



**City of San Dimas**  
*Public Works Department*  
*Traffic Safety Committee*

**Meeting Minutes**  
**WEDNESDAY, July 20, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**  
**245 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas**

Committee Members Present: Krishna Patel (Committee Chair/Public Works Director), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works Dept.), Rhonda Abangan (Committee Secretary), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Deputy Paul Alaniz (San Dimas Sheriff's Dept.), Ann Sparks (Bonita Unified School District)

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Chair Patel called to order at 9:37. Committee and Audience introductions.

**07-11-01 301 N. San Dimas Canyon Road**

REQUEST FROM JAY PACE, RESIDENT, to review installation of a sign or mirror in the median to assist drivers exiting the San Dimas Canyon Road Apartment complex onto San Dimas Canyon Road.

**DISCUSSION:**

Item reviewed on-site. Committee agreed line of sight when exiting from most southerly parking lot exit is possibly obstructed by cars parked in front of apartment complex. In response to Resident Pace's request, TE Siecke proposed painting red curb in front of building – approximately the size of two car lengths. TE Siecke explained mirrors are problematic due to several factors: 1) easily moved and twisted, 2) maintenance issues, 3) easily broken. Committee confirmed prohibiting parking in front of complex would allow for safe exiting from apartment complex. Resident Pace claimed a dip southbound on San Dimas Canyon Road (near apartments) adds to the line of sight issues for the southbound drivers and that drivers do not see people exiting the complex. Chair Patel confirmed the red curbs would allow for the exiting driver to pull out more safely onto San Dimas Canyon Road thereby obtaining a safe exit. Resident asked where would the displaced people park? Chair Patel clarified that each development is approved with adequate parking for its residents and guests; the current parking in front of the building is more of a convenience rather than specified parking.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Paint approximately 50' of red curb from intersection of parking entrance/exit (southern exit), to power poles in front of apartment complex.

**07-11-02 S/W Corner of Bonita and San Dimas Canyon Road**

REQUEST FROM GERMAN VAZQUEZ, RESIDENT, to review the 'No Parking At Any Time' signage on the southwest corner of San Dimas Canyon Road. The signage is too small and residents are not adhering to no parking requirements.

**DISCUSSION:**

Committee reviewed the signage in question and confirmed the signs meet City standards (signage read "No Stopping Any Time").

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Notify Sheriff's Department to monitor location for parking violations.

**07-11-03 Camino Del Cerritos near Via Verde**

REQUEST FROM CRAIG POLETTI, RESIDENT, to review installation of cross walk near vacant lot area off of Via Verde and the Vons shopping center to allow residents an alternative access to shopping center instead of jaywalking.

**DISCUSSION:**

Committee reviewed area on GIS map. The alleged weed infested (claim by Resident Poletti, dirt pathway on northside of Via Verde is a multi-purpose trail maintained by City. Chair Patel further noted that to avoid having to take a long circuitous route, crossing at the intersection of Camino Del Cerritos/Via Verde while it's an unmarked cross walk is legal, and would allow for crossing into the Vons shopping center. Chair Patel also indicated the unmarked crosswalk has the median which could be used for added safety/refuge when crossing. TE Siecke confirmed it is not recommended to put a cross walk in an uncontrolled, intersection located on a major street.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No changes at this time.

**07-11-04 2182 Terrebonne Avenue near golf course**

REQUEST FROM REUBEN WARDA, RESIDENT, to review Terrebonne street/area for line of sight issues due to curve of street, hill and parking overflow from golf course. Resident is requesting red curbs painted/no parking zone for this area.

**DISCUSSION:**

Committee reviewed overflow parking, line of sight issues on-site and on GIS map. Chair Patel recapped Resident Warda's request and noted the existing red curbs along this location. During the site visit, Committee established that overflow parking severely obstructs the resident's view when exiting driveway due to the curvature of the street and downhill grade. Chair Patel noted a separate issue that an existing sign on west side of Terrebonne where the sidewalk ends, that read "Use Sidewalk On the Other Side". Committee decided this signage should be relocated from its current location due to the limited visibility (trees obstructing) of the sign and curvature of street and street crossing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Committee recommends the following:

- 1) Paint red curb from (north/south side) of driveway at 2182 Terrebonne up to mailbox/end of property line
- 2) Send a letter to resident at 2811 Terrebonne to question if they have same type of exiting issues with the overflow parking (and paint red curb if verified?)
- 3) Remove the sign "Use Sidewalk On the Other Side" and install new signage "Sidewalk Ends Ahead" and post signage at the street light post on west side of street (in front of 2187 Terrebonne) to allow for safe advance visible crossing notification of the sidewalk ending to the pedestrian.

