

Council Agenda Report

From: John Falkenstien, City Engineer

Subject: Council Authorization of No Parking Zones on Certain Sections of Grand Canyon Drive

and Red River Drive

Date: March 21, 2017

Facts

1. Grand Canyon Drive was developed in phases with Tract 2281 between 2000 and 2002.

- 2. Grand Canyon Drive was developed to the "Hillside Street Standard" in effect at that time. The purpose of the Hillside Street Standard was preservation of the natural terrain.
- 3. Beginning in 2007, the City received periodic complaints of speeding on Grand Canyon Drive.
- 4. Approximately 2010, the City received concerns regarding parked cars on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive presenting difficulty with two cars passing.
- 5. Overflow parking from the office at 1249 Creston Road is typically identified as the source of concern.
- 6. In 2012, the City received a concern regarding parked cars on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive restricting turning movements from Creston Road. The City Engineer authorized adding a section of red curb beginning at the intersection.
- 7. In 2015, the City received a concern regarding the need for a left turn pocket on Grand Canyon Drive at the Creston Road intersection. With the assistance of a Traffic Engineer, the City determined that the curb to curb width of Grand Canyon Drive precluded a left turn lane.
- 8. In September, 2016, a neighborhood petition was submitted to the City Council citing concerns with Grand Canyon Drive congestion and requesting No Parking on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive.
- 9. On Wednesday night, February 22, 2017, the Community Development Department hosted the Shadow Canyon neighborhood at a public workshop held at Daniel Lewis Middle School. The workshop was well attended by over 20 residents. Concerns and potential remedies were gathered from those attending.

Options

- 1. Do Nothing.
- 2. Direct the Public Works Department to place No Parking signs in the following locations:
 - a. The south side of Grand Canyon Drive from Creston Road to Shadow Meadow Way (this is the action recommended by the petition)
 - b. The north side of Red River Drive from Golden Hill Road to Shadow Meadow Way.
 - c. The north side of Grand Canyon Drive between Echo Court and Creston Road.

- 3. Direct the Public Works Department to place No Parking signs in other locations.
- 4. Refer back to staff to prepare options for timed or permit parking along Grand Canyon Drive.
- 5. Refer back to staff to prepare options for traffic calming and / or stop signs on Grand Canyon Drive.
- 6. Amend or modify the options above.

Analysis and Conclusions

Neighborhood Meeting Comments

Neighbor concerns with speeding, parking, and congestion have increased as the Shadow Canyon neighborhood has built out since 2002, culminating with the petition received by the Council in September of 2016.



Wednesday night, February 22, 2017 - Shadow Canyon neighborhood public workshop - Daniel Lewis Middle School

Recognizing that posting No Parking would have impacts on certain properties within the Shadow Canyon neighborhood, the Community Development Department arranged a neighborhood meeting to hear all concerns related to the parking issues. Concerns expressed by the neighbors included:

- Cars parked on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive just west of the intersection of Shadow Meadow Way block sight distance of on-coming traffic for eastbound drivers.
- Cars parked on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive in combination with cars parked on the north side make it difficult for two cars to pass.
- Cars parked on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive make it difficult for residents on the north side of the street to back out of their driveways.
- Speeding is common on Grand Canyon Drive.

- Residents from the Creston Road apartment project park overnight on Grand Canyon Drive.
- Construction workers, trailers, and equipment park overnight on Grand Canyon Drive.
- Residents from Oak Meadows park overnight on Grand Canyon Drive.
- Employees from the dentist office park on Grand Canyon Drive.
- Cars and service vehicles park too close to the intersection of Creston Road on the north side of Grand Canyon Drive
- Cars parked on both sides of Red River Drive make access difficult there as well.

A number of remedies to these concerns were brought forward. The petition called for No Parking on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive. Other remedies suggested included:

- Implement No Parking Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Implement No Parking across from driveways.
- Implement No Parking on the south side up to Shadow Meadow Way.
- Implement No Parking on the south side at the curved area near and over the intersection of Shadow Meadow Way.
- Implement three (3) hour parking Monday through Friday 8AM to 5PM, or by permit.
- Remove the red curb on Echo Court.
- Request People's Self Help and the Dentist's office to park on their own properties.
- Add rumble strips or grooved asphalt to control speeding.
- Place stop signs at the intersection of Shadow Meadow Way.

