

**Committee Members:**

Charles Ebeling, Director of Public Works, City Engineer  
Paul Medel, Public Works Supervisor  
Albert Torres, Code Compliance Officer II  
Lt. Mike Perkins, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department



**CITY OF CARPINTERIA  
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
City Hall, Council Chamber  
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013  
Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is a time for public comments on matters not otherwise on the agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Traffic Safety Committee.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fifth Street speeds concerns/Request for No Overnight Camping signs
2. Consider the removal of a red curb and installation of a Loading Zone on Ash Avenue

**G. OTHER BUSINESS**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

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**CITY OF CARPINTERIA**  
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013



**Traffic Safety Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 2, 2016**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Ebeling, Director of Public Works, City Engineer  
Paul Medel, Public Works Supervisor  
Albert Torres, Code Compliance Officer I  
Lt. Mike Perkins, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department

ABSENT: Student Representative  
Barnaby Gloger, Carpinteria Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Angeles, Engineering Technician

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

*Agenda and minutes approved 4-0.*

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No public comment.*

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

*No old business.*

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discuss Request for Permit Parking on Ash Avenue**

Silver Sands Mobile Home Park resident Gary Wiessner stated that he requested that this item be discussed by the Committee after receiving a parking citation for violation of the 72-hour timed parking limit. He said that he is interested in knowing if it is possible for the City to issue parking permits allowing residents to park on the street for longer than 72 hours.

Kathleen Reddington, Limu Drive resident, said that she has always been an advocate of permit parking because it helps with congestion.

Chair Charlie Ebeling informed the public that the Coastal Commission has regulations that do not allow access to the coast to be blocked. He said that because the City is in the Coastal Zone, the regulations apply; therefore, it would be nearly impossible to get approval from the Coastal Commission for permit parking. He added that the parking spaces on Ash Avenue are public parking spaces and the City cannot

reserve parking for individuals. If a permit parking program were to be approved, the City would need additional staff and funding to manage the program.

Board member Albert Torres said that the City is willing to work with citizens when an emergency takes place. He said that many times the enforcement is complaint driven and the public has the right to contest citations.

*The Committee did not take action on this item. Item was placed on agenda for discussion only.*

## 2. Discuss Addition of Parking on the West Side of Cravens Lane

Chair Charlie Ebeling gave background information on why the red curb was installed. He said that temporary parking permits were repeatedly issued for special events and when adjacent properties were undergoing maintenance activities. He added that the City Council voted to remove the red curb and install "T" markings to prohibit oversized trucks to park in that area. At the request of concerned citizens, the Committee brought back the item for further discussion.

Art Willner, resident of the Villas of Carpinteria, stated that he is against the addition of parking due to safety, financial issues for the City, and aesthetics. He said that the properties on or near Cravens Lane have plenty of private parking and does not see a need for additional parking.

John McCann, owner of McCann Mini Storage, said that he agrees with Mr. Willner. He feels that there is too much traffic activity on the street and narrowing the roadway would create unsafe traffic conditions. He said that the street is perfect the way it is now.

Tonya Martines, Sandpiper Mobile Home Park Manager, said that the idea to add parking is brilliant. She said that there are 281 units in the park and households do not have enough parking spaces. She feels that adding parking will make the street safer by narrowing the roadway and reducing vehicle speeds. She added that installing parking closer to the Park will also improve public safety by reducing the distance that residents have to walk to access their homes in the late evening.

Dr. Al Silvera, resident of the Villas of Carpinteria, said that parking has not been of concern to the Villas and he is opposed to the removal of the red curb. He asked the Committee if any speed studies have been done on Cravens Lane and whether or not the City is aware of the volume of large trucks driving on that street.

Arna Crittenden, resident of Sandpiper Mobile Home Park, said that she is opposed to the addition of parking for safety reasons. She said that there is not enough room for pedestrians and bicyclists. She feels that adding parking might encourage adjacent residents to rent out more rooms and generate more vehicular traffic.

Sue Willner, resident of the Villas of Carpinteria, said that she is opposed to the addition of parking but would like to see a bicycle lane installed.

