



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ZONE SOUTH OF THE BELMONT LIBRARY DRIVEWAY AT 1110 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Parking Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a request from a Belmont Library patron regarding parked cars on Alameda de las Pulgas at the Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas creating a sight distance problem and requesting establishment of a no parking zone south of the driveway to improve sight distance.

Background

The PTSC received a request from a Library patron to restrict parking on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas south of the Library driveway to improve access for library visitors. When cars are parked south of the driveway, the vehicles exiting the library have to pull out into the lane of traffic blocking the bike lane and sidewalk to see northbound traffic. Currently, there is a no parking zone on the north side of the Library driveway and a 23-foot no parking zone by the fire hydrant located 21 feet south from the Library driveway.

Discussion

The PTSC collected information and summarized data after an investigation was made. The PTSC staff notified residents and property owners within 300' radius from the proposed red curb location about upcoming PTSC meeting. Two residents attended the PTSC meeting. During the meeting staff presented their findings and discussed options. It was indicated that there were four traffic accidents reported on Alameda de las Pulgas at this location within a 5-year period. The Library creates significant pedestrian and vehicular traffic; therefore more measures should be taken into consideration to improve access for Library visitors. The existing sight distance problem makes it difficult for drivers exiting the Library to enter or cross the lane of traffic. The elimination of one parking space (21 feet long) immediately adjacent to the Library driveway should significantly improve visibility of the oncoming traffic. The new no parking zone with merge, a 23-foot long no parking zone by the fire hydrant, creates a 44 foot no parking zone south of Belmont Library driveway.

General Plan/Vision Statement

The proposed no parking zone is in compliance with the Circulation Element of the Belmont General Plan Section 2080 which states the following goals:

- To provide a transportation system consistent with the residential small City character and physical setting of Belmont.
- To accommodate each mode of transportation to provide for the enjoyment and safety of the individual and to cause minimum interference.

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 2010 budget for Street Maintenance.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of City Council agenda, 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 no parking zone on Alameda de las Pulgas south of Belmont Library driveway at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas.

Alternatives

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

Attachments

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

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ZONE SOUTH OF THE
BELMONT LIBRARY DRIVEWAY AT 1110 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS**

WHEREAS, the Parking Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a request from a Belmont Library patron regarding parked cars on Alameda de las Pulgas at the Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de Las Pulgas creating a sight distance problem; 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 21-foot “No Parking” zone on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas south of the Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves establishment of a “No Parking” zone on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas south of the Belmont Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas.

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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 28, 2009 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

EXHIBIT A

Alameda De Las Pulgas

Garden Court

Existing No Parking Zone

Existing No Parking Zone

Proposed No Parking Zone

1:40

