

**MINUTES
CITY OF SONORA
MEETING OF THE
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION
October 19, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Parking and Traffic Commission was held in the Conference Room at City Hall, 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA. on this date.

The following members of the Commission were present: Chris Garnin, Jim Garaventa, Mike Barrows, and Mark Stinson. Bill Seldon attended for Brian Wolverton. Absent were Commissioners Mike Wright, Ron Stearn and Hank Russell. Also present was City Administrator Tim Miller and City Engineer Jerry Fuccillo.

Jim Gavaventa opened the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Barrows to approve the minutes of July 27, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Stinson. The motion was 4-0-1 with Commissioner Garnin abstaining.

Old Business:

None

Items to Be Acted Upon:

1. **A request from Sergio Demelo and Sharon Kaye to remove a “No Parking Sign”, located at 258 Lyons Street.**

Sergio Demelo and Sharon Kaye were not present.
This item was continued to the next Parking and Traffic meeting.

2. **Request from Steve Bailey to remove a “No Parking Sign”, located at 305 N. Washington Street.**

Mr. Bailey was present. City Administrator Miller stated that there was a lot of history on this request. He referred to the May 27, 2009 minutes.

City Engineer Fuccillo advised that Caltrans would not move the line or re-do the fog line. In addition, it was a hazard to move it back to the original way it was with parking at that location on Washington Street. When Caltrans re-striped, they pushed the centerline towards the East and Caltrans will not move it back.

Mr. Bailey agreed with what was said about the striping and the paving when Caltrans did the job, but asked that if Caltrans has any future plans for improvements, would there be a chance to have them move the centerline to allow parking?

Mr. Bailey stated that he had been parking there when he bought the house in 1981 or 1982 and

then got a ticket in October 2006. He did not understand why he could no longer park there.

Discussion ensued regarding parking standards, encroachment permits and striping requirements.

Commissioner Garnin said the way it was configured, that he could not approve parking at this location. He asked Mr. Bailey if the approach and/or driveway were narrow. Mr. Bailey said yes both were very narrow. Commissioner Garnin then asked if he could widen his approach and/or driveway. Mr. Bailey said Caltrans did the curb incorrectly and had to come back and fix it. He advised a tree was taken out at the time Caltrans did the work and the visibility was better now. Mr. Bailey said there was no room to widen either approach or driveway.

Discussion continued regarding Caltrans schedule for additional work; the extent of the Caltrans improvements; a Sycamore tree that over hangs the road and that would need to be taken out to make that part of the road wider; and the purpose of the fog line.

Commissioner Garavanta said the prior decision of the Parking and Traffic Commission should stand and no further action from the City would be taken unless there is a change in conditions. This was the consensus of the Commission.

Mr. Bailey was advised that any requested changes would need to be addressed to Caltrans through an encroachment permit process and was referred to them for further direction on how to proceed.

Discussion Items:

Chief Stinson asked Commissioner Seldon about the stop bar on Cemetery Lane. Mr. Seldon said the word “stop” would be painted at that location soon.

Public Comments – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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