



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### Mission Canyon Residential Parking Strategy Subcommittee Meeting

Monday August 24, 2009

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Santa Barbara County Office of Long Range Planning  
Conference Room  
30 E. Figueroa Street

### Agenda

1. **Public Comment:** The Public Comment period is set aside to allow public testimony on items **not** on today's agenda.
2. **Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from July 28, 2009 and revised charter are included as Attachment 1 and 2.
3. **Parking Capacity Study:** The subcommittee will review data and maps prepared from a survey of public and private parking spaces on Montrose, Williams Way, Ben Lomond and Exeter. Recommendations for further data gathering and research will be discussed.
4. **Enforcement Issues:** The subcommittee will review the notes prepared from a meeting with City staff to discuss enforcement options (Attachment 3). Recommendations for further research will be discussed.
5. **Mission Canyon Parking Policy:** The subcommittee will discuss and develop a parking policy recommendation for MCPAC consideration.
6. **Next MCPAC Meeting;** The subcommittee will discuss topics and data needed for the next MCPAC meeting, currently scheduled for September 23, 2009.
7. **Adjourn to next Subcommittee Meeting, date to be determined.**

Questions may be directed to Rosie Dyste, Senior Planner at (805) 568-3532 or [rdyste@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:rdyste@co.santa-barbara.ca.us). Further information may be obtained on the following web site:

[http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/mission\\_canyon/mcrps.php](http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/mission_canyon/mcrps.php)

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## Attachment 1

### MISSION CANYON PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### **MC Residential Parking Strategy Subcommittee**

July 28, 2009 Meeting notes

Present: Staff, Rosie Dyste, Peter Imhof  
Subcommittee members, Jacqueline Hynes, Barbara Lindemann, Randy Reetz

The subcommittee approved the draft of the proposed charter, with one change. The first sentence of the Committee's purpose was changed to read: "The subcommittee was formed for the purpose of advising the MCPAC on parking strategy options to recommend to the Board of Supervisors." [Note: on the recommendation of Peter Imhof, Supervising Planner, the sentence was subsequently revised to read: "The subcommittee was formed for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the MCPAC concerning parking in Mission Canyon as part of the Residential Parking Strategy project." ]

#### **Scope of work and tasks:**

It is anticipated that recommendations will be sent to the Board by the end of 2010.

#### Major egress routes

The County Planning Department in the next few months will be hiring a consultant to study traffic and evacuation issues in Mission Canyon as an essential part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Community Plan. The MCPAC can help the consultant establish the scope of that study, and can, in turn, use the results of the study in framing its own recommendations to the Board about traffic and parking on the main egress routes from the Canyon.

#### Parking on Foothill Rd.

An ad hoc committee was formed by Supervisor Carbajal to work out an agreement about parking in the area of the Caltrans project (between Tye Rd. and Cheltenham Rd.) The committee included staff, Foothill Rd. residents, and Randy Reetz and Ray Smith of the MCPAC. Caltrans will need to agree to the recommendations of this committee. The MCPAC may decide to address parking on the remaining portions of Foothill Rd.

#### "Feeder" roads with identified problems

The subcommittee decided to begin its work by looking at the residential roads with identified problems of lanes blocked by parked cars, but which are not major or secondary egress routes. These would include Montrose, Williams Way, Ben Lomond, and Exeter.

### **Enforcement issues**

In response to questions raised at the last MCPAC meeting, Rosie did some research about SB City enforcement of parking regulations. She reported that the city gets some 2000 calls a month about cars left on the street beyond the 72 hours permitted by city law. (The county permits cars to be parked on public roads for 120 hours.) The city policy is first to ticket cars that exceed the time limit, and tow them in a second response. The city does not have a regular patrol of the Riviera neighborhoods, but responds to complaints. (The enforcement is on a “public call for service” basis, as is the case for county enforcement of ordinances in Mission Canyon).

Rosie explored the possibility of having the city enforce parking regulations for the county in Mission Canyon. The recommendation was for a pilot program on a “public call for service basis,” but many details, especially about the financial arrangement, would need to be worked out.

Further question: what are the city regulations for parking on the narrow and winding roads within city limits? Rosie will find out.

### **Sources of information**

The subcommittee brainstormed about kinds of community meetings that might prove useful

Individuals with helpful information included Capt. Glenn Fidler of the County Fire Department; Dick Axilrod and Ralph Daniel of the Parking and Safety Committee of the Mission Canyon Assoc.; someone from County public works, and Greg Wiley’s study of parking capacity of Mission Canyon.

Student intern Greg Wiley’s survey of public and private parking spaces in the study area is still in progress. The committee asked that he determine from his data the number of street parking spaces available that do not block traffic lanes along specific roads (the “feeder” roads mentioned earlier).

Planning staff was asked to identify options available for enforcement of parking regulations.

Notes submitted by Barbara Lindemann



## Attachment 2

### Mission Canyon Residential Parking Strategy Subcommittee

#### 1. Subcommittee Charter

The Residential Parking Strategy Subcommittee shall consist of the following three Mission Canyon Planning Advisory Committee (MCPAC) members as appointed at the July 22, 2009 MCPAC meeting:

1. Jacqueline Hynes
2. Barbara Lindemann
3. Randy Reetz

MCPAC Chair Ray Smith will attend as needed.

The subcommittee was formed for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the MCPAC concerning parking in Mission Canyon as part of the Residential Parking Strategy project. The subcommittee shall meet with staff at mutually agreed upon dates and times for a period of approximately six months or until a draft of the Residential Parking Strategy is prepared for decision-maker review. At the first subcommittee meeting, the subcommittee shall appoint a secretary to take notes. Reports from any subcommittee meetings shall be made by a subcommittee member at the next full MCPAC meeting.

#### 2. Subcommittee Responsibilities

The subcommittee shall be responsible for the following duties.

1. Recommend research data and field work as needed.
2. Liaison with staff and community members on outreach and neighborhood meetings as necessary.
3. Review parking data collection and recommend methods for presenting data to the public.
4. Report subcommittee progress to full MCPAC.

#### 3. Subcommittee Process

1. The first subcommittee meeting will be held at a mutually agreeable time to determine scope of work and a proposed schedule for subsequent subcommittee meetings.

2. The staff and subcommittee will utilize public and full MCPAC input in preparing the Residential Parking Strategy.
3. Staff will draft the Parking Strategy options based on subcommittee input.
4. The subcommittee will review draft sections of the Parking Strategy data collection, maps and text as they become available and submit input to staff.
5. The full draft will be submitted to the MCPAC for review when available.

## Attachment 3

### Mission Canyon Parking Enforcement Options with City of Santa Barbara Meeting Summary

Background: Per public comment and Parking Strategy survey responses, Mission Canyon residents are dissatisfied with enforcement of parking regulations in Mission Canyon. Enforcement is currently carried out by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). It has been recommended to determine if another entity such as County Sheriff or City of Santa Barbara could perform enforcement duties.

Items Discussed Among City Staff Prior to Meeting: In May 2009, Heather Baker, Project Planner, Community Development Department talked to Sergeant Juanita Smith, City of Santa Barbara Police Department, and summarized the discussion items as follows:

**1. What area would need to be served?** If a "public call for service" format is used versus a regular route, then a higher percentage of the public roads within the Mission Canyon Plan Area might feasibly be able to be included in the contract. Otherwise, groups of roads in priority categories would need to be analyzed. For example, Tunnel and Mission Canyon Roads would be in Priority Tier One and streets within Mission Canyon Heights like Glen Albyn Drive would be in a lower priority tier.

**2. How often would the area need to be visited?** Hourly or daily set-time calls would be much more expensive and difficult to implement than a "public call for service" program. Hourly or set time daily programs could potentially require additional staff, which would be very expensive. On the other hand, public calls for service orders could be completed in between routine route enforcement by existing City staff. The other advantage of a call for service program is that there is a higher probability that the response will result in a citation being issued because there is an observed violation by the reporting party versus routine spot checks which may or may not result in a citation. As the staff member exits the Canyon Area back to the City of Santa Barbara, they would also ticket any inappropriately parked cars on the way out. Staff members could also be instructed to visit a top priority road, such as Tunnel Road, before leaving the Canyon if time permits. Upon implementation of a public calls for service program, residents within the Canyon Area should be mailed a notification of the phone number to call when reporting a parking violation. Notification should be made to the Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD) Dispatch Center and not the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO) Dispatch Center, as is currently the procedure.

**3. How would "No Parking" signs be maintained?** The City parking staff works closely with a Public Works contact to have "No Parking" signs repaired or replaced as soon as problems with the signs are found. Enforcement cannot occur where signs have been removed or are vandalized. The Public Works staff currently performing sign maintenance are already quite busy, Sgt. Smith recommends a County Public Works staff person be assigned as a contact for the City parking staff to contact when a sign needs repair.

**4. What would be the appeal process?** If the City's appeal process and procedures can be used, this would be most efficient for City parking staff, as they have standard City paperwork and procedures for responding to appeals.

**5. County codes regulating parking?** City parking staff would need to be given the list of County codes which regulate parking. City codes are carefully cited and observed by city parking staff, and a similar practice would need to be applied for County codes.

**6. Terrain is not an issue.** City parking staff currently performs responses to "calls for service" in the Riviera area of the City, and so the city vehicle fleet and staff are able to handle steep terrain, this is not an issue.

**7. Fees for service.** How the billing would occur would be negotiated via a contract by City staff other than Sgt. Juanita Smith.

Following the receipt of the summary items presented above, County and City staff met on July 22, 2009 to discuss the concept further.

Attendees:

- Rosie Dyste and David Lackie – Office of Long Range Planning, Santa Barbara County
- Heather Baker and Sgt. Juanita Smith – City of Santa Barbara

County staff provided the project background, current enforcement situation and reason for pursuing enforcement options. After a general discussion, City staff posed the following questions:

- What are the reasons for the perception of poor enforcement? Are the residents concerned about delayed response or other issues?
- What would the City enforce? Would the City issue citations on County ordinances? For example, the City ordinance for number of hours a car can remain on City streets is 72 hours, the County enforces 120 hours.
- Would the Board of Supervisors have to approve City officers to enforce County regulations?
- Would the CHP prefer to have parking enforcement contracted out of their jurisdiction?
- How much does the County or CHP pay the courts for processing violations?

Other comments:

- No Parking zone signs would need to be maintained by County Public Works.
- Consider starting a pilot call-for-service program to see if residents expectations are met.
- Ticket processing would have to go through City Courts.
- Board of Supervisors would need to approve fees for citations (once a year).

- Enforcement on private roads requires specific language on signs (examples provided by City staff).
- City staff would need to know priority roads to enforce.

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