



Mission Canyon Planning Advisory Committee (MCPAC)
Mission Canyon Residential Parking Strategy Meeting
Wednesday September 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Raymond Smith at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Ann Cavalli, Jacqueline Hynes, William Koonce, Barbara Lindemann, Raymond Smith, Kevin Snow (arrived 6:45).

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Cushnie, Randy Reetz

Staff Present: Derek Johnson, Director, Vicki Parker, Deputy Director, Peter Imhof, Supervising Planner, Rosie Dyste, Senior Planner, and Greg Wiley, Intern, Long Range Planning, and Will Robertson, Public Works, Roads Division.

3. **Public Comment for items not on the agenda:** Marc Chytilo commented on the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Vital Mission Plan and project consistency with the Draft Mission Canyon Community Plan.

4. **MCPAC Administrative Tasks:**

Draft Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2009

ACTION: Hynes moved, seconded by Lindemann and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the draft meeting minutes.

5. **Residential Parking Strategy**

Presentation:

- MCPAC Chair Ray Smith initiated a discussion of project goals and solicited MCPAC consensus that safe ingress and egress to prevent an Oakland Hills-like tragedy in Mission Canyon is the primary goal.
- Residential Parking Strategy Subcommittee Member Barbara Lindemann summarized meeting topics from the four Residential Parking Strategy Subcommittee Meetings and Subcommittee parking recommendation.
- Staff presented the Parking Subcommittee recommended policies, results of data gathering and discussed additional research needed and next steps.

MCPAC members further discussed how to notice, inform and educate community members about the proposed policies. Staff agreed to work with the Parking Strategy Subcommittee and the Mission Canyon Association (MCA) to prepare a MCA newsletter article to publicize the proposed policies, with the intent of fully noticing the community and providing an opportunity for comment and input at the next MCPAC meeting.

Public Comment:

- Ralph Daniel commented on Item 5, and stated it will be critical to find creative solutions to the encroachment issue to allow encroachments where appropriate, described experiences with CHP enforcement and stated that enforcement will be critical. He also questioned how the recommended policies would be applied to roads that are less than 20 feet wide.
- Marc Chytilo, commenting on Item 5, agreed that providing egress is critically important, reminded the MCPAC that the County Code requires on-site parking, stated that Policy 2 recommendation is sound and hopes that dedicated space for bicyclist and pedestrian passage is preserved. Mr. Chytilo recommended making the long term 4-foot clear zone goal a policy requirement, stated that hiking trails lower down the canyon would be valuable to the community and that the Botanic Garden should allow lands to be used as trail network. He also noted that Mission Canyon Road needs better signage to notify drivers that it is a dead end and there is no turnaround.

Following the discussion, MCPAC members took the following actions on the recommended Parking Strategy Policies for public comment prior to making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

Draft Residential Parking Strategy Policy 1: Parking shall be prohibited where it interferes with access for emergency vehicles or safe pedestrian and bicyclist passage.

ACTION: Hynes moved, seconded by Snow and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Policy 1 in concept.

Note: MCPAC Member Koonce left the meeting after this action.

Draft Residential Parking Strategy Policy 2: All public roads in Mission Canyon shall have at least two vehicle travel lanes, each a minimum of 10 feet wide from road center line, except that existing roads less than 20 feet wide shall not be required to be widened to meet this standard. The outside perimeter of travel lanes shall be delineated by a white stripe (fog line). Outside of the fog line, parking shall be allowed provided it does not interfere with adequate sight distance, and adequate access and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians, when applicable. Parking areas shall not be reserved and/or posted for the sole use of the property owner and shall not be used for parking boats, trailers or recreational vehicles.

ACTION: Hynes moved, seconded by Snow and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Policy 2 in concept.

Draft Residential Parking Strategy Policy 3: Long Range Planning staff shall work with Public Works to revise Mission Canyon Community Plan Policy CIRC-MC-7 regarding active abatement of illegal encroachments in order to clarify circumstances when and how abatement should occur.

ACTION: Snow moved, seconded by Hynes and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Policy 3 in concept.

Note: Staff agreed to provide the City of Santa Barbara's and Caltrans' policies on encroachments at a future MCPAC meeting. Staff will work with Public Works Roads Permits

Section Manager Eric Pearson regarding encroachment policies and possible attendance at the next MCPAC meeting.

Draft Residential Parking Strategy Policy 4: Parking shall be prohibited on roads with a pavement width less than 20 feet or where insufficient space exists outside the pavement width for parking or where other factors interfere with safe ingress or egress as determined by County Public Works or the Fire Department.

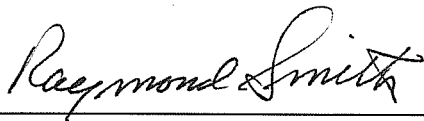
ACTION: Lindemann moved, seconded by Hynes and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Policy 4 in concept.

Note: Further consideration will be given to the Parking Strategy policies approved in concept after the community has been fully noticed and stakeholders provided an opportunity to provide comments and input.

6. **Schedule:** Next MCPAC Meeting on Residential Parking Strategy is tentatively scheduled for November 2009 pending the ability to widely circulate an informative newsletter and move forward with recommendations on enforcement and Tunnel Road trailhead parking. Staff will confirm the meeting date and place.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ACTION: Snow moved, seconded by Hynes and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.



Raymond Smith
Chair, Mission Canyon Planning Advisory Committee