Along with the remedies, concerns were expressed regarding ramifications if one or more of these remedies were implemented:

- Residents on the west end of Grand Canyon Drive would be adversely affected by a parking restriction.
- Eliminating parking will increase speeding.
- Parking restrictions will push parking issues to other streets including Shadow Meadow Way.

Analysis of Neighborhood Recommendations

Among those options that would be difficult for the City to implement and enforce are timed parking, parking by permit, and stop signs. The Police Department does not have the resources to enforce timed parking and/or parking by permit. Parking by permit would require administrative costs and resources that are not available.

The California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CMUTCD) specifically states that stop signs are not to be placed to control speeding. By Council policy, stop signs may be placed only where warrants, established in the CMUTCD, can be demonstrated as outlined in a report prepared by a Traffic

Engineer. Traffic volumes on Grand Canyon Drive and its side streets are too limited to generate these warrants.

Commercial and Multi-Family Residential Parking Issues

There are two cases of neighboring properties contributing to the parking concerns expressed on Grand Canyon Drive. The City is very fortunate that People's Self Help Housing has purchased and is in the process of remodeling what was known as the "Ogo" Apartments. More parking is being developed on site for the tenants. However, at the present time, there are two clear breaches in the chain link fencing at the east and west ends of the property.

Once the People's Self Help Housing project is complete, the boundary fence along the property line will be sealed off from direct walking access from Grand Canyon Drive. There is little reason to expect that the apartment project will have any parking impact on Grand Canyon Drive once the remodeling is completed later in the year.

As discussed at the neighborhood meeting, the dentist office at 1249 Creston Road has used Grand Canyon Drive for employee parking since the road was first completed in 2000. Any parking restriction of Grand Canyon Drive may displace this parking to Echo Court or other areas of the Shadow Canyon neighborhood.

There was comment at the public workshop that some residents of Oak Meadows are parking on Grand Canyon Drive overnight. The boundary of the Oak Meadows project is sealed with a continuous block wall. Only someone with the ability to scale the wall would go out of their way to park on Grand Canyon Drive.

No Parking Restrictions

Since both Grand Canyon Drive and Red River Drive were built to Hillside Standards, with a 32-foot width, the travel lanes are constrained when cars park on both side of the street. Although this has a benefit of slowing traffic, it appears the travel lanes are too tight for the traffic levels in the neighborhood. Based on the consideration of the neighborhood comments, the parking patterns in the area and the configuration of the streets, staff is recommending no parking restrictions in the following locations:

- a. The south side of Grand Canyon Drive from Creston Road to Shadow Meadow Way
- b. The north side of Red River Drive from Golden Hill Road to Shadow Meadow Way.
- c. The north side of Grand Canyon Drive between Echo Court and Creston Road.

Restricting parking in these locations will also prevent parking from neighboring commercial and multi-family residential areas from encroaching into the neighborhood Staff plans to monitor the situation, after the People Self Help Housing remodel project is completed, and return to Council if any additional steps are warranted

Authority to Restrict Parking

Under the Municipal Code, the City Engineer is authorized to implement No Parking zones. Due to the public controversy and multiple options available for consideration, the issue of no-parking restrictions on Grand Canyon Drive would benefit from additional public discussion prior to selecting a preferred alternative. Therefore, the City Engineer is referring this item to the City Council for final decision.

Fiscal Impact

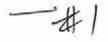
Placing and maintaining red curb and/or No Parking signs is relatively inexpensive. Enforcement of timed or permit only parking would require addition Police Department resources at a significant cost.

Recommendation

Option 2 - Direct the Public Works Department to place No Parking signs in the following locations:

- a. The south side of Grand Canyon Drive from Creston Road to Shadow Meadow Way (this is the action recommended by the petition).
- b. The north side of Red River Drive from Golden Hill Road to Shadow Meadow Way.
- c. The north side of Grand Canyon Drive between Echo Court and Creston Road, and Direct staff to monitor the situation for a year, after the People Self Help Housing remodel project is completed, and return to Council if any additional steps are warranted.

