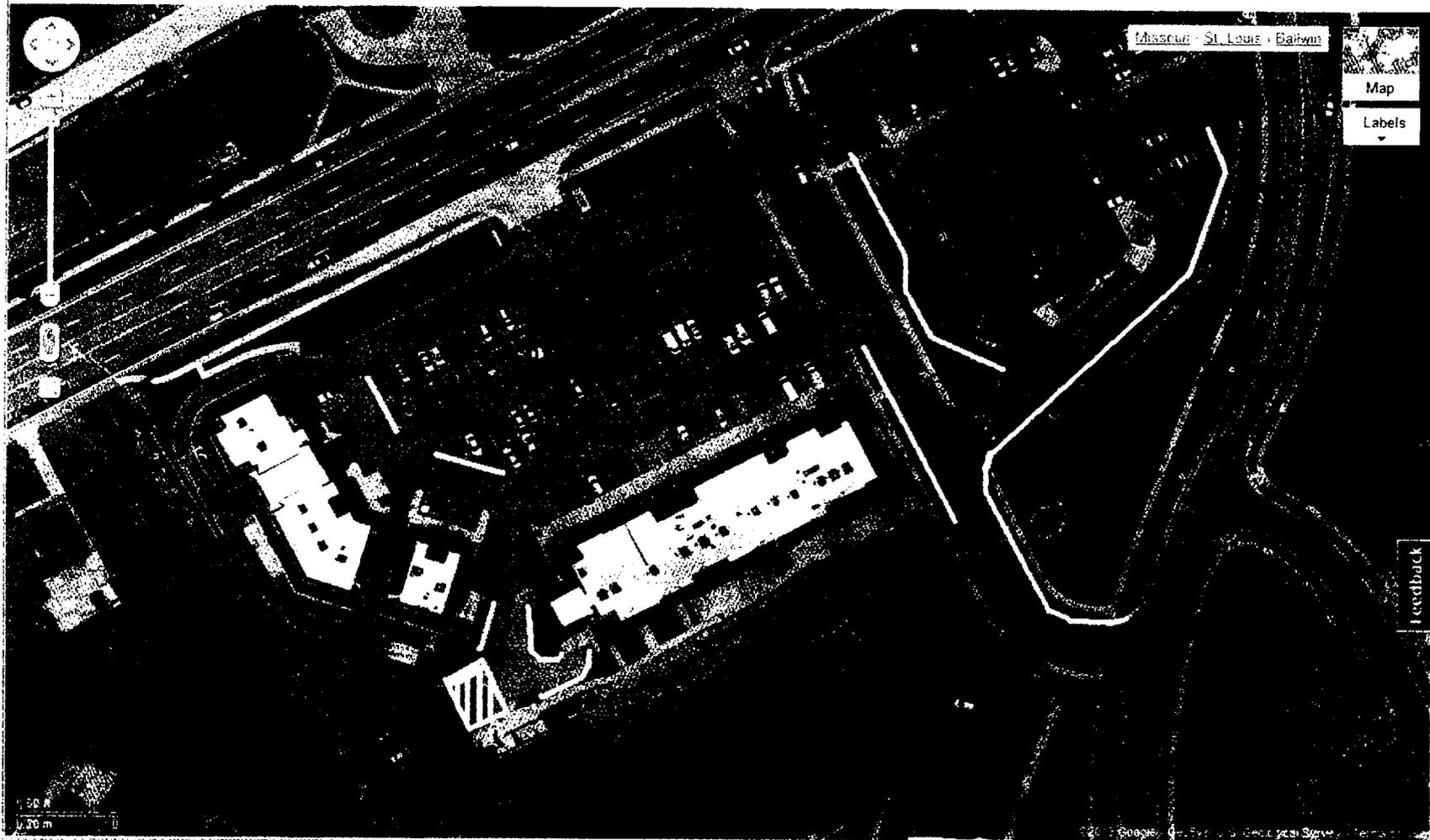
In addition to the proposed fire lanes it is also suggested to make the fire lanes located in the "Escape Lane" of the CVS pharmacy drive thru proper by adding solid yellow lines around the fire lane and adding "No Parking Fire Lane" signs.

Please review the attached photograph, which shows an aerial view of the area with the proposed changes and contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Mark Marino

Ballwin Grove Proposed Fire Lanes/Restricted Parking



Yellow Lines - Proposed Fire Lanes
Red Lines - Proposed No Parking