

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NATIONAL CITY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013 AT 2:00 P.M.**

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Howrey-Colmenero called the meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee to order at 2:03 on Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Cheryl Howrey-Colmenero, Roberto Garcia, Gonzalo Quintero, Christopher Coyote.

Committee Members Absent: Arlito "Ricky" Reclosado

Officials Present: Stephen Manganiello, City Engineer; Robert Hernandez, Fire Marshall; Armando Vergara, Neighborhood Services Manager; Karina Vazquez, AVA Officer; Luz Hernandez, AVA Officer; Ruben Carrillo, Public Works Department, Kenneth Fernandez, Engineering Technician; Lynn Cole, Executive Secretary, Engineering Department

IV APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Action: Motion by Garcia, seconded by Quintero, to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2013 special meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee.

Carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. ITEM NO. 2013-04

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB HANDICAP PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 129 SOUTH KENTON AVENUE

BY: M. BAILEY

Mr. Bailey, 129 S. Kenton Avenue, addressed the Committee and stated his reasons for requesting the installation of blue curb handicap parking space in front of his residence.

Committee Member Garcia asked if Mr. Bailey's large sized vehicle will take up extra space on the street. Committee Member Coyote asked what happens if Mr. Bailey later gets a smaller sized vehicle. Committee Member Quintero asked about City liability for ADA requirements on private property.

City Engineer Manganiello stated that on-street parallel parking spaces are 20 feet in length, and that will be the size of the handicap space if approved. The size does not change based on the size of the vehicle. There is inadequate space on Mr. Bailey's property to allow him to park his vehicle and still have the minimum of 4 feet of clearance that is the ADA requirement. The same standards are applied to public and private property.

Engineering Technician Fernandez summarized the report. Mr. Michael Bailey, resident of 129 S. Kenton Avenue, has requested a blue curb handicap parking space in front of his home due to physical limitations. The residence is located mid-block on the east side of S. Kenton Avenue between Division Street and E. 4th Street. Mr. Bailey has a valid disabled persons placard from the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Staff met with Mr. Bailey on-site to determine whether or not his driveway or garage could accommodate his vehicle and provide ADA access. His primary vehicle is a Chevrolet Suburban which was measured at just over 18 feet in length. Mr. Bailey's garage is more of a storage shed and cannot accommodate parking and accessibility for Mr. Bailey. Mr. Bailey's driveway was measured at just under 20 feet in length. A minimum of 4 feet of clearance is required by ADA. Since Mr. Bailey's vehicle is just over 18 feet in length, the driveway would need to be a minimum length of just over 22 feet to accommodate parking and ADA access. Based on the site evaluation staff has determined that accessible parking is not available on the property.

Currently, there is an existing handicap parking space located nearby in front of 324 S. Kenton Avenue. However, per the City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy, since the total number of on-street handicap parking spaces (including the proposed handicap parking space in front of 129 S. Kenton Avenue) would not exceed 3% of the total number of available on-street parking spaces in the area, Mr. Bailey's request is eligible for further consideration.

The City Council has adopted a policy, which is used to evaluate requests for handicap parking spaces. The City Council Policy requirements for "Special Hardship" cases are as follows:

1. Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of valid license plates or placard for "disabled persons" or "disabled veterans". This condition is met.
2. The proposed disabled parking space must be in front of the applicant's (or guardian's) place of residence. This condition is met.
3. The residence must not have useable off-street parking available or an off-street space available that may be converted into disabled parking. This condition is met.

It shall be noted that handicap parking spaces do not constitute "personal reserved parking" and that any person with valid "disabled persons" license plates or placards may park in handicap spaces.

Action: Motion by Coyote, seconded by Quintero, to install blue curb handicap parking space with sign in front of the residence at 129 S. Kenton Avenue.

Mr. Bailey asked to be informed when this item would be presented to the City Council.

Carried by unanimous vote.

2. ITEM NO. 2013-05

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB HANDICAP PARKING SPACE
IN FRONT OF 1812 WILSON AVENUE

BY: R. RAMIREZ

Engineering Technician Fernandez summarized the report. Mr. Reynaldo Ramirez, resident of 1812 Wilson Avenue, has requested a blue curb handicap parking space in front of his home due to physical limitations. The residence is located near the southwest corner of Wilson Avenue and W. 18th Street. Mr. Ramirez has a valid

disabled person's placard and license plates from the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Staff inspected the site, acquired measurements, and took photographs. Mr. Ramirez's residence does not have a driveway or garage. The available curbside parking directly in front of said residence between the neighboring driveway apron to the north and estimated southerly projected property line is approximately 24 feet in length and is adequate for only one parallel parking space.

Currently, there are two diagonal blue curb handicap parking spaces located east of Mr. Ramirez's residence on Harding Avenue, just south of W. 18th Street next to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

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It shall be noted that handicap parking spaces do not constitute "personal reserved parking" and that any person with valid "disabled persons" license plates or properly displayed placards may park in handicap spaces.

Committee Members asked where the nearest handicap parking space is.

Staff stated the nearest spot is at the church, one block to the east.

Committee Member Coyote reported to Neighborhood Services possible illegal parking occurring near 1812 Wilson Avenue, blocking the driveway.

Committee Member Garcia asked about a standard form that citizens could complete to take to the City Council to have a blue curb handicap space installed.

City Engineer Manganiello stated that the policy is to have each individual request presented to the City Council after recommendation provided by the Traffic Safety Committee. He further stated that the Engineering Department maintains an inventory of all on-street handicap spaces in the City.

Notices are provided to residents and if the space is no longer needed, it is removed.

Action: Motion by Quintero, seconded by Garcia, to install blue curb handicap parking space with sign in front of the residence at 1812 Wilson Avenue.

Carried by unanimous vote.

3. ITEM NO. 2013-06

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB HANDICAP PARKING SPACE
IN FRONT OF 2933 EAST 4TH STREET

BY: M. ESPIRITU

City Engineer Manganiello stated that the resident would not be able to attend the meeting today and would like this item to be continued to the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

Action: Motion by Quintero, seconded by Coyote, to continue this item to the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. PRESENTATION

NEW TITLE 16 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, AND THE
BROWN ACT

BY: CITY ATTORNEY CLAUDIA SILVA

City Attorney Claudia Silva presented to the Committee.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION (Three-Minute Time Limit)

Note: Pursuant to State Law, items requiring Committee action must be brought back on a subsequent Committee agenda unless they are of a demonstrated emergency or urgent nature.

1. Jenny Ann, KTU&A distributed a flyer to Committee members regarding the upcoming National City Safe Routes to School Program and Smart

Foundation Project Neighborhood Walk Audits that will occur on three Saturdays in April.

Robert Hernandez, Fire Marshal stated it would be good to get fire and police participation.

2. Committee Member Garcia distributed a flyer regarding the upcoming United Way book drive for low-income children in San Diego County.
3. Committee Member Coyote inquired about the status of the 12th Street and D Avenue Roundabout Project.

City Engineer Manganiello stated that construction will begin this summer, and additional grant funding has been received to add bicycle lanes on D Avenue from Division Street to 30th Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Action: Motion by coyote, seconded by Garcia, to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled Traffic Safety Committee meeting on April 10, 2013.