- 1. No Parking Zone Options Map
- 2. Neighborhood Petition
- 3. Other Comments Gathered



Grand Canyon Drive safety.txt



Paso Robles City Council. September 26,2016

The below signed are concerned residents of the Shadow Canyon development. We have had a safety hazard for several years and it is now getting worse. Grand Canyon Drive is the main access street into our development. When Shadow Canyon was developed the City Planners and City Council allowed the developer to construct Grand Canyon narrower than the recommended width, it is 32 feet wide. two parked vehicles need a minimum of 8 feet each and two way traffic needs approximately 10 feet each to safely pass, this is 36 feet. This was not a serious problem at first when there were few if any vehicles parked on the street. However, it has now become a constaint safety hazard because of regularly parked vechicles day and night.

Several years ago the professional building on the corner of Creston Road and Grand Canyon was sold and now has new occupants. The current business requires their employees to park on the adjacent residential streets, not their own required parking lot. At first this was not an issue for Grand Canyon because the employees were parking on a side street, Echo Court. I was told these cars became a very vocal and hostile issue for residents on this street. To avoid constaint calls or conflict with the maintenance division, an unauthorized employee that is no longer with the City had the curbs on their street painted red. This moved all the cars out onto Grand Canyon near Creston. The City Engineer is fully aware of how this has developed. Now Monday through Thursday from 8AM to 5PM there are apporximately 5 to 7 cars parked on Grand Canyon. The street has an uphill grade with a turn, these two factors causes poor visibility of vehicles from both directions. There have been numerous near misses. If a car or service vehicle is parked on the North side of Grand Canyon or if trash cans are out, only one car at a time can pass safely, parked vehicles on both sides of the street can creat one way traffic for hundreds of feet.

Now we have a new safety hazard farther up Grand Canyon, once again on a turn. At night there are 5 to 10 vehicles, some with work trailers parked all night on the South side of Grand Canyon hindering safe passing and vision. These vehicles appear to be from the Apartment complex fronting Creston Road. Again we have poor vision and one way traffic due to parking on both sides of the street.

Due to the narrow street the solution seems to be to designate the South side of Grand Cayon no parking at any time. This would allow for safe two way traffic again. However, these vehicles in question could mearly move to the other side of the street causing hardship for property owners on the North side. Perhaps an additional posting no over night parking on the North side? These vehicles should be parked in their own required / designated parking areas. This is a serious safety hazard for anyone that drives on Grand Canyon Drive, not only local residents.

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3-23-2015

TO: The City of Paso Robles

Re: Parking on Grand Canyon Dr.

Jack Attachment 3 203 Grand Canyon Since 2002

For the over 2 years, Mon-Thursday, between 8am to 5pm, 6-7 cars park on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive which are employees of the dental office that is located on the corner of Creston and Grand Canyon Dr. Note: Grand Canyon is the Main entrance and exit for Shadow Canyon Subdivision.

The residence of 203, 205 and 207 Grand Canyon feel that it is unsafe and sometimes very dangerous for us and our families to have these vehicles parked all day due to amount of daily traffic M-F.

- 1. It is very difficult to back out of our own driveways safely without hitting those vehicles, as well as trying to avoid cars coming down the hill from the neighborhood. The incline is rather steep and vehicles seem to be coming down very quickly.
- 2. When vehicles park both sided of Grand Canyon, it is even more dangerous and not safe due flow of traffic. (see the attached photos)
- 3. The gardeners, friends, family and service vehicles and delivery vehicles utilize the residence side of the street on and off daily.
- 4. As you can see in the photos, 2 cars going opposite directions cannot pass when cars are parked on both sides of Grand Canyon Drive.
- 5. Please note the speed of incoming and outgoing vehicles AM & PM.
- 6. The traffic from the residence of Shadow Canyon and Grand Canyon Estates includes daily transporting of children going to school as well.

