

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA/MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2009

ITEM NO. 6: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along one side of 10th Place, 10th Terrace & Randall Road.

Report:

1. 10th Place, 10th Terrace and Randall Road are all 'local' streets in a residential area paved 26 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently permitted along both sides of each street.
3. City practice has been to establish or removed parking restrictions on 'local' streets only if requested-by and supported-by area property owners and/or residents.

ACTION: Provide recommendation to the City Commission.

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David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Public comment:

Stan Trekell, 1017 Randall Road: In conversations with my neighbors, I learned of an incident a few years ago when a trash truck was on fire and the fire truck could not make the turn off 10th Place onto Randall Road and had to back-up to Kasold, go south to Harvard Road, west to Randall Road and then north; I took the pictures you have to illustrate how a large wide truck cannot make the turn; I am here as a concerned citizen for my neighbors, my friends, my property and my safety, because we have seen even where an ambulance can't get through between parked cars; there have been occasions when neighbors in trying to maneuver trailers in the neighborhood have asked me to move vehicles for them because they couldn't even get in their own driveway because of parked cars; I do not have a personal interest because I have adequate off-street parking; traffic is increasing in this neighborhood due to increased student rentals; I would encourage the commission to make a proactive move in this case because we've already had the warning signs; we've already had incidences of emergency vehicles not being able to get through; people even park in front of the fire plugs; I think there should be consideration for NO PARKING along one side of the entire route through the neighborhood.

Jim Black, 3510 W. 10th Place: There is a problem at 10th Place & Randall Road; I've never seen the problem at 10th Terrace & Randall Road; I don't see an access problem off Harvard coming north on Randall either east/west on 10th

Terrace or making the turn north onto Randall; usually it is not that congested; I do feel like some parking should be restricted on the inside of the corner at 10th Place & Randall; the only vehicles I've witnessed having a problem making the corner are big tractor-trailers that shouldn't be in the neighborhood in the first place; I don't think it is necessary to remove parking the entire length of 10th Place, Randall Road and 10th Terrace.

Commissioner Miller: To me we should be consistent on both corners; the geometrics appear to be the same even if the current parking situation isn't the same.

Commissioner Smith: I think we would be taking-up fewer spaces if we removed parking from the outside of the corners.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I would suggest that we eliminate parking from Kasold all the way around to Randall Road where it exits off of West 10th Terrace.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOODS, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG ONE SIDE OF 10TH PLACE BETWEEN KASOLD DRIVE & RANDALL ROAD, ALONG ONE SIDE OF RANDALL ROAD BETWEEN 10TH PLACE & 10TH TERRACE AND ALONG ONE SIDE OF 10TH TERRACE BETWEEN RANDALL ROAD & RANDALL ROAD; THE APPROPRIATE SIDE TO BE DETERMINED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

From: Stan Trekell [mailto:strekell@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 5:06 PM
To: Traffic Safety Commission
Subject: 1000 Block of Randall Road

March 10, 2009

Dear Sirs,

I am a property owner residing at 1017 Randall Road and wanted to take just a moment to express my concerns regarding the safety and street conditions in my neighborhood. Specifically, I am referring to West Tenth Place, the 1000-1100 blocks of Randall Road and West Tenth Terrace. The condition of the streets in this area are at best, deplorable. There are utility cuts that have settled, abrupt rises in the pavement, dilapidated curb and guttering, potholes that have simply had a shovel load of hot mix dumped in them and the list goes on. Not only because I am a property owner who happens to ride a motorcycle, but also because my car does not have four-wheel drive, it is of increasing concern to me in regards to the ever-increasing deterioration of the driving conditions within my immediate neighborhood that I have found it necessary to write and to inform you that we need new curb and guttering and a complete new asphalt overlay. Our neighborhood streets have gone unattended too long and now everything needs to be pulled out and replaced as soon as possible.

Additionally, you will note the photographs that I have attached which represent a possible scenario that could prove to be life threatening if it ever plays out in reality. I have had reasonable concern about emergency vehicles being able to navigate through our neighborhood ever since a neighbor shared an incident that occurred before I moved into the area. I was told that a city trash truck was reported to be on fire and that a LFD pumper truck was dispatched but it could not navigate the narrow passage ways of our neighborhood due to parking being allowed on both sides of the street. It is my understanding that they had to back out of the neighborhood and go back out onto Kasold Drive and then around to Harvard Road to perform their duties. Had this been a medical emergency, the outcome might have been very different. These photographs are ones that I took during an emergency EMT call to an adjacent neighbor's home (10th Place & Randall Rd) that had their elderly mother residing with them. When I saw the fire truck and ambulance pull up, I purposely backed my white Ford Econoline van into the frame of the pictures shown in order to simulate the danger that the current parking situation represents. You can see the resultant effect--an emergency vehicle simply cannot negotiate our already narrow streets with vehicles parked on both sides of the street. And while I am not a traffic engineer, I do have some very definite opinions on the corrective measures that should be taken and that could be easily incorporated with my requested street repairs. I do appreciate the fact that the city has budget constraints but I, along with the other neighbors who have lived here much longer than myself, have been waiting for too many years for our city service providers to do the right thing. Now is the time for corrective actions to be taken. We have waited long enough and have been more than patient for our streets to be safe and drivable.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Stan Trekell
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