

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: Kenneth Fields, City Manager

FROM: James Slaton, Public/Support Services Director

SUBJECT: Modification of the Official Traffic Map

SYNOPSIS: Staff is requesting a modification to the Official Traffic Map for the purpose of designating "no parking" zones along S. 4th Street at the request of First Baptist of Lake Wales.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action(s):

1. Designate South 4th Street, from East Tillman Avenue to East Central Avenue, as No Parking. Place and display official traffic control devices as required.

BACKGROUND

First Baptist of Lake Wales has requested the designation of "no parking" zones on South 4th Street, from East Tillman Avenue to East Central Avenue. They are concerned with the safety of pedestrians crossing this street between the parked vehicles lining the street bordering the church. First Baptist has adequate parking space available in their parking lots located on East Tillman Avenue and South 4th Street to accommodate the vehicles now parking along the roadside.

The members of First Baptist will be the only citizens affected by the proposed "no parking" designation as the entire street frontage in the proposed area belongs to First Baptist of Lake Wales.

The Lake Wales Police Department has reviewed the proposed modification of the Official Traffic Map and supports the request by First Baptist of Lake Wales.

All of the locations contained in this proposal are within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake Wales. Section 316.006 (2) (a) Florida Statutes, provides that "Chartered municipalities shall have original jurisdiction over all streets and highways located within their boundaries, except state roads". The City Commission is empowered by Charter to make changes as necessary to the Official Traffic Map of the City.

OTHER OPTIONS

The City Commission may choose not to make the requested changes to the Official Traffic Map.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as First Baptist of Lake Wales will incur all costs associated with this request.

ATTACHMENTS

Request letter from First Baptist of Lake Wales
Map of the affected street

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are requesting that Fourth Street, between Tillman Avenue and Central Avenue, become a no parking zone. There is great concern for the safety of the children and adults who try to cross the street between the parked cars. We have adequate parking in the adjacent parking lot to the East of Fourth Street for those who currently choose to park along the curb.

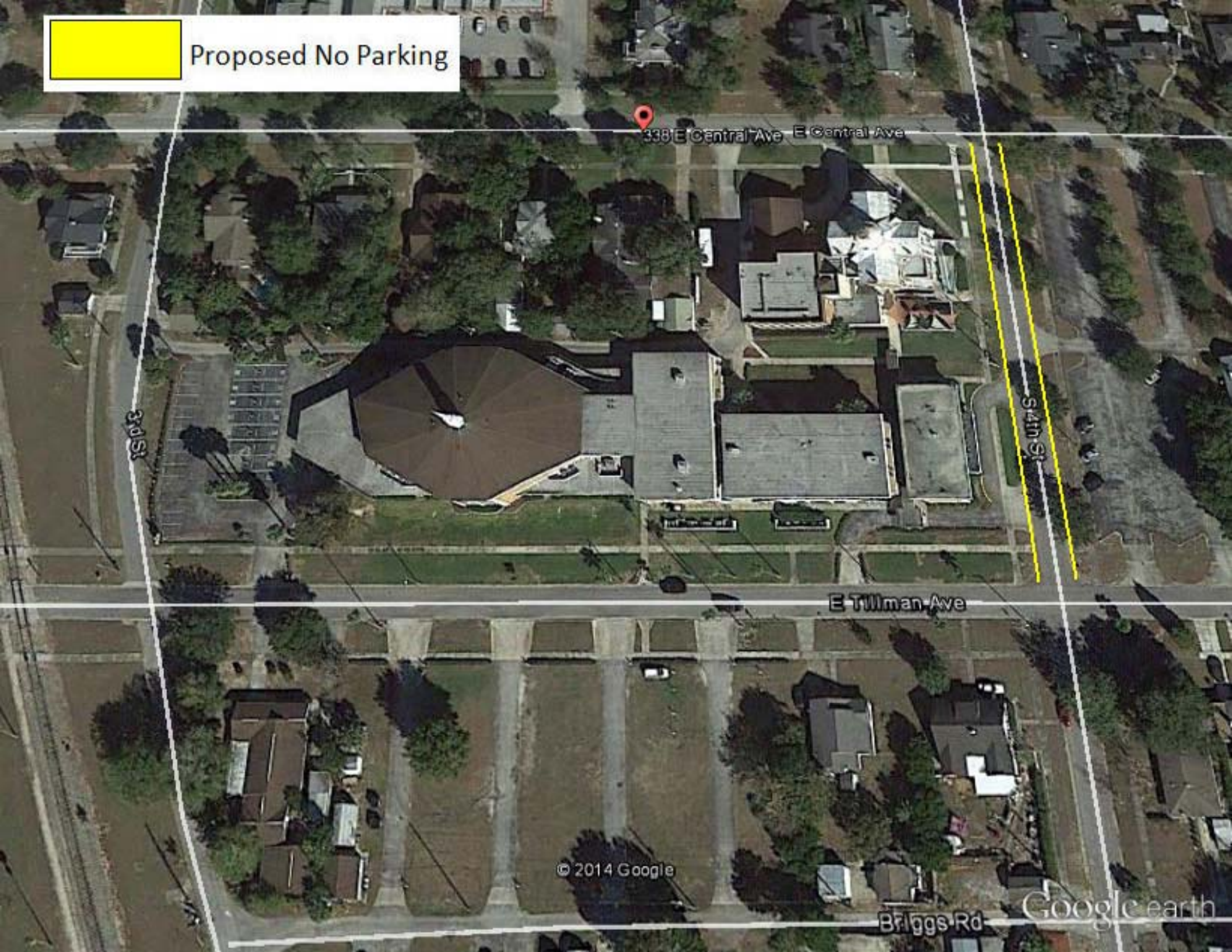
Respectfully,

Dennis Smith
Maintenance & Security

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Proposed No Parking



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31st St

54th St

E Tillman Ave

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