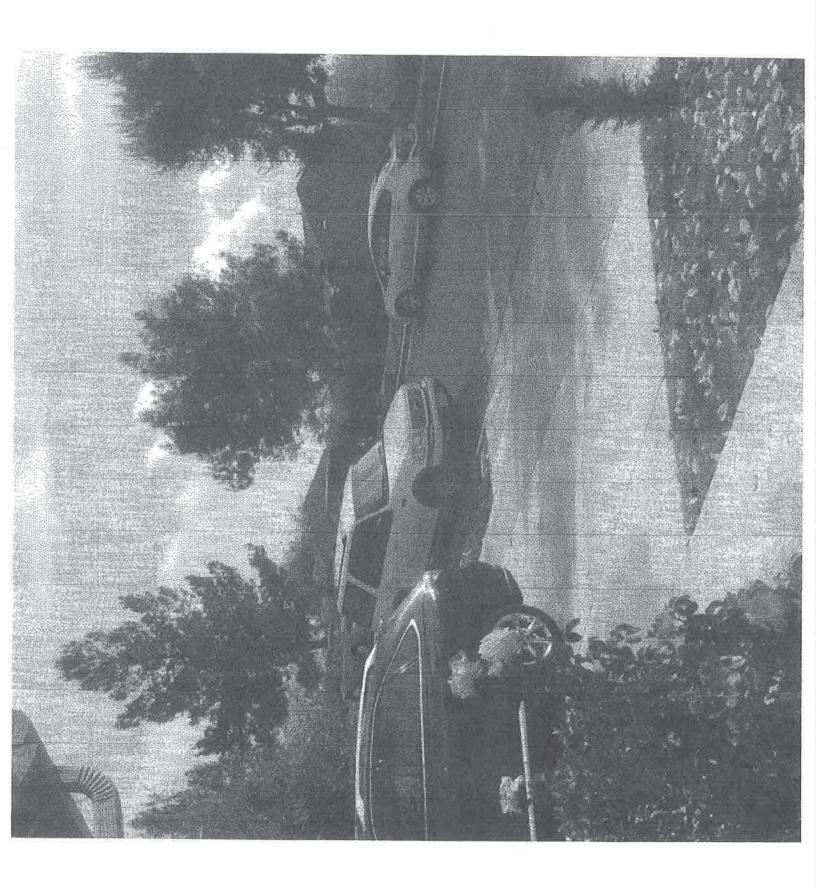
Request from the owners on Grand Canyon Dr.

- 1. Post NO PARKING M-F 8-5PM, that would to ease the flow of traffic for safety reasons.
- 2. Allow parking after 5 pm and on weekends for our family and friends when visiting.

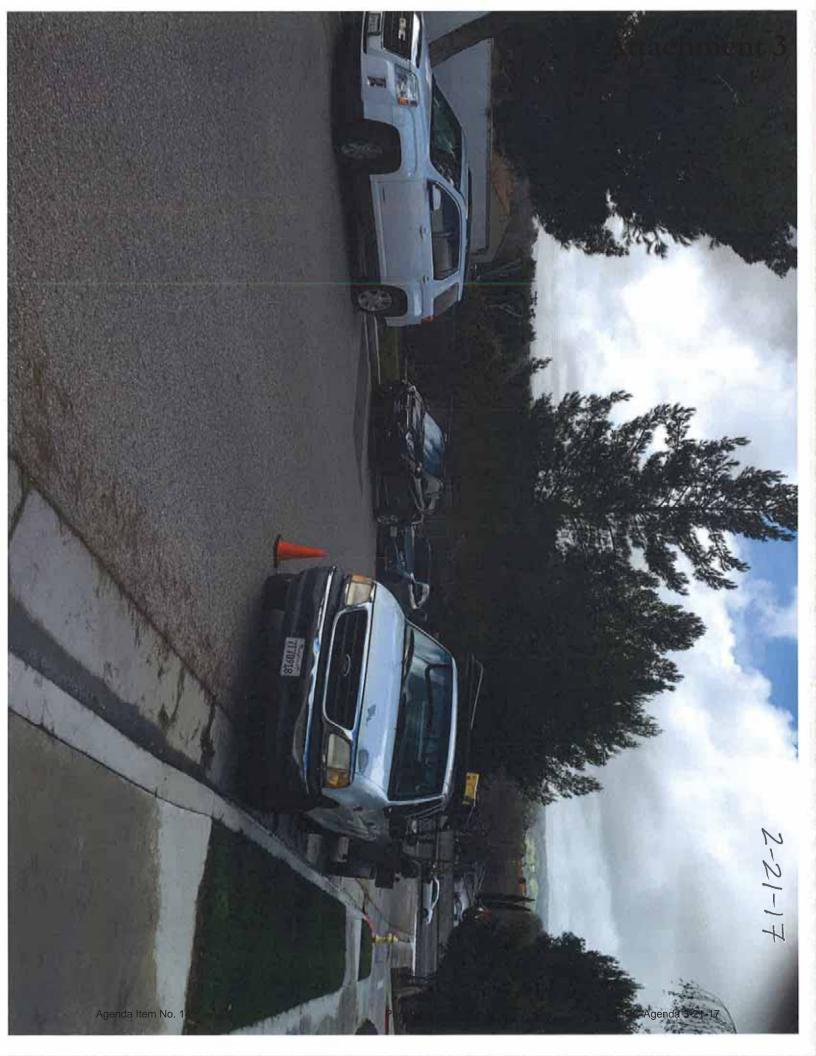
We are hoping to have the City Of Paso Robles make this change for the safety of the entire neighborhood.