David Pratt, resident of the Villas of Carpinteria, said that he has observed many bicyclists on Cravens Lane as well as many speeding vehicles. He said that many vehicles are left on the street for more than 72 hours and are not cited.

Valerie O'Connor, resident of the Villas of Carpinteria, said that people sleep in their cars. She feels that adding eighteen parking spaces where people could sleep is unnecessary.

Herb Defriez, resident of the Villas of Carpinteria asked whether the City has considered adding perpendicular parking rather than horizontal parking. He feels that this design would narrow the roadway and increase the amount of available parking spaces.

Kathleen Reddington, Limu Drive resident, said that she is opposed to increased parking due to safety concerns for bicyclists. She said that there will be increased loitering and littering. She added that the City could use more Code Enforcement on Cravens Lane to reduce the amount of overnight camping taking place on the street.

Cinder Sinclair, resident of the Villas of Carpinteria, said that she is opposed to the addition of parking. She said that she rides her bicycle and adding parking will create more safety issues for bicyclists.

Board member Albert Torres said that he is in favor of adding parking but would like to see some compromise. He suggested adding less than eighteen parking spaces.

Board member Paul Medel said that he is in favor of adding parking because there is not parking available on Via Real. He said that he would also like to see less than eighteen parking spaces installed.

Lieutenant Mike Perkins said that he will ask the Sheriff's Department deputies to step up presence on Cravens Lane as time permits. He added that in terms of the addition of parking, he always defers to the traffic experts and supports their recommendation.

Chair Charlie Ebeling said that there have not been any reported collisions on Cravens Lane. He said that traffic engineers can only base their recommendations on reported collisions and not on near misses.

*The Committee motioned and seconded to not request City Council reconsideration of their previous action and to move forward with the implementation of parking spaces along the west side of Cravens Lane. Motion approved 3-1.*

### 3. Consider Options for Improving Sight Distance on Linden Avenue at Dorrance Way

Fred Shaw, Silver Sands Mobile Home Park resident, said that he feels there is a sight distance issue at this intersection. He would like to see the 24-minute parking space removed and if possible, include a bulb out to make it easier to see pedestrians at either side of the crosswalk.

Arna Crittenden, resident of Sandpiper Mobile Home Park, said that she agrees with Mr. Shaw. She said that it is difficult to see pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Chair Charlie Ebeling said that based on a field review conducted by Public Works, a sight distance issue does exist. He said that bulb outs can be considered and can be added to the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

The Committee agreed that there is a sight distance issue at this location and is in favor of removing the 24-minute parking space.

*The Committee motioned and seconded to recommend to the City Council that an additional 21 feet of red curb be installed along the west side of Linden Avenue north of Dorrance Way, for a total of 43 feet of red curb. Motion approved 4-0.*

#### 4. Discuss Cramer Circle Parking Concerns

Samantha Ciriacks, Cramer Circle resident, said that parking is of concern at this location. She said that multiple vehicles park on Cramer Circle in the evenings and block walkway and driveway access. She added that there are multiple inoperable vehicles on the roadway that are taking up space.

Sandra Ciriacks, Cramer Circle resident, said that public safety is also of concern. She added that at times she has to park blocks away from her home in the evening and feels unsafe walking home alone. She said that there are homes with inoperable vehicles taking up driveway space as well.

Dan McFarland – Cramer Circle resident, said that his wife is on dialysis and is requesting an accessible parking space in front of or near their home to avoid having to park blocks away or having to climb hedges to access their home.

Chair Charlie Ebeling said that the Public Works Department will look at the street and driveways to come up with a solution. He made a recommendation to the Committee to install an accessible parking space.

Board member Albert Torres said that he oversees the vehicle abatement program and will conduct an inspection of that street to abate any inoperable vehicles.

*The Committee motioned and seconded to recommend to the City Council that an accessible parking space be installed at 1347 Cramer Circle. Motion approved 4-0.*

#### 5. Consider Options for Improving Sight Distance on Malibu Drive

John Sanchez, Linhere Drive resident, said that he is concerned about the commercial trucks parking along Malibu Drive. He said that because of their size, they create a sight distance issue for vehicles trying to turn onto Malibu Drive.