**07-11-05 818 Gladstone & 57 Freeway underpass**

REQUEST FROM STAFF, to review street signage for consistency for No Parking vs. No Stopping.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Chair Patel pointed out as a result of 9/11, the State and Federal governments required that all City freeway underpasses post ‘No Parking At Any Time’ signage to potentially deter any future terrorist activities. The new development at 818 Gladstone (Montessori school) was advised to post ‘No Stopping’ signs in front of the school. Committee discussed the 818 Gladstone language posted and confirmed it met the State and Federal government requirements and posed no conflicts. TE Siecke stated should the City wish to change the signs located under the 57 Freeway at Gladstone for consistency reasons, the City should only change these signs to No Stopping At Any Time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Change No Parking Anytime signs to No Stopping Anytime.

**07-11-06        51<sup>st</sup> City Birthday BBQ**

REQUEST FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, to review the traffic control plan for the upcoming City Birthday BBQ scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**DISCUSSION:**

Committee reviewed location of Birthday BBQ. It was deemed to be the same set-up as the Farmers Market. Chair Patel confirmed City would use the approved Farmers Market traffic control plans for this particular, one day event. Chair Patel noted the Chamber of Commerce had requested removal of the ADA stripes in the parking lot to have more area for vendors; however, this cannot be done without adding temporary ADA parking spaces. City Staff will work with Chamber to advise and set-up barricades to allow for sufficient vendors.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approval of Birthday BBQ traffic control plans.
2. Staff will work with Chamber regarding set-up.

**07-11-07        San Dimas Ave & Puddingstone Drive**

REQUEST FROM BARRY PILLOW, RESIDENT, to review the signage posted on San Dimas Ave and Puddingstone Drive directing traffic to Raging Waters. Resident is requesting additional signage directed at pedestrian traffic to the Raging Waters entrance.

**DISCUSSION:**

Committee studied this item in conjunction with the next item 07-11-08, Puddingstone Drive East of San Dimas. Location was reviewed on-site and on GIS map. Doran Carreu represented Raging Waters and several residents from the Tiburon HOA were present at the meeting. Resident Pillow reconfirmed he does not understand the mileage quoted on the signage at San Dimas Ave & Puddingstone. He confirmed he clocked the mileage himself and established it is more than the 2 miles indicated; rather more like 4 miles. Resident Pillow feels if the signage was more accurate, patrons probably would not want to walk to Raging Waters (especially on hot days). Resident Pillow asked if there was a possibility of a walkway/pathway to entrance. He further inquired what are the plans for the water park when the Goldline reaches the City? Chair Patel suggested a shuttle service would be beneficial to the park. RW Carreu said the park is considering all options for the Goldline. He further stated the mileage quotation is a measurement for the driver and not the pedestrian. Chair Patel commented that the issues with Raging Waters’ signage are not controlled by the City; however, the City can work with Raging Waters regarding appropriate signage. RW Carreu indicated he needed to work with Bonelli Park to correct signage at the

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Via Verde entrance and Puddingstone area because they are a leased operation. Chair Patel asked if the park had changed its entrance locations and if there was a pedestrian entrance off of Puddingstone. Per RW Carreu nothing has changed. No pedestrian entrance at Puddingstone. Committee is hopeful that the proposed parking restrictions being considered on Puddingstone as a result of item 07-11-08 will likely assist in deterring pedestrian traffic in this area.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff to work with Raging Waters with regard to the signage on Puddingstone at San Dimas intersection. Raging Waters to work with Bonnelli Park personnel to make the appropriate changes to the signage on Via Verde.

**07-11-08 Puddingstone Drive East of San Dimas Ave**

REQUEST BY RESIDENTS (7/12 COUNCIL MEETING), to review overflow parking by Raging Waters patrons and to consider parking restrictions for this area.