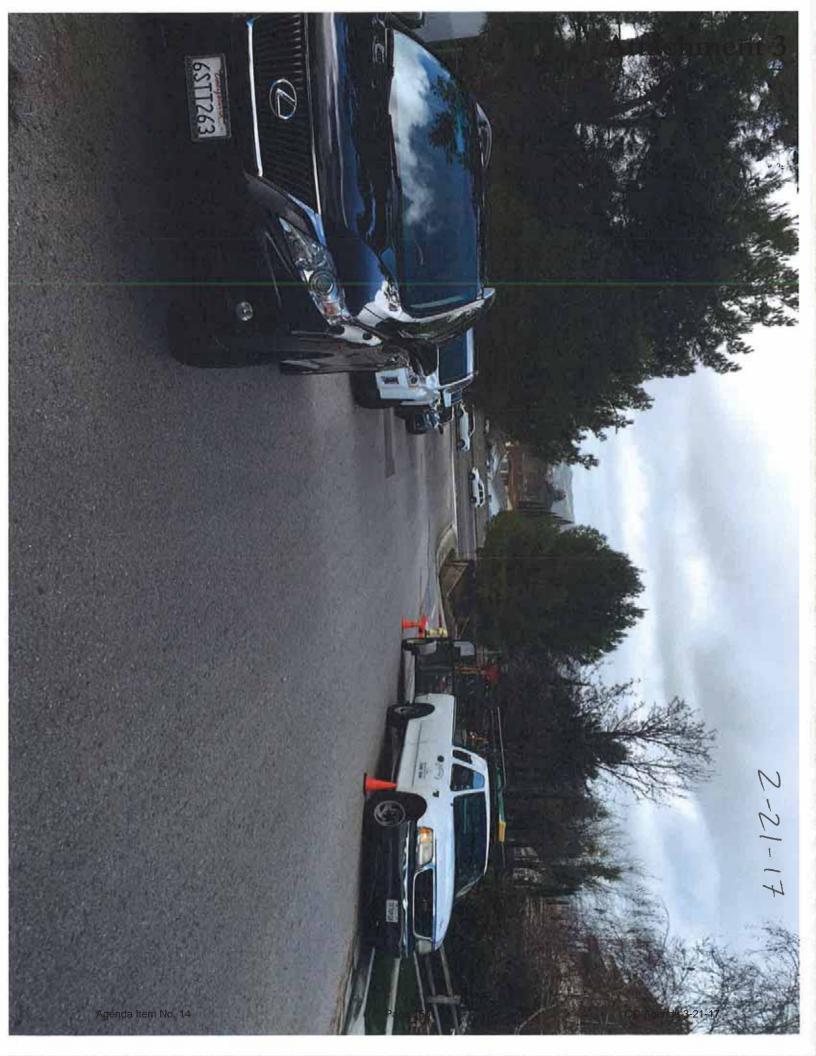
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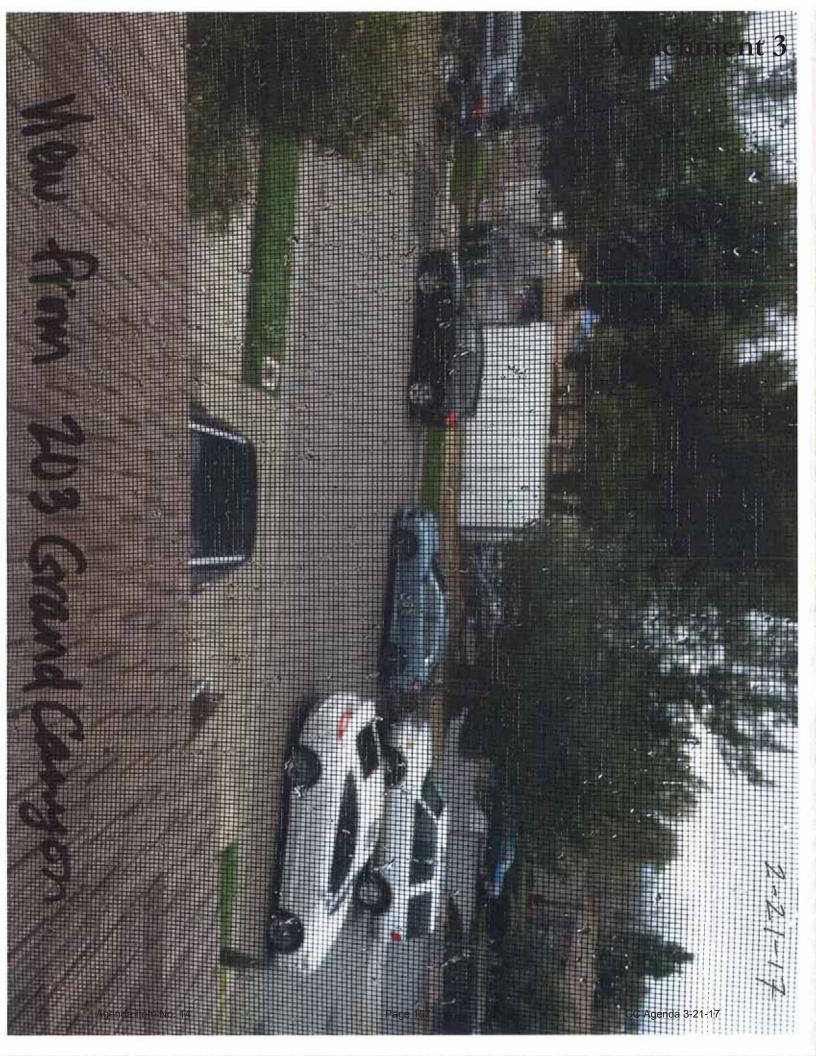
2. NO PARKING ANYTIME PAIN