Kathleen Reddington, Limu Drive resident, said that she agrees with Mr. Sanchez and feels that something needs to be done to regulate commercial vehicles in residential areas.

Chair Charlie Ebeling said that the City cannot regulate public parking use but can request that the Planning Department look at the land use to see if there are businesses being run out of homes on Malibu Drive. He added that Public Works conducted a field review and found that a sight distance issue does exist on Tomol Drive, Limu Drive and Linhere Drive and made a recommendation to the Committee to approve the addition of red curbs.

The Committee agreed that there is a sight distance issue at these locations.

*The Committee motioned and seconded to recommend to the City Council that: 1.) 20 feet of red curb be installed along the south side of Malibu Drive west of Linhere Drive; 2.) 18 additional feet of red curb be installed along the south side of Malibu Drive west of Limu Drive, for a total of 46 feet of red curb;*

*and 3.) 53 feet of red curb be installed along the south side of Malibu Drive west of Tomol Drive.  
Motion approved 4-0.*

**G. OTHER BUSINESS**

*No other business to report on.*

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

**The next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.**

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2016

**ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Fifth Street speeds concerns/Request for No Overnight Camping signs**

Action Item:  X  Non-Action Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Report prepared by:  Melissa Angeles   
Department of Public Works

  
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Signature

Reviewed by:  Charles W. Ebeling, P.E.   
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

  
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Signature

**I. RECOMMENDATION**

That the City of Carpinteria Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) take public comment and discuss this item. A recommendation can be made that 1.) A traffic study be performed to determine if additional traffic control devices are needed and 2.) No Overnight Camping signs be installed on Fifth Street.

**Sample Motion:** I move to recommend that 1.) A traffic study be performed to determine if additional traffic control devices are needed and 2.) No Overnight Camping signs be installed on Fifth Street.

**II. DISCUSSION**

1.) A request was received by the Department of Public Works to consider installing speed humps on Fifth Street to control vehicle speeds. The concern is that there is a high volume of traffic and speeding on Fifth Street between Linden Avenue and Holly Street.

Public Works has adopted Engineering Design Standards to guide the Department in the determination of the proper traffic calming measures. In the case of speed controls and speed humps, the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) provides guidance on the installation of speed humps.

Public Works is bringing this item to the Committee for further discussion and review. The TSC can consider recommending that a traffic study be performed at Fifth Street to determine if additional traffic control devices are needed.