**DISCUSSION:**

Committee studied this item in conjunction with 07-11-07, San Dimas Ave & Puddingstone Drive. It was reviewed on-site and on the GIS map. Doran Carreu represented Raging Waters and several residents from the Tiburon HOA were present at the meeting. This item was brought to the City's attention via residents attending the July 12th City Council meeting. The residents from Tiburon HOA, specifically those residing along Puddingstone have many concerns with the Raging Waters patrons and the overflow parking in this area. Per Tiburon residents, patrons are leaving trash, picnicking on their lawns, throwing rocks, and exhibiting loud and unbearable behaviors. Chair Patel shared this area had been previously reviewed by TS Committee in 2009 in regards to the parking. At that time, the HOA had created its own illegal parking permit program in conflict with the City's overnight permit parking program whereas in reality no parking was permitted on Puddingstone from San Dimas Ave to east of City limits. The results of the 2009 meeting were to remove the illegal parking permit signage and identify that Puddingstone Drive in this area had space to allow 10-12 vehicles for curbside parking. Additionally, staff would monitor the area and take additional steps should the City be made aware of any further issues. Chair Patel advised the audience that nothing had been received by the City until July 2011. The following comments were made by audience members in attendance:

*Resident M. Pou commented that the weekends have the severest issues and it's a free for all every weekend since the park opened for the summer. He confirms patrons eat their lunch and leave the trash on their property – property that they have to pay HOA fees for; he further noted that vehicles have been damaged by kids; cigarette butts are left behind and many patrons are parking inside the HOA on Tanglewood. His mother witnessed a fist fight. Resident M. Pou left a petition from approximately 30 Tiburon residents indicating they are concerned about this issue but could not attend the TS Committee meeting. He is certain that the parking issues have been constant since before 2009, however, confirmed no one contacted the City until this month.*

*Resident J. Pou established he bought his Tiburon condo in 1996 and there has always been a consistent problem on Puddingstone with respect to Raging Waters and overflow parking. He has witnessed picnicking on his lawn, he has had to pick up trash after the patrons leave, and witnessed patrons changing their clothes in the street. He recommends signage to read “No Raging Waters parking or picnicking” or something to that effect. He feels patrons are taking advantage of the Puddingstone street parking.*

*Resident Mabelle Pou stated her bedroom is closest to Puddingstone and spends a considerable amount of her time in there. She confirmed there is noise and rock throwing by the kids who attend the water*

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*park. She said she witnessed a fist fight and when she asked them to stop they called her “old bag”. She asked WR Carreu what was is the current price of admission because why wouldn’t the patron’s take advantage of the parking inside the park? She is fed up.*

*Resident J. Baillargeon stated she walks her dogs each morning and has noticed a significant amount of trash – beer cans, food trash, discarded diapers. It is very upsetting. She has witnessed patrons using the bushes for a restroom.*

Discussion continued after residents spoke. Chair Patel asked RW Carreu if anything has changed operationally during the last few years. RW Carreu confirmed that nothing has changed and agreed the parking situation on Puddingstone is horrible and something needs to be done to discourage the activities. He stated the parking on Puddingstone in his opinion is not ‘overflow’ rather a few patrons who do not want to pay for the parking. There is substantial parking within the park. He further commented that some of the parking on Puddingstone could be attributed to residents going to Cataract Falls. He believes that some of the parking on Puddingstone could be related to the ‘seasonal pass holder’ who traditionally does not go for the entire day, just a few hours. The average visitor stays about 6 hours vs. the seasonal pass holder. He confirmed a seasonal parking pass is \$55.00. RW Carreu noted that the busiest time of the day is approximately 9:30am to 1:00pm and a slow funneling of patrons till 3:30 p.m. Committee considers and proposes a possible seasonal restriction in parking. TE Siecke confirmed that the signage or restriction cannot tell people from Raging Waters that they cannot park there specifically because it is a public street and violates the Vehicle Code. He urged Committee to consider these issues and proposed a time limit for the restriction. Chair Patel commented that this has worked in other areas within the City and over time eliminated the parking issue. Supervisor Bishop confirmed a special sign can be ordered in about two to three weeks.