From: ginger hopkins
To: Darcy Delgado

Subject: Fw: Grand Canyon and Echo Court intersection **Date:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 1:15:51 PM

Attachments: <u>IMG 1111.JPG</u>

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On Thursday, March 2, 2017 12:20 PM, Virginia Hopkins <gingerhh@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

These are pictures of Echo Ct and Grand Canyon.

- 1. The parking lot of the dentist office,
- 2. Years ago I requested the curb on Echo Ct be painted red, but I requested the other side of the street.
- 3. This is opposite the #2 picture. I requested red up to the homeowner's driveway, but they painted half of the area, leaving enough room for two cars. As you can see, there is only one car and trash cans. Occasionally the trash cans have been moved to the sidewalk to make room for another car. Unfortunately if the curb is painted red up to the driveway, the dentist employees will park in front of the house. Had they left the other side not painted they would park across the street #2 which would be okay with that homeowner who has her trash cans moved #3.
- 4. The offending cars parked on Grand Canyon. These cars park here only 4 days a week.
- 5. This is the view from Grand Canyoy to Creston. Look closely. There is a black car parked on the right side. It's hard to navigate on to grand canyon from creston if there is a car exiting the intersection. I requested red paint on both sides of the road but they only painted one side. Again on the left are the offending cars.

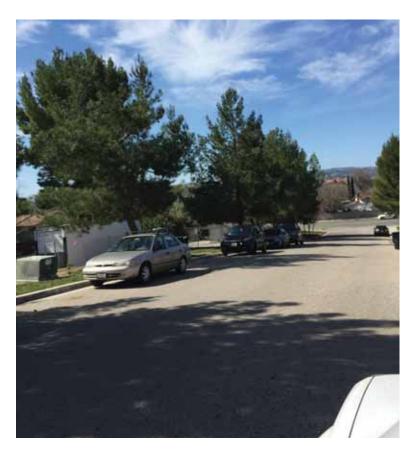
I don't know about painting parking lots, but it looks to me like the dentist's lot coule\d be repainted to accommodate their employees as well as their customers.



