



6:30 p.m. – Special Meeting
Public Safety / Traffic Sub Committee
April 24, 2019

Council Chambers
City Hall
111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA. 94547

PUBLIC SAFETY / TRAFFIC SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL – CALL TO ORDER

Present:

1. Chair - Councilmember Chris Kelley
2. Vice Chair – Councilmember Gerard Boulanger

Staff Present:

1. Bill Imboden, Police Chief
2. Mike Roberts, Public Works Director

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS – None

IV. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Lee Schulstad - 205 Copper Beech

Consider painting curb red in front of house red where driveways are too close on cul-de-sac for a parking space. Thanked Mike Roberts for committing to painting their curb red after asking for it at the 4/23 council meeting.

Tommy Mattingly – 124 Dunham Ct

Traffic on Hercules Ave is speeding.

Minimum of 40 MPH

Congestion causing commuters to use as a short cut.

Garbage from commuters

No crosswalks on Hercules Ave.

Staff Response: Traffic Calming plan has been approved and is out to bid. Roundabouts on Hercules Ave @ Titan and Zeus/ Pearce.

David Bernstine - 115 Maritime Terrace

“Parking Leaches” parking in residential areas along Victoria Crescent West to use the Westcat Lynx busses. Street sweeping is impossible. Emergency vehicles have a hard time getting through. Vehicles are being issued citations by PEO. Commercial vehicles parking there as well.

Ken Morrison – 348 Turquoise (Commissioner)

Sycamore@ SPA very dangerous. More traffic coming with construction. Nothing being done for bike safety. Lane changes need to take into account bikes. Green Strip on Sycamore Ave is horrible to ride on. Can we just paint the lines green and not the whole lane?

Can we put out detour signs on John Muir @ Bayfront to avoid the construction zone? Even just “recommended detour” sign.

Han Chen -

Red strip prior to handicap area? Difficult to see past cars parked along curb on Tsushima when pulling out of Central.

Parking is getting worse. 127 houses coming in next to him. What’s the purpose of having a garage if city isn’t checking up on HOA’s to make sure they are imposing their parking restrictions? People parking 3 cars on street, driveway empty, garage empty.

Traffic around Sycamore @ SPA.

Email submitted to C.M. not included in “Public Comment” section.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS – None

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR – None

VIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTIONS ITEMS

1. Parking issues within the city and potential remedies.

Councilmember Kelley asked Mike Roberts to discuss parking districts:

Parking Districts

45 permitted parking spots on Sycamore IFO Aventine. Permits issue to vehicles

\$50/yr. Non-permitted vehicles only allowed to park 2 hr max.

Councilmember Boulanger – parking district meant to encourage people to park in their garage.

Mattingly - Any discussion for making Hercules Ave preferential parking?

Kelley – Council is reluctant to do that and then get blamed by residents for imposing it. Residents need to bring that forward as a group (groundswell). Realizing that the cars will just get pushed elsewhere and other residents will blame them.

Bernstine - Pebble Beach area complaining about cars parking to use Lynx. 50 – 100 cars all day long.

Kelley – Proposed solution: signs that say 4 hour parking only. Would apply to resident as well.

Roberts - “4 hour parking between 8 am – 5 pm” would help residents.

Additional issues of parking for bus riders – they leave trash.

Roberts – Comprehensive study of parking and WestCat issues. Potential to add parking on John Muir and removing one traffic lane. Move the bus stop? Time and effort by City Staff to study.

Parking restrictions around stops may be the answer but it needs to be studied.

Bernstine – City should be sensitive to the needs of the residents over the needs of the commuters who are parking in residential areas.

Kelly – Start mobilizing your neighbors (to come to Council to advocate for Parking Stickers)

Han – Pilot program throughout entire City to implement permitted parking.

Kelley – Learn from other cities that have gone down this road: limit number of stickers each home receives.

Roberts – City has embraced transit-oriented residences. Too many cars, no one parks in garages. Are HOAs enforcing their rules?

Lynn Schwaebe - People parking right up to the corner on Central at Tsushima (and in the neighborhood).

Kelley – There will always be a need for parking for commuters. People will always need their cars, even as public transportation expands. There will be solutions put in place, whether its metered parking, permitted parking, etc.

Han – Can the city contact the HOAs and ask for their CCRs and if they are enforcing them with respect to street parking and garage parking?

Roberts – committed staff to looking for better spots for the Lynx busses to stop, away from residential streets.

Bernstine – opposed to removing the “No Parking” on VCW because it removes the bike lane and the speeding cars.

Boulanger – Every alley in Promenade area has cars parked in them. Up to seven cars. All the time. 24-hours. For weeks and months. People are not using their garage for cars.

Roberts – Permit parking for area? Getting people to empty the stuff out of their garage so they can park their cars and use the subdivision as designed is a serious problem.

Lynn – Total number of cars minus the number of garage parking spaces = issue that number of permits.

Going forward – building housing with no off-street parking is a problem.

Bernstine - Street sweepers wont sweep a street with cars parked on it. VCW streets haven't been swept since the bus stops went in ten years ago.

Chief – any solution that includes increased enforcement will require adding staff to the PD for parking enforcement.

Chief – suggestion to check with jurisdictions that have imposed some sort of restrictions. What have they done and how did they implement it?

Bernstine – I don't want to wait until something happens with confrontational parkers before the City does something about the parkers in VCW.

Roberts – Write a petition and have neighbors sign it.

Lynn – SPA @ Sycamore is the worst. Husband has been hit on scooter already. Is there something that can be done?

Roberts – Crosswalk being removed on east side of intersection. Safeway will be lighting curtilage on Sycamore and on San Pablo.

No further discussion items.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.