

AGENDA: TSC 3/3/14

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO PARKING on Harvard Road at Centennial Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Harvard Road is classified as a "collector" street and is paved 26 feet wide with a speed limit of 30 mph.
2. Parking is currently prohibited along the north side of Harvard and for 50 feet west of Centennial on the south side of Harvard.
3. Vegetation on the southwest corner of the intersection contributes to poor sight distance; however, the City's Environmental Division has contacted the property owner in order to bring that into compliance with the city code.
4. Prohibiting parking from Centennial, west to the first driveway would eliminate one additional parking space and approximately double the available sight distance.
5. Police Department records do not show any reported crashes at this intersection during the past three (3) years involving a northbound and eastbound vehicle.
6. This item was heard by the Commission in December; but was tabled to determine the effects of vegetation removal.

MINUTES: TSC 3/3/14

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Howard asked if it was the property owner with the vegetation that would be losing a parking space in front of their house; Woosley advised that it was.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer noted that even if the vegetation is trimmed to meet code, there will still be an obstruction from parking.

Commissioner Boley asked how the intersection is controlled; Woosley advised that there were STOP signs on Centennial since it is a local street and Harvard is a collector street.

Commissioner Harden asked what the length of the No Parking Zone was; Woosley advised that the existing is 50 feet and if it were extended to the west side of the driveway, losing one (1) parking space, it would be approximately 100 feet.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF HARVARD ROAD, FROM CENTENNIAL DRIVE, WEST TO THE FIRST DRIVEWAY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

From: John Spurgeon [mailto:kandjspurgeon@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 10:05 PM
To: Traffic Safety Commission
Subject: Intersection problem

I spoke with David Woosley about a sight problem at the intersection of Centennial and Harvard when driving toward the north. He had a no parking sign placed 50 feet from the intersection which improved the sight problem somewhat. However, you still have to go quite a bit into the intersection when you are driving north to see around the cars that are parked on the south side of Harvard. Mr. Woosley said we would now have to make a formal request for the no parking sign be placed even further back, preferably west of the driveway. We feel that this is necessary to avoid accidents at this intersection. Because Harvard is a feeder street into West Middle School, and this intersection is just a block from West, there is a lot of traffic and middle school students walking in this area at least twice a day.

Thank you for considering our request.

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Blue indicates additional NO PARKING recommended by the Traffic Safety Commission

Harvard Rd

Yellow indicates existing NO PARKING areas.

Vehicle

Sight Triangle

Centennial Dr