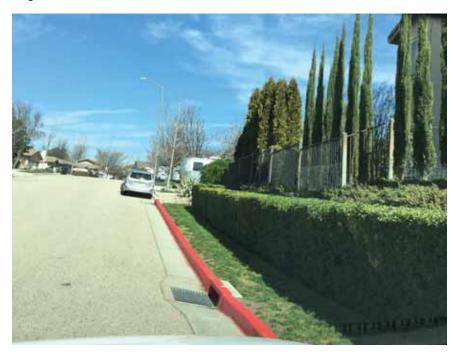
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From: Warren Frace

To: <u>John Falkenstien</u>; <u>Darren Nash</u>; <u>Darcy Delgado</u>

Subject: FW: Grand Canyon

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017 11:02:16 AM

FYI

Warren Frace City of Paso Robles wfrace@PRCity.com

----Original Message----

From: Darrell Cooper [mailto:darrell.cooper@charter.net]

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 9:42 AM

To: Warren Frace <WFrace@prcity.com>; Dick McKinley <DMcKinley@prcity.com>

Cc: Tom Frutchey TFrutchey@prcity.com>; jhamon@tcsn.net; steve.gregory@att.net; Jim Reed

<JReed@prcity.com>; Fred Strong <FStrong@prcity.com>

Subject: Grand Canyon

Good morning gentlemen.

The other night Dick you mentioned that businesses downtown used parking in nearby neighborhoods, this is true. However yesterday I drove some of those streets and found most of them are approximately '50 wide and the narrowest I found was four blocks west of Spring, it measured '36 feet wide. As you know ours are only '32 feet wide, very similar to Fairview which has no parking on one side. I read a letter to the city dated 2015 from one of the residents in the 200 block of Grand Canyon, he addressed the difficulty of backing out of driveways when cars are parked across the street. I hadn't thought about this because it didn't apply to me.

Here are a couple of thoughts for you and your staff.

- 1. Place no parking signs on Grand Canyon where driveways from home are across the street. This would address the areas of uphill and curves.
- 2. Place limited parking signs in front of the the houses on Grand Canyon on the north side. Three hour parking Monday through Friday 8AM to 5PM, or by permit.
- 3. Remove the red cub on the East side of the street on Echo Court because there are no driveway issues.
- 4. Talk to both the People's Self-help apartments and the Dentist office and ask them to be good neighbors and park in their own required parking lots.

This may address most of the concerns discussed the other night. However, there seem to be additional concerns with parking on Red a River Road.

*Additionally the possibility of using Grand Canyon Drive as an access into any future development of Chandler Ranch should not be considered due to the existing narrow street.

Sent from my iPad

From: Warren Frace

To: <u>John Falkenstien; Darren Nash; Darcy Delgado</u>

Subject: FW: Grand Canyon

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017 11:02:47 AM

FYI 2

Warren Frace City of Paso Robles wfrace@PRCity.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Darrell Cooper [mailto:darrell.cooper@charter.net]

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 10:54 AM

To: Warren Frace <WFrace@prcity.com>; Dick McKinley <DMcKinley@prcity.com>

Cc: Tom Frutchey <TFrutchey@prcity.com>; jhamon@tcsn.net; steve.gregory@att.net; Jim Reed

<JReed@prcity.com>; Fred Strong <FStrong@prcity.com>

Subject: Re: Grand Canyon

I forgot to add rumble strips or grooving the asphalt and signs to slow down.

Have a good weekend. D. Cooper

Darcy Delgado

From: John Falkenstien

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 1:50 PM

To: James Sabin
Cc: Darcy Delgado

Subject: RE: Neighborhood Meeting to discuss parking along Grand Canyon Drive

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Follow up

Jim and Penny:

Thank you! Your comment has been received. We will report back the minutes of the meeting.

John Falkenstien

City of Paso Robles jfalkenstien@prcity.com

From: James Sabin [mailto:pjsabin@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:27 AM
To: John Falkenstien < JFalkenstien@prcity.com>

Subject: Neighborhood Meeting to discuss parking along Grand Canyon Drive

We will be out of town and unable to attend the meeting. We signed the petition and agree with its premise.

Jim & Penny Sabin 1208 Blue Oak Way

 From:
 John Falkenstien

 To:
 Jeff Wiesinger

 Cc:
 Darcy Delgado

Subject: RE: Grand Canyon Dr Parking issue

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 2:46:38 PM

Jeff:

Thank you for your comments. Your comments are precisely the reasons why we found it necessary to arrange the workshop. There will be consequences to establishing the no parking zone.

The petition did not include addresses of those who signed, so we have no indication whether those affected by these consequences are being heard by the City Council.

We will be certain that these issues, and others, are brought forward at the meeting. No final decisions will be made. I will report back to you the minutes of the meeting.

