



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
245 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

In Attendance

Committee Members Present: Krishna Patel (Committee Chair/Public Works Director), Shari Garwick (Senior Engineer, Public Works Dept.), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works Dept.), Lisa Bugrova (Environmental Coordinator, Public Works Dept.), Rhonda Abangan (Committee Secretary), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Deputy Paul Alaniz (San Dimas Sheriff's Dept.)

Field Review 8:30-9:30 am

Field Review

Committee will review the following items #11-01-01 during the Field Review hour of 8:30A.M. to 9:30A.M. The van will depart City Hall at 8:30A.M.

Call To Order

9:33a.m.

11-01-01 Puddingstone Drive East of San Dimas Ave

REQUEST FROM MICHAEL POU, RESIDENT, to review continued overflow parking issues (by Raging Waters patrons) and consider parking restrictions for this area.

DISCUSSION:

Item was reviewed on site and shown on GIS. Chair Patel recapped similar issues brought to TSC at July 2011 meeting. The solution to the overflow parking to install parking restrictions on Puddingstone in front of the Tiburon complex. The parking restriction prohibited parking during peak Raging Waters attendance (June – Sept, 10am-5pm). Chair Patel also attended a Tiburon HOA meeting to discuss the issues at that time. He stated that the homeowners and residents had confirmed they did not want parking restrictions on Tanglewood, which was what the City had offered at that time in addition to the parking restrictions approved for Puddingstone. Chair Patel asked HOA representatives and residents what type of deterrent they are seeking at this particular time. Resident M. Pou thanked TSC for installation of restriction in July and confirmed the parking issues were quickly taken care of with positive results. However he further stated he is anxious in the wake of the Irvine Wild Rivers park closing. Mr. Pou is looking forward to the summer of 2012 and how Raging Waters will accommodate the influx of water park patrons. Thus the reasoning behind his current traffic agenda item is to get the ball rolling in the right direction. Resident and HOA Board member Deveze indicated while there is a problem with Raging Waters patrons parking within the Tiburon complex, there is also a huge requirement for street parking and the parking restrictions impact the residents greatly. Some residents are adult family members each with vehicles (thus more cars than available parking). Ms. Deveze is hopeful something can be worked out for the residents. Resident Baillargeon suggested a parking pass similar to what colleges provide might work. Resident Deveze believes the time restrictions negatively impact the homeowners. She confirmed it is a very dense community and believes restrictions on Tanglewood are not an option. Chair Patel advised the HOA Board members and residents that they are seeking a neighborhood permit parking program and something of that nature must go thru a formal process and City Council. The first step would be for HOA to submit a letter to the City indicating their specific request and that would start the process. Chair Patel stated there are no guarantees as there is no such neighborhood permit parking program anywhere in San Dimas. It could be difficult to obtain and also it will be up to the HOA to provide the administration and policing of the potential program. TE Siecke further confirmed the type of program suggested will become an enforcement issue for the HOA and just as the parking restrictions on Puddingstone, and will likely at some point inconvenience the residents as well. Resident J. Pou interjected these restrictions are likely to become a year round

policy (versus June-September). Chair Patel clarified the neighborhood parking permit program they are seeking would be on Tanglewood only from main entrance to Ironbark. Superintendent Campbell stated Raging Waters has long had parking issues spilling into the City and suggested City meet with representatives and County Park operators to next meeting to open discussions on working together as a group to find a solution. Perhaps they could consider a pedestrian drop off the Puddingstone area – if it is busy now, it will only get busier with the closing of Irvine waterpark. Another possibility is for the park to reduce their parking prices. TE Siecke suggested they could include parking with entrance fees. Chair Patel commented all suggestions and discussion were very good. Committee will be contacting representatives at Raging Waters.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff to write a letter to Raging Waters including minutes of this meeting to discuss parking issues for next season.

CONTINUED ITEMS

08-11-02 1027, 1021, 1025 PUENTE STREET/HEATHERGLEN HOA

REQUEST FROM HEATHERGLEN HOA, RESIDENT, request repeal of TSC May 2011(Item 05-11-03) decision to not red curb across the street from homes on Puente Street.

UPDATE: Review report from Sheriff Department on effectiveness of the additional monitoring of parking at Via Verde Park/Puente (90 day period has been reached).

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel presented the history of item for TSC audience members and confirmed it has been an on-going matter since June. He stated the City had installed the larger, enhanced signage and relocated signs from behind the curb to curbside which makes them more visible. Deputy Alaniz reported on the final 30 days of additional patrolling by the Sheriff's Department and the officer logs indicate the parking issues are not as prevalent as originally reported. Several citations were issued over the last 30 days, but nothing out of the ordinary. Chair Patel advised the panel the City had received the HOA's official letter of appeal to the Mayor on 11/7/11. HOA President John Nichols inquired what the next step/procedure is for the HOA as they have a group who wishes to attend the meeting when their item will be discussed. Resident Nichols also commented that the new signage and close proximity looked good and the only violations he's witnessed as of late were delivery personnel who parked briefly to use the park's public restroom. Resident Nichols was thankful for the installation; however, he commented this was not the time of the year when there are problems – it is the summer time, weekends (i.e. soccer games, birthday parties, etc. all Saturday and Sunday) – per resident Nichols, Easter will tell if it (signage, patrolling) is working or not. Superintendent Campbell indicated the signs are a subtle but effective procedure to deter illegal parking. Chair Patel commented the delay of this matter originated with the misinterpretation of original submittal and the next step for this item will be for Staff to create a report to council to advise them of the background and recommendation. Council will then make their decision of placing it on Council's agenda or go with the recommendation by TSC. Chair Patel advised resident Nichols he would send him a copy of such Staff Report directly to him via email for his use.

RECOMMENDATION:

Sheriff's Department to continue monitoring through/during the spring/summer 'peak' season.

Oral Communications

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. Review input from Fire department.

UPDATE: Due to the unavailability of the LA County Fire Department, this item will be continued to December TSC agenda to review their findings/recommendations.

Chief Thies of LA County Fire Department joined the November TSC meeting unexpectedly. Chair Patel thanked him for joining, however, advised him that TSC had postponed the matter to December TSC meeting as a result of not receiving communication of availability. Chair Patel believes it would be fair to have residents present to hear their findings.

Adjournment

10:36a.m.