

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Children at Play Signs on Walnut Drive and Orchard Drive
DATE: January 6, 2004

Needs: For the City Council to consider approving the installation of “Children at Play” signs on Orchard Drive and Walnut Drive.

Facts:

1. The City received a letter requesting speed humps and “Children at Play” signs on Orchard Drive and Walnut Drive.
2. The requesting party was sent a copy of the speed hump policies and procedures.
3. The Streets and Utilities Committee approved the installation of two “Children at Play” signs, to be placed in locations on Orchard Drive and Walnut Drive as determined by staff.

Analysis & Conclusions: The City took over the maintenance of numerous streets in the Orchard Bungalow Tract (including Walnut and Orchard Drives) in the past year. As a result, all improvements not to City Standards were removed, including speed humps and signage. The installation of “Children at Play” signs will serve as a caution to drivers of the children playing in the area.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Options:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 04-xxx approving the installation of “Children at Play” signs on Orchard Drive and on Walnut Drive.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above.

Attachments (2):
1) Letter
2) Resolution

October 27, 2003

Joe Deakin
Director of Public Works
City of El Paso de Robles

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Public Works Dept

Dear Joe,

We received your letter concerning the Orchard Bungalow Tract and appreciate the city maintaining the streets in the assessment district.

It is understood that the speed bumps just removed on Orchard and Walnut were not to city standards. Why were the caution signs warning of children at play also removed???

As property owners we are now **EXTREMELY** concerned about the vehicles that are already traveling our narrow roads at close to 50mph. Now we have traffic coming off Union Rd. to cut across Walnut, to Orchard Dr, then to Creston going at excessive speeds. The entire neighborhood is conditioned to safely traveled roads. Hopefully there will not be any accidents or fatalities before the city realizes the impact of removing the speed bumps. It is imperative that the traffic be kept to the legal speed of 20mph as there are many pedestrians, including young children, on our roads at all times of the day and evening.

We are requesting new speed bumps similar to the ones the city installed on Nickerson and new caution signs that satisfy city codes to replace those removed.

Your immediate attention would be greatly appreciated...

Sincerely,
Extremely concerned residents,


Gary & Kim Huffman

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF "CHILDREN AT PLAY" SIGNS
ON WALNUT DRIVE AND ORCHARD DRIVE

WHEREAS, the City received a letter requesting "Children at Play" signs on Orchard Drive and Walnut Drive; and

WHEREAS, the installation of "Children at Play" signs will serve as a caution to drivers of the children playing in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Streets and Utilities Committee approved the installation of two "Children at Play" signs, to be placed in locations on Orchard Drive and Walnut Drive as determined by staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve the installation of "Children at Play" signs on Orchard Drive and on Walnut Drive.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 6th day of January 2004 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk