



Minutes

Safety and Parking Advisory Commission September 4, 2008

Commissioners Present: Dan Fenocchio - Chair, Bill Bernheim, Theodore Parks, Tim Spangler, Peter Tobia, Xiaopei Qi (Alternate)

Commissioners Absent: Sean Shimada

Staff: Roxanne Namazi, Senior Civil Engineer
Sgt. Ton Phan, Police Department (absent)

Chair: Commissioner Fenocchio called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A. Approval of Agenda
Approved.

B.1 Public Communications
None.

B.2 Commission/Staff Comments

1) Staff updated the Commission on the status of the following items:

- Paid parking in the E Street Plaza parking lot started on September 2, 2008.
- Suggested Routes to School maps for the elementary schools were updated based on the new school boundaries and delivered to the School District. Staff will prepare the SRTS maps for the junior high schools at the request of the School District.
- Street overlay project started this week.

2) Resident's correspondence regarding request for an all-way stop at the intersection of Third and C Streets was discussed with the Commission. Staff will collect traffic counts this fall after UCD is in session and will bring this back as an agenda item at a future meeting. Commissioner Fennochio asked staff to also review the intersection of Fourth and D Streets.

Commissioner Parks discussed a resident's (Bob Dunning) concern regarding the layout of the crosswalk on A Street at Russell Boulevard. Staff explained that this issue came up by Mr. Dunning a few years ago. Staff revised the crosswalk layout at that time. Staff will review the intersection and will bring this back as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Commissioner Tobia is concerned about the intersection of Fifth and Pole Line. He stated that the left turn pocket (wb to sb) is too short and is frequently blocked by the through vehicles. He is also concerned about the green time for the left turn pocket to be inadequate for the volume of traffic. Staff will review the intersection and report back to the Commission.

C. Consent Items

Approve and/or Correct Commission Minutes, Meeting of August 7, 2008.

Approved Minutes as submitted.

D. Discussion Items

D.1. Street Smarts - Update

Staff presented the item. Street Smarts begins its third year. This summer, with the cooperation of the Police Department, we provided bicycle safety information to hundreds of kids participating in the summer camps throughout Davis. We provided for the program update in the Summer 2008 Focus newsletter and participated in the Davis Food Co-op's Sustainability Fair.

We just installed new banners near all elementary schools to remind drivers to slow down around schools. We installed two new speed boards on Lillard Drive near Montgomery School and on Loyola Drive near Korematsu School. The posters on the bus shelters were rotated. A back-to-school press release was published in the Davis Enterprise regarding traffic safety. In cooperation with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program, we plan to hold 4 bike rodeos at various elementary schools this fall. We will have the elementary schools poster contest again this year. We will be participating in a number of community events including UCD Fall Welcome and UC Davis Centennial Celebration.

Action: This was an Informational item and no action was necessary.

D.2. Harper Junior High School – Safety Improvements Update

Staff presented the item. At the request of the School District a fence and berm were installed across from the school grounds on the north side of Covell Boulevard between the travel lane and bike lane. The fence was intended to discourage parents from dropping off students on Covell Boulevard. City Staff was concerned about the safety and high cost of maintenance of the fence. The City and School District agreed to remove the fence and berm and install a 3-foot fence in the center median to achieve the same goal. The project is underway.

Action: This was an Informational item and no action was necessary.

Next Meeting: Confirmed for October 2, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Chambers.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Namazi
Senior Civil Engineer