



City of San Dimas
Public Works Department
Traffic Safety Committee

MEETING MINTUES
WEDNESDAY, December 21, 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), John Campbell (Street Maintenance Superintendent, Public Works Dept.), Gary Bishop (Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works Dept.), Lisa Bugrova (Environmental Coordinator, Public Works Dept.), Warren Siecke (Traffic Engineer), Deputy Paul Alaniz (San Dimas Sheriff's Dept.), Rhonda Abangan (Committee Secretary, Public Works Dept.)

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Chair Patel called to order at 9:32am. Committee and Audience introductions

CONTINUED ITEMS

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 for the November meeting this item was continued to December 2011 TSC agenda for their presentation.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Patel opened meeting with the history of this item. It was reviewed on the GIS map. Item originally generated by resident who believed Smead not wide enough with cars parked on the streets. Issue placed on April's TSC agenda for review. Chair Patel added it is the City's protocol that similar streets with similar situations call for automatic review to ensure the safety of the public. Although issue was brought to TSC's attention via Smead Way, it was proper to include the adjacent street (Hallock) into TSC's review process due to their likenesses and to be consistent with other neighborhoods which had parking restrictions placed upon them. TSC's responsibility is to find solutions that best protect the residents and city.

It was noted that all residents on Smead Way and Hallock Ave have been consistently notified regarding TSC proceedings and resident Bridgewater has attended all TSC meetings referencing this item. He was thanked for his patience with the process.

Chair Patel explained this matter has not closed due to the Fire Department's availability constraints. TSC has sought the Fire Department's input and direction to ensure the neighborhood's safety needs are met in the event of a crisis. Battalion Chief Thies unexpectedly reported to the November TSC meeting, however, the Smead/Hallock issue was not on the agenda therefore no discussion could take place due to Brown Act requirements.

Battalion Chief Robert Ryan (Chief Thies' proxy) was introduced. Chief Ryan was unfamiliar with the Smead/Hallock issue, however, he read from email report provided by the Fire Prevention unit. The Fire Prevention unit deals primarily with the fire departments access requirements. Chief Ryan thanked the residents for their patience and for their own self-policing with respect to street parking. After some discussion, the report's recommendations were understood to be as follows: (1) Hallock – paint red curb from 616 around the cul de sac to 619. (2) Smead – paint red curb from 628 around the cul de sac to 629. (3) Report further stated that a new updated hydrant should be replaced on Payson at the end of Hallock (steamer type). Resident Bridgewater added that there was a miscellaneous pipe in the bushes near his home (between 633 and 632 Hallock – perhaps a fire hydrant that was never completely installed). Resident Bridgewater does not understand the red curb recommendations. Resident Bridgewater commented the residents initially petitioned

against any parking restrictions and will not be happy that relatives will have to park on Payson if there are red curbs in the cul de sac. Bridgewater also pointed out that the trash truck drives through this neighborhood 3 times a week and maneuvers in and out perfectly. Chief Ryan explained red curbs at the narrowest point of the street allow for easier and quicker access in the event of a fire. Chief Ryan apologized as he initially misinterpreted the report he was asked to read. Chief Ryan is sympathetic to neighbors in the area; asked if there really is a problem on these streets? The panel deliberated over another possible solution, paint red curbs in front of approximately 2 homes only (property line to property line) located nearest to the beginning of the cul de sac (in front of 628 & 629 Smead and 616 & 619 Hallock). Resident Bridgewater commented he believed the neighbors would be ok with this type of limited parking restriction. It still allows for street parking. Chief Ryan confirmed the Fire Department's position is there are only 2 possible recommendations -

A – paint red curb “bulb” portion of cul de sacs as described in report

B – install parking restrictions (perhaps red curb) on east side of each street at the narrowest portion or bottleneck areas

Chief Ryan will get clarification of the report he was given. Chair Patel requested Fire Department's clarifications and recommendations in writing. Chief Ryan suggested an additional meeting with Chair Patel, Chief Ryan and the Fire Prevention officer could assist with clarifications. This meeting will be coordinated after TSC is adjourned.

Chair Patel commented is it is likely the residents will appeal any decisions made with respect to red curbs and/or parking restrictions. Chair Patel apologized for the lengthy proceedings with this matter, but confirmed TSC has been steadfast in getting direction from the Fire Department for this item as it affects them directly. He asked if representatives from the Fire Department and Fire Prevention Unit could be available for the next TSC meeting and/or any future Council meetings to provide a more definitive answer/perspective.

RECOMMENDATION:

Postpone issue till next TSC meeting; Fire Department and Fire Prevention unit will meet at location with Krishna Patel to provide clarification of the Fire Prevention unit's recommendations provided for TSC December meeting. Chief Ryan will have miscellaneous pipe reviewed at Hallock.

Adj: 10:44am