

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 09/19/05		Item Number: <u>C-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Preferential Parking on Cattaraugus Avenue Between the Alley South of Washington Boulevard and Jacob Street, Adopt Resolution 2005-R_____ and Rescind Resolution 2004-R 085.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Gabe Garcia/PW		Phone Number: (310) 253-5633	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: All residents and property owners on Cattaraugus Avenue in the project area and those within a one-block radius were mailed a post card on September 9, 2005 and Master Notification List on September 14, 2005.			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson 09/09/05		CAO Approval: Jerry Fulwood 9/14/05	
City Controller Approval: Jerry Fulwood for Marlee Chang 9/14/05			

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve permit parking on Cattaraugus Avenue between the alley south of Washington Boulevard and Jacob Street.

BACKGROUND:

In July, 2005, a petition requesting 'no parking anytime, except by permit' on Cattaraugus Avenue between the alley south of Washington Boulevard and Jacob Street was received from Mr. Victor Clemens. The petition requested the above limitations be in place 24-hours per day, 7 days per week. Current preferential parking guidelines state that in order for a street to be considered for preferential parking, a petition must be signed by at least 75% of the affected households on the street. The petition for this case was signed by 83% of the affected households.

The petition was subsequently brought before the Traffic Committee at its August 31, 2005 meeting. Mr. Clemens, author of the petition, was invited to attend the Traffic Committee meeting, and he attended along with other residents of Cattaraugus Avenue. The Committee, after discussion and dialog with the residents and a member of the local business community, amended the original petition, by a motion to recommend 2-hour time-limited permit parking, instead of the original 24/7 request. This motion was passed on a 4-1 vote to recommend approval to the City Engineer and subsequently to the City Council.

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

DISCUSSION:

The section of Cattaraugus Avenue under consideration is adjacent to Washington Boulevard, a C-3 commercial zone. According to Mr. Clemens, many of the patrons and employees of the businesses on Washington Boulevard park their vehicles on Cattaraugus Avenue, making it difficult for residents of this street to park near their homes. According to the Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts:

‘The primary purpose of a preferential parking district shall be to limit excessive intrusion of non-residential parking into residential neighborhoods, where such parking practices have negatively impacted the residential area. In addition, to support the primary purpose of the preferential parking zone, restrictions may be implemented that help to enhance the quality of life in residential neighborhoods by reducing noise, traffic hazards and litter; and to encourage carpooling and use of transit.’

In order to assess the degree of impacted parking on this street, visual inspections were done at different times on different days periodically by City staff. The inspections revealed that approximately 75% to 95% of the available parking on this street was utilized at any given time.

As with the installation of any preferential parking zone, there always exists the possibility of non-residential parking spillover to other neighboring streets. Currently, Helms Avenue, Caroline Avenue, and Fay Avenue have permit parking. Therefore, with the inclusion of Cattaraugus Avenue as a preferential parking zone, non-permitted vehicles that would normally park on Cattaraugus may park on other nearby streets such as Sherbourne Drive and Fay Avenue. (Currently, staff is processing a “time-limited permit parking” petition from the residents of Sherbourne Avenue, north of Jacob Avenue, which is adjacent to the area under consideration.)

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

342 residents and property owners in the project area and within the one-block radius were mailed a postcard on September 9, 2005, at a cost of \$91.77.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The current permit parking fee is \$16.00 for each permit issued at the beginning of each calendar year. The fee is prorated quarterly as per adopted guidelines. The fees received will be deposited to the General Fund.

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

It is understood by Mr. Clemens that the petitioning party assumes the cost of the signs posted in the public right-of-way, should this request be approved. Six signs, at a cost of \$35 each will be necessary between the alley south of Washington Boulevard and Jacob Street. This will amount to \$210 which the residents of Cattaraugus Avenue will need to pay prior to installation of time-limit parking restrictions.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Petition cover letter, dated July 12, 2005
- Traffic Committee Meeting minutes of August 31, 2005
- Resolution establishing Cattaraugus Avenue from the alley south of Washington Boulevard to Jacob Street, as a preferential parking street
- Copy of Public Notification Card

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution 2005-R _____ establishing Cattaraugus Avenue from the alley south of Washington Boulevard to Jacob Street, as a preferential parking street, and rescind Resolution 2004-R085.