

CITY OF SONOMA

**Traffic Safety Committee
Emergency Operations Center, 175 First Street West
June 12, 2014**

MINUTES

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the agenda for this meeting was posted on Tuesday, June 9, 2014, outside the front of 175 First Street West Sonoma, California. Chair Haeuser called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center, Sonoma Police Department 175 First Street West.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Haeuser, Members, Bouldt, Sutcliffe, Woodcock

Absent: Member Diaz

Others Present: Police Chief Sackett, City Engineer/Public Works Director Takasugi, Administrative Aide Proctor.

Chair Haeuser stated that no additional items would be heard unless mentioned during the start of the meeting. Any decisions made tonight can be appealed within 15 days to the City Council. He reminded everyone to turn off cell phones and pagers.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Bouldt made a motion that the December 5, 2013 minutes be amended to include comments he made, "Is safety being trumped by political considerations?" Member Woodcock seconded. The motion carried. Under Committee Discussion, a request was made to amend the first sentence from northbound to southbound. Member Suttcliffe made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Member Bouldt seconded, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Item 1.1 Appeal of a denial regarding parking issues on 7th Street West / area of Cabernet Apartments.

**Contact : Barbara McMahon
7th Street W**

Chief Sackett presented staff's report and provided photos and an overview of the area.

Primary concern is resident parking, no guest or additional parking.

Ms. McMahon stated she is a resident of the Cabernet Apartments, affordable housing for seniors / disabled. Her concern is mobility issues , residents and guests do not have adequate parking on 7th Street West. Tour busses, auto trailers, freight trucks and UPS are legally parking there, however she feels there is a compelling need to not allow parking in the area. Caregivers come to the complex to pick up their clients and want to park in this area and not the resident parking.

Wants the committees help in protecting her side of the street.

Committee Discussion: There are seven units with assigned parking spaces and handicapped parking in the apartment complex. All vehicles parked and conducting business on 7th Street West are doing so legally. Ms. McMahon feels the Chevy dealership shouldn't be allowed to park / unload cars on the street, which is close to her living room. She feels as a senior she is being discriminated against and feels this is a safety issue. The committee stated the vehicles can legally park on 7th Street West.

Member Sutcliffe made a motion to deny the appeal, member Bouldt seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 2 - Further Discussion of 5th Street West / Safeway

Dan Takasugi gave a review of the Safeway property, suggesting a physical barrier on 5th Street West from W. Napa to the end of the Safeway property, with a gap for pedestrians to cross. Discussion about making the change temporary, buy-in from Safeway, Safeway redesigning property, gas station addition, driver behavior, traffic reports, summation of data, liabilities, traffic accidents.

Comments from the Audience

None

Comments from the Committee

None

Adjourned 6:20pm

Approved:



Darcy Proctor, Administrative Aide