Chair Patel asked Committee to review Tanglewood for the same restriction with the consideration if the Puddingstone patrons are displaced, they will likely go inside the HOA complex. Could this seasonal restriction work inside the complex? Chair Patel stated the City would have to work with HOA Board but asked the residents in attendance for comments. Resident S. Friedlander asked should the seasonal parking restrictions come to pass, where do the non-Raging Water patrons park? TE Siecke confirmed if the signage gets approved, anyone wanting to park within the parking restricted area would be cited. The City cannot tow away vehicles, but violators would be cited. They would park at their own risk. Deputy Alaniz confirmed once parking restrictions are in place, Tiburon residents should call LASD if they notice any violations. Chair Patel confirmed his attendance at Tiburon HOA meeting scheduled for 7/21.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) Staff to work with HOA on proposed temporary parking restrictions on Puddingstone and Tanglewood. Upon confirmation with HOA, the restrictions will be from Tanglewood to Puddingstone up to Ironbark. Staff will work with HOA to confirm restrictions will be acceptable within the complex
- 2) Install provisional signage with seasonal parking language. Staff to monitor results.
- 3) Signage to read: “No Parking, 10am-5pm, June – Sept.

*Note: Staff met with Tiburon HOA on 7/21 – HOA’s Board and residents were receptive of parking restrictions on Puddingstone. However, could not support the committee’s additional recommendation of parking restrictions on Tanglewood due to its severe negative impact to the residents within the complex.*

#### **CONTINUED ITEMS**

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**04-11-01 SMEAD WAY/HALLOCK AVE**

REQUEST FROM RESIDENT, to restrict parking on northwest terminus of Smead Way because street is too narrow. Review petition of residents and update.

**DISCUSSION:**

Chair Patel reviewed locations on GIS map. He restated the reasons for this item & stated the concern for the narrowness of the street and emergency vehicles driving safely through the streets. He further indicated when the city receives these types of issues, the city generally reviews similar situated neighborhoods at the same time, in the hope to avoid future concerns. The location was reviewed on-site and confirmed the curb to curb width is 26'. TE Siecke stated if these homes were built today, there would absolutely be no parking. The LA County Fire Department also reviewed this location and provided their assessment of these two street locations and confirmed they had a concern for safety in the event of an emergency. TS Committee reviewed the petition from the Hallock Ave. residents. Several Hallock Ave. residents confirmed their desire to not have the parking restrictions placed on their street. They confirmed it would create a hardship for family's with elderly relatives who would have to park on Payson or 5<sup>th</sup> street when visiting. They confirmed the trash company seems to have no problems navigating the larger trash trucks each Tuesday. Resident Bridgewater confirmed he is a 40 year resident and there have only been three occasions the Fire Department has driven down Hallock Ave and he witnessed the maneuvering to be fine. He said the only time there is much parking on the street occurs when someone is having an event; but neighbors are tolerant and courteous because it's not an everyday situation. Resident Bridgewater requested a "Not A Thru Street" sign posted on the corner of Payson & Hallock to deter excessive speeding thru this area during school peak hours. Resident Bridgewater doesn't understand why problems of Smead Way should affect their street when none of the neighbors have issues. Deputy Alaniz stated LASD is aware and understands the speeding issues during school peak time. Chair Patel restated the City's position to review all items thoroughly especially when safety is a concern. Chair Patel pointed out Bellevue Street was given parking restrictions because it is a through street. TE Siecke noted this item should be continued till next TS Committee meeting as further review is required to ensure all options are researched. Deputy Alaniz stated from LASD's perspective larger parked vehicles could pose difficulties for emergency vehicles. Supervisor Bishop commented it would be great if more residents would come to meeting to voice their concerns (only two residents were available).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Continue issue till next meeting for further review.
2. Staff to install "No Outlet" sign on the corner of Payson and Hallock.

**05-11-02 Foothill Blvd/San Dimas Canyon – NE Corner**

REQUEST FROM GIL GONZALEZ, RESIDENT to consider prohibition of commercial parking on the northeast leg of Foothill Blvd at San Dimas Canyon Road. Review and update from LASD.

**DISCUSSION:**

Deputy Alaniz confirmed he spoke with owner of commercial vehicle and addressed the issues. Deputy Alaniz stated he believes parking issue with this particular vehicle is resolved.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Sheriff Department to patrol, monitor and advise on this area for 21 days. Staff to notify Overnight City Parking Enforcement of same. If problems exist parking restriction signage will be posted. Item will be closed.

*Adj. 11:22 a.m.*

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