

AGENDA – TSC 11/2/09

ITEM NO. 8: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Sunset Drive between Cambridge Road & Harvard Road.

Facts:

1. Sunset Drive is classified as a local residential street and is paved 25 feet wide.
2. Parking is currently prohibited along the east side of the street and along the west side of the street from the centerline of Cambridge Road north 120 feet.
1. There have been no reported crashes along this portion of Sunset Drive during the past three (3) years.

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David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report and noted that the Forestry Division was working with the property owner on the northeast corner of Cambridge & Sunset to remove some of the landscaping causing a sight obstruction and that the Traffic Division had recently marked a centerline through the intersection.

Public comment:

Betty Baron, 1108 Sunset Drive: We are extremely concerned with safety and we believe that parked cars create a safety barrier between pedestrians and vehicles; without cars parked on the street motorists will drive even faster than they do now; we haven't seen a visibility problem that couldn't be addressed in another manner; in addition, the yellow lines on the street are very helpful; parking spaces in the neighborhood for private vehicles and service vehicles are at a premium.

Julia Mechler, 1027 Avalon Road: We are just trying to increase the safety of the intersection; I cross that intersection about four times a day with my daughter walking her to Hillcrest; it is very difficult to cross from the east due to the curvature of the road and the landscaping; the

removal of some of the landscaping will greatly help; and the dotted line through the intersection has helped.

Jan McCullough, 1035 Sunset Drive: We took some parking off Sunset about three years ago; we left the rest of the parking mainly because the cars go very rapidly, mainly going north; if you take the rest of the parking off, the cars will drive faster than they do now and they will be closer to the sidewalk.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAGEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CRIQUI, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SUNSET DRIVE BETWEEN CAMBRIDGE ROAD & HARVARD ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

David Woosley

From: jmechler@sunflower.com
Sent: Sunday, October 11, 2009 5:54 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Re: Sunset and Cambridge

David:

My name is Jim Mechler and I live at 1027 Avalon Road. As we discussed recently, I am concerned about the safety of the intersection of Cambridge and Sunset. My wife Julia and I have a daughter who attends Hillcrest Elementary and in speaking with other parents in the area we have noted the difficulty in crossing Sunset from the east. Because of your willingness to visit the site, I know you are now familiar with the road. You will recall that Sunset is oddly curved at that point and visibility for drivers is limited. The visibility issue is compounded by the need of south-bound drivers on Sunset to move into the center of the road due to allowable parking on Sunset.

One suggestion to prevent the game of "chicken" that often results between south and north drivers on Sunset would be to remove street parking along the west side of Sunset back to Harvard Road so that drivers can maintain their position on their side of the street and not veer into the center of the road. Also a center line and possible trimming of bushes/tress at the intersection might help as well.

I am available to discuss my concerns with the Commission, so please let me know if that would be helpful. Thanks again for your help.

Jim Mechler
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