John Falkenstien

City of Paso Robles ifalkenstien@prcity.com

From: Jeff Wiesinger [mailto:jeffwiesinger@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 11:09 AM **To:** John Falkenstien JFalkenstien@prcity.com>

Subject: Grand Canyon Dr Parking issue

Dear Mr. Falkenstien

I reside at 207 GC Dr and was not made aware of any petition from my immediate neighbors on this issue.

The need for a parking restriction doesn't appear to me to be a necessity. On the infrequent occasion that there are cars

parked on both sides of the street, there is room for a single car to pass w/o problem. 2 cars needing to pass are required to

yield to one another for a moment but I have never, in 13 years on this street, seen it cause anything but a momentary, minor inconvenience. To restrict the entire side of the street and cause parking difficulties for our family and friends who visit and even those who work near by, is counterproductive. The vast majority of the time, traffic flows quite freely. A bigger issue is the speeding that takes place on GC between Shadow Meadow and Creston Rd! Since there are really only 6 homes that face GC Dr, and some of my neighbors park on the south side, I can guarantee this is not a unanimous request. Those of us who live on the west end closest to Creston would be adversely affected by a parking restriction like that. Admittedly, if the employees of the Medical offices were able to park in their own lot, it would probably decrease the occasional instances of multi car congestion, but that aside, I strongly encourage the City to reject this proposal and leave the parking situation as is. It would do more harm than good.. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.. Thank You! Sincerely, Jeff Wiesinger

From: John Falkenstien
To: Melissa Ellsworth

Cc: Warren Frace; Dick McKinley; Darren Nash; Darcy Delgado

Subject: RE: Grand Canyon

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:15:55 AM

Melissa:

The meeting was well attended. Without looking at the sign-in sheet I would guess we had about thirty of your neighbors there. Many had similar comments. We will add your comments to the list.

We will inventory all of the comments and prepare a staff report for City Council review at their meeting of Tuesday, March 21. At that meeting, we will present to the Council all of the comments we heard and an array of options of actions to choose from. We've got your name and address so we'll make sure you are notified of the meeting.

John Falkenstien City of Paso Robles jfalkenstien@prcity.com 805 237 3860

----Original Message----

From: Melissa Ellsworth [mailto:melissa.ellsworth@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 9:33 PM To: John Falkenstien < JFalkenstien@prcity.com>

Subject: Grand Canyon

Hello.

I was unable to attend tonight's meeting to discuss parking on Grand Canyon. We live on Oak Ridge Way and drive on Grand Canyon every day. There is a section on Grand Canyon, before you get to the hill, that is always very narrow to drive through due to the fact that vehicles park on both sides of the street. If there is another car coming it's hard to pass, one of the cars has to either pull over or stop completely to let he other pass through. If there was a need for an emergency vehicle (in a hurry) and another vehicle coming the opposite direction, it would definitely cause delays and in emergencies every second counts.

I think parking should only be allowed on the side of the street where the homes are located. The other side of the street should have "No Parking" signs.

Thank you, Melissa 1304 Oak Ridge Way

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>John Falkenstien</u>

To: Krista

Cc: Warren Frace; Darcy Delgado; Dick McKinley

Subject: RE: question

Date: Monday, March 06, 2017 11:32:05 AM

Krista:

This is an excellent time to comment. Others that attended the meeting had similar comments regarding Red River Drive. I have since visited and have observed the issues.

We have tentatively scheduled this item before the City Council at their meeting of March 21. I will prepare a report prior to that meeting and I will be pleased to share it with you.

John Falkenstien

City of Paso Robles jfalkenstien@prcity.com

From: Krista [mailto:kristapac@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 11:22 AM
To: John Falkenstien < JFalkenstien@prcity.com>

Subject: question

Hi John.

I live on Red River Drive, in Shadow Canyon Subdivision. Recently there was a meeting for residents to voice their concerns about a petition that no parking be established on the south side of Grand Canyon Drive. Unfortunately I missed the meeting and am curious about the outcome. I also have the same issue on Red River Drive. The very first house on the right side of the road sits at the top of a hill and as the street turns. The residents there have approximately 6 cars there at all times, on both sides of the street. It is unsafe considering the home's location, as cars in both directions have to weave between the parked cars. How can I make the same request - to somehow mandate the parking in that area?

Thank you, Krista