

MISSION CANYON PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MC Residential Parking Strategy Subcommittee

Sept. 9, 2009 Meeting notes

Present: Staff: Rosie Dyste, Peter Imhof, Vicki Parker; Will Robertson from the Public Works Department

Subcommittee members: Jacqueline Hynes, Barbara Lindemann, Ray Smith

Parking on Foothill Rd.

- A lively discussion about parking on the part of Route 192 recently improved by Caltrans. No one was able to say what decisions are being made by the Public Works Department in working with Caltrans to permit parking, nor how soon decisions will be made. The committee members asked many questions about the process for granting encroachment permits. Dyste handed out the Caltrans application guide for encroachment permits. The County also has guidelines for encroachment permits.
- Decisions about parking will be made by Caltrans. At the same time, a resolution by the Board of Supervisors sent to the State Department of Transportation can assume the force of law.
- Imhof clarified the role of county staff: to make recommendations based on their best technical judgment to the elected officials, but not to advocate a particular course of action.

Parking capacity study

Staff reviewed new maps showing On-Street Parking Use for selected “feeder” roads in Mission Canyon Heights and the new data on road widths of these same streets.

.There was extensive discussion of what standards are used for acceptable road widths by the Department of Public Works as compared to the standards recommended by the Fire Department.

Also discussed were the measurements of a legal parking space. The Public Works Department uses 8’ x 20’, while the Planning Dept. staff for the current study used 8’ x 16 ½’.

Additional research recommended: Find the actual width of the rest of the roads in Mission Canyon Heights.

Mission Canyon Parking Policy

The subcommittee reaffirmed its support for the approach discussed at the last meeting. It will recommend that streets be striped center and sides to a distance permitting 10’ passage in each direction as a measure of public safety. Once the 20’ roadways are marked out, then the staff can see what parking remains available. **THE FOREMOST CONSIDERATION IS SAFE PASSAGE OF CARS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.**

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1-3 p.m.

Notes submitted by Barbara Lindemann