

we would seal Ball Circle with asphalt. The park-like character of the campus is appreciated by the many dog-walking neighbors as much as by faculty, staff, and students.

Regarding College Ave. – there is no point in implementing two-hour metered parking when it does not serve the people who need it the most. Students and faculty spend several hours on campus. Such a measure, which would require running back to a meter up to 3 times a day would be an affront to faculty, staff, and students who would be straddled with the burden and expense of minding a meter.

If, as noted, the parking committee and council is willing to hand over whole streets for the sole use of adjacent property owners, why not extend the same courtesy to UMW, the property owner along the east side of College Ave.?

Finally, the parking committee report claims *“The City has the legal authority (and the responsibility) to manage its on-street parking by prohibiting parking and/or setting time restrictions in various areas of the City. This is done with every effort to offer equity in use – not to produce winners and losers.”* I am afraid that the implementation of these parking regulations very much produces winners and losers.

Dear city council members, there are over twelve hundred faculty and staff employed at UMW, of which nearly 25% live within the city limits. We are also your constituents and will remember your decision next May.

Dear Mayor Greenlaw and members of the Fredericksburg City Council,

I am Marcel Rotter and live at 115 Hawke St. I am also the chair of the University Faculty Council, the governing body of the UMW faculty. The chair of the Staff Advisory Council, Julie Smith, also allowed me to speak on behalf of the university staff.

I would like to express the university faculty and staff's strong opposition to the proposed parking changes along University Avenue and in the College Heights and College Terrace neighborhoods.

The City parking committee's report, dated November 2, refers to an increase of complaints about faculty and staff parking without specifying any details. Are residents unable to find parking? More than 50% of the houses in those neighborhoods have driveways. Walking through the neighborhoods on any given Sunday, Thanksgiving or winter break, when there are no UMW cars present shows almost empty streets.

During the day on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, when most classes are taught, one can always see empty parking spots. This is in large parts because most College Heights streets ARE already designated as "residents only" parking.

It appears that most residents' cars are gone during the work day. To implement a "residents only" zone Monday through Friday 7am to 6/7pm does not make much sense. Is a half-empty suburban cul-de-sac what the neighborhoods envision for downtown Fredericksburg?

If the city is concerned about parking adjacent to UMW, perhaps it could enforce existing parking laws: Specifically, city code 58-282 part b, regarding Abandoned Vehicles. For example, Google Street View shows the same rusty pickup truck parked in front of 217 Brent street since 2012. The RV in the 100-block of Payne street, and the boat in front of 1113 Sunken Rd. have also not been moved in over four days (actually in months) and should, therefore, be considered abandoned. The city parking report is silent on these vehicles, which could be removed to free valuable parking spaces.

Unfortunately, the university parking facilities are not situated where most employees need them. The geography of the long campus and the availability of state and private funds prevents more convenient on campus parking. To walk 20 minutes through rain or snow or in 95-degree heat with a bag full of books and exams when there is available parking available on a nearby street is absurd. However, I am also sure that the neighbors would be outraged if the university would build a five-story parking structure instead of rebuilding the amphitheater or if