

CITY OF SONOMA

**Traffic Safety Committee
Emergency Operations Center, 175 First Street West
November 20, 2014**

MINUTES

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the agenda for this meeting was posted on Tuesday, November 13, 2014, outside the front of 175 First Street West Sonoma, California. Chair Haeuser called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center, Sonoma Police Department 175 First Street West.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Haeuser, Members: Bouldt, Diaz, Sutcliffe, Woodcock and Alternate Zimmermann

Absent: none

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. He reminded everyone to turn off cell phones.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Sutcliffe made a motion to approve the June 12, 2014 minutes, Member Woodcock seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Item 4.1 Appeal of a denial for "Residents Only" parking designation on Church Street.

Contact : William Combs
Church Street

Chief Sackett presented staff's report and explained there is no mechanism in the municipal code to allow "residents only" parking other than an amendment. Chief Sackett pointed out that Church Street is already one of the few streets in Sonoma that is authorized for the preferential parking program, but that program only exempts residents from the 3 hour parking restriction and does not provide exclusive use of the street to the residents. Since parking continues to be at a premium around the Plaza area, he believes that designating this area as "resident only" will further exasperate the problem. Chief Sackett believed directed enforcement could mitigate some of the residents concerns. Staff recommendation – deny appeal.

Public Comment: Mr. Combs and several residents passionately explained the issues they are experiencing regarding parking on their street.

Committee Discussion: A variety of options to address the issues were discussed by the

Committee. In order to designate Church Street "residents only" parking the Sonoma City Council would have to amend the municipal code to authorize such a program. The Committee did not indicate support for such a proposal. The Committee requested staff to conduct vigorous parking enforcement. A motion was made to deny the appeal and address the issue with enforcement. The motion carried unanimously, appeal denied.

Item 4.2 - Appeal of a Denial for marked crosswalk on West Spain Street at 2nd Street West.

Dan Takasugi presented staff's report and explained that the issue is cost and suggested the project wait until the street is repaved as not to redo the work. He also mentioned there can be a false sense of security with a crosswalk and that there are crosswalks at 1st Street West and 3rd Street West on West Spain Street.

Public Comment: Carol Markus requested the City extend the red zone on the east and west side of 2nd Street West to improve sightlines.

Committee Discussion: The Committee asked if the red zones could be extended, Chief Sackett stated this can be reviewed at the next Traffic Sub-Committee. A motion was made to deny the appeal, the motion was unanimously carried, appeal denied.

Comments from the Audience

Comments from the Committee:

Adjourned 6:36pm

Approved:



Darcy Proctor, Administrative Aide