



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A 20-FOOT “NO PARKING” ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS NORTH OF THE BELMONT LIBRARY DRIVEWAY AT 1110 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS AND REMOVAL OF THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE WEST SIDE OF ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS BETWEEN THE BELMONT LIBRARY AND GARDEN COURT

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) has received requests from Belmont Library patrons to remove one parking space on the north side of the Belmont Library driveway to improve a sight distance problem and establish additional on-street parking to accommodate the needs of the Belmont residents.

Background

The PTSC received a request from the library patrons to restrict parking on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas north of the Belmont Library driveway. When cars are parked at the driveway on Alameda de las Pulgas, drivers exiting the library parking lot do not have adequate sight distance required to safely cross and merge into the northbound lane of traffic. Staff also received a request to establish additional parking on Alameda de las Pulgas in order to accommodate Belmont residents.

Discussion

The PTSC collected information and summarized data after completing an investigation. During the PTSC meeting, staff presented their findings and discussed options. The files indicate that there were four traffic accidents reported on Alameda de las Pulgas at this location within a previous 5-year period. The newly opened library will create more pedestrian and vehicular traffic; therefore, measures need be taken into consideration to provide safety for library visitors.

The existing sight distance problem makes it more difficult for drivers exiting the library to enter or cross the lane of traffic. The elimination of one parking space immediately adjacent to the library driveway should significantly improve visibility of the oncoming traffic. The City will also establish 73 feet (3 spaces) of additional parking by eliminating no parking restrictions beginning from the fire hydrant located on the south side of the Belmont Library driveway extending north to Garden Court.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be responsible for the installation of the appropriate signs. Costs will be paid from the existing appropriation in the FY 2007 budget for Street Maintenance.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of City Council agenda and mailing notices to the residents within a 300-foot radius.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving establishment of a 20-foot “No Parking” zone on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas north of the Belmont Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas and remove parking restrictions on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas between the fire hydrant located on the south side of the Belmont Library driveway extending north to Garden Court.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Exhibit A – Map of Location

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received requests from Belmont Library patrons to remove one parking space on the north side of the Belmont Library driveway to improve a sight distance problem and establish additional on-street parking to accommodate the needs of the Belmont residents; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC reviewed this complaint, performed a field investigation, checked accident data, and presented findings at the PTSC meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC recommends approving establishment of a 20-foot “No Parking” zone on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas north of the Belmont Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas and remove parking restrictions on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas between the fire hydrant located on the south side of the Belmont Library driveway extending north to Garden Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves establishment of a 20-foot “No Parking” zone on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas north of the Belmont Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas and removal of the parking restrictions on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas between the fire hydrant located on the south side of the Belmont Library driveway extending north to Garden Court.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on July 11, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont