

MINUTES

CITY OF AUBURN - TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010
8:38 A.M. @ City Hall Conference Room 10**

1. **Public Comment:**
None

2. **Approval of September 15, 2009 Minutes**

Approval of January 19, 2010 Minutes

Warren moved to accept both sets of minutes as is. There was not enough for a quorum so made note to accept minutes.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. **None**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. **Streetscape update – Bernie Schroeder**

Phase I of the project is 99% complete. There is some operational concern regarding turning radius of large vehicles at the intersection. We are looking to see what the traffic tires are doing to see if it truly is a problem. There may be one parking spot the will need to be removed. Committee member Young said when turning into the alley behind Argonaut from the street you need to go into the other lane to maneuver the turn when someone is parked in the last parking spot on the street before the alley. There is a pole in the planter that cannot be seen because of bushes.

They have started the design for the next phase which will be from the Big O parking lot to Pine Street.

Schroeder has also noticed that high school kids are going up Magnolia Street to Cherry Street now to get out of town. Chief Harris suggested that they may have done that during construction to get out of the compacted wait time.

5. Reserved Parking Permits City Lots – Status update

Chief Harris gave a handout of streets and number of permits allowed and number of permits sold. People are not buying permits as in the past. We have reserved parking spaces that are nicely marked. They are:

RESERVED SPACES	PERMITS SOLD
High Street - 5	4 Sold
E. Placer Street - 6	5 Sold
JC Penny Lot - 5	2 Sold
Elder Lot - 2	2 Sold

Do we leave the number of spots we have marked? We do not have anybody waiting for a spot. Auburn PD will begin enforcement again. We have no ADA spaces at the High Street parking lot because lots with 25 or fewer spaces do not require ADA spaces.

The city was looking into implementing the traffic study this year but since the number of reserved spaces is adequate for the time being the committee consensus is to leave it as-is and continue to maintain the lots through 2010.

Chief Harris asked Public Works to come up with a total count of City reserved parking spaces versus private spaces.

MOTION TO LEAVE AS-IS UNTIL FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

M-Warren/S-Harris

Item will be carried forward

6. Safety Vest Requirement for Sports Cyclists

Public Comment from January 19, 2010 meeting – Committee discussed options to make the public aware of the safety of cyclists. Committee member Young suggested the three bike shops in town band together to inform cyclists. Schroeder suggested promotion awareness such as May is Bike Safety Month. She is not aware of any jurisdiction with an ordinance requiring cyclists to wear bright colored vests. Chief Harris will research if there is any vehicle code or any municipalities that have something in place to see what they have. Schroeder will take care of preparing a proclamation for “May is Bike Month” as we are a partner in that and maybe add another angle on it for wearing a reflective safety type clothing.

6. Crimson Court Street Parking – Frank Pizzinelli

Mr. Pizzinelli addressed the committee with several items regarding parking on Crimson Court. He believes it to be a substandard street being 39 feet wide from curb line to curb line. The road itself is 32 feet wide. His request is to have the curb painted red. People park for days on the street making it difficult for others to get through the cul-de-sac. Most residents have about 3 cars and park in the cul-de-sac which blocks driveways. His car has narrowly missed accidents while backing out of his driveway. He is not able to park his trailer in his side yard because there are cars blocking the way.

Chief Harris said the real question is the ability of safety vehicles getting in the cul-de-sac with private vehicles parked on both sides of the street. There is a fire hydrant in the cul-de-sac. Chief Harris will consult with Fire Chief D'Ambrogi and Public Works Bernie Schroeder. The street will be measured again. Also, resident awareness would help. If Mr. Pizzinelli sees that cars are being parked on the street for weeks at a time or blocking driveways he should call the police department. Chief Harris will give him a call with their findings or he may come to the next Traffic Committee meeting. If, when the Chief calls and Mr. Pizzinelli is satisfied with the findings, they will consider the item closed.

There was some discussion to the possibility of painting 6 feet of curb but that would need to be looked at again. Some streets have no parking because of the turning radius of vehicles while someone is parked there.

7. Sacramento Street / Carolyn Street Speeders – Scott Clarkson

Because of Mr. Clarkson's need to be at Jury Duty his item was discussed first. Mr. Clarkson is concerned because people tend to run the stop sign and speed up to approximately 50 - 60 mph. in both directions. This happens in the morning when people rush to school/work and also on Sunday because the church is up the street. He suggested speed bumps be installed or post a 25 mph sign.

Chief Harris said that speed bumps are not allowed within City limits. The speed limit is 25 mph in that area. Mr. Clarkson needs to call when people are speeding so the police department can send enforcement out there.

8. Survey Result Update on Orange St / Finley St.

Chief Harris handed out a copy of a follow-up survey to the residents in the area of Finley and Orange Streets. Chief Harris said there has been only one collision since making Finley Street one-way. There have been no other incidents on Orange Street or Finley Street.

One of the questions on this survey asked how the resident would feel about a placard system. A placard or sticker would be placed in or on a vehicle to show that it resides on that street. If police see a car without a placard they will run the license plate, call the school and ask them to go to the student and remind them to be a good neighbor and use the school parking lot. There's no enforcement and it is not a permit. Cars that do not have a placard could be ticketed.

We need to get input from business owners regarding a three-way stop sign at Lewis / Orange / Magnolia Streets. It has been noted that some drivers, trying to bypass the Streetscape construction, speed down Magnolia, going through the stop sign turning right onto Lewis.

The complete survey results will be in by the next Traffic Committee meeting. We can then get the final report together and get it to the Council.

MOTION TO LEAVE EXISTING SURVEY RESULTS IN PLACE FOR NOW

M-Young / S-Warren

OBTA AGENDA ITEMS PENDING PER FINALIZATION OF PARKING/TRAFFIC STUDY:

Traffic Study – AD HOC COMMITTEE handling:

**Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Bauer**