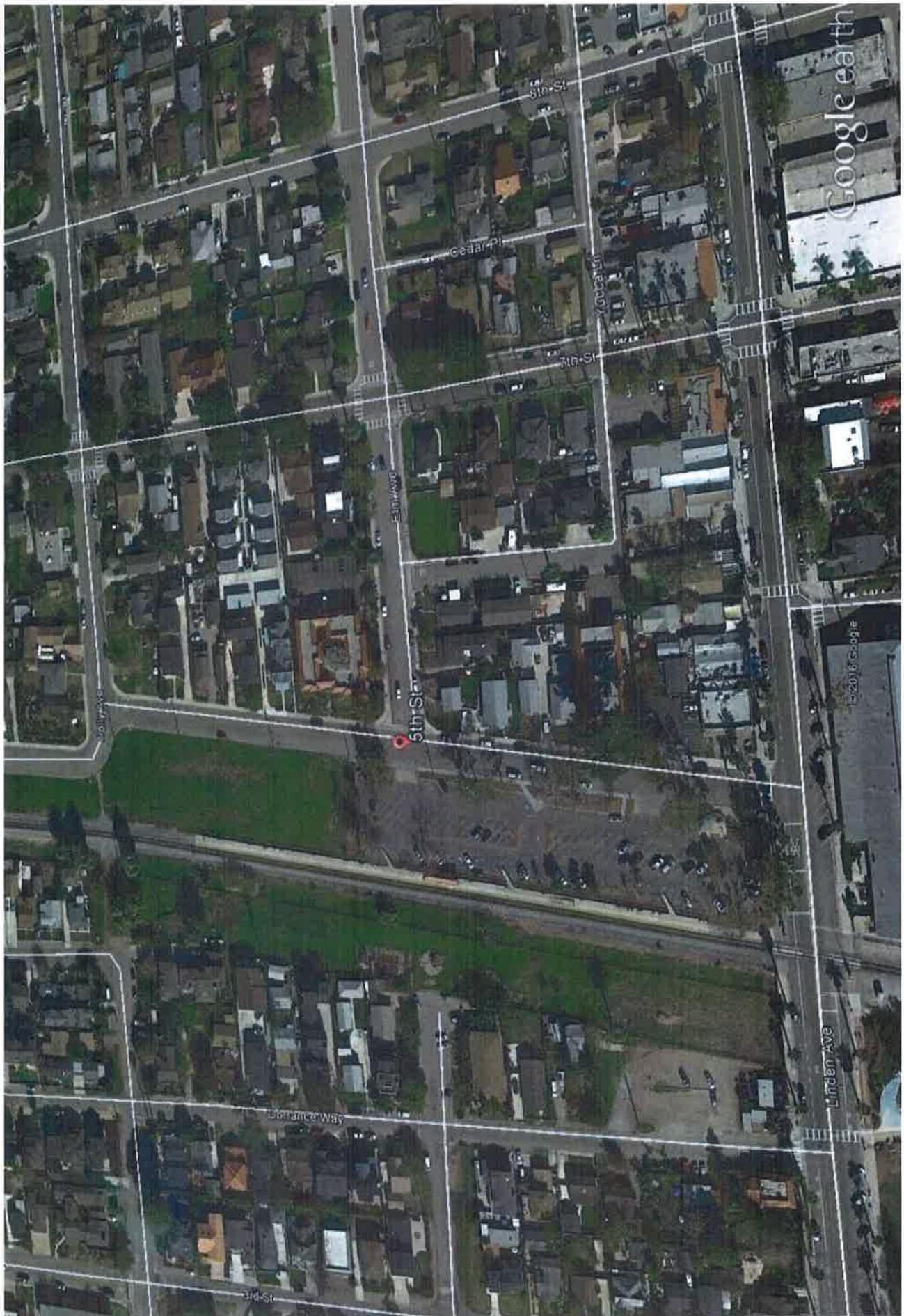
2.) A request was received by the Department of Public Works to consider the installation of No Overnight Camping signs on Fifth Street to address concerns over illegal overnight camping in the area.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Carpinteria Municipal Code § 8.20 prohibits sleeping and camping on any public street or public property except property designated for overnight camping. Public Works is bringing this item before the Committee for further discussion. The TSC can consider recommending that No Overnight Parking signs be installed along Fifth Street.

**Attachment A:** Site Photo

**ATTACHMENT A**



**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2016

**ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION**

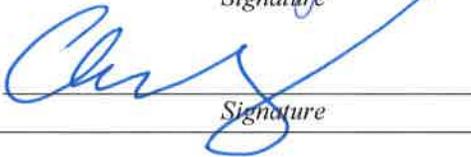
**Consider the removal of a red curb and installation of a  
Loading Zone on Ash Avenue**

Action Item:  X  Non-Action Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Report prepared by:  Melissa Angeles   
Department of Public Works

  
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Signature

Reviewed by:  Charles W. Ebeling, P.E.   
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

  
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Signature

**I. RECOMMENDATION**

That the City of Carpinteria Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) make a recommendation to remove an existing red curb and install a Loading Zone on Ash Avenue adjacent to Salt Marsh Park.

**Sample Motion:** I move to recommend that the red curb along the former bus pocket adjacent to Salt Marsh Park on Ash Avenue be removed and that a Loading Zone be installed at this location.

**II. DISCUSSION**

A staff request was received by the Department of Public Works to remove an existing red curb and install a Loading Zone on Ash Avenue.

Currently, a red curb is installed along a now defunct bus pocket prohibiting vehicles from parking or stopping in that area. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting that a Loading Zone be installed to help with the recreation programming as well as be a convenience to the general public.

Public Works is bringing this item before the Committee for public comment and further discussion. The TSC can make a recommendation to remove the red curb and install a Loading Zone at this location.

**Attachment A:** Site Photo

**ATTACHMENT A**



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