

**MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARKING COMMISSION
June 11, 2007
11:00 am**

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS: Cindy Murray, Bob Carpenter, Mike Wilson, Mink Lin, Ed Chosnek, City Attorney

STAFF: Dennis Carson, Tom Van Horn, Jennifer Criblez, Nancy Hendricks

GUESTS: William H Grupe, Homeowner Glen Acres neighborhood

Larry G Lauderdale, Homeowner 1221 Kensington

Jason Houston, Denison Parking

Karen J Combs, Glen Acres Elementary Principal

Chris Weaver, Lafayette Police Department

Jenny Bonner, City Engineer

Marty Parks, Homeowner Glen Acres neighborhood

Lorenzo Alvarez, Homeowner Glen Acres neighborhood

President Cindy Murray opened the special meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2007 meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission. Mike Wilson seconded. The motion passed.

Request for changes to the on-street parking on Kensington Drive

Karen Combs, Principal of Glen Acres Elementary School, Sergeant Max Smith of the Traffic Division for Lafayette Police Department, and Jenny Bonner, Director of Public Works for the City of Lafayette have requested that parking be removed from two locations on Kensington Drive for the health and safety of local school children.

Karen Combs brought the background information regarding this request. Her school has experienced an increase of over 100 additional students this last year due to school closings in the community. The traffic problem created by the excessive use and misuse by some parents especially during the afternoon pick up times has created dangerous conditions for school children, teachers, parents, and neighboring residents near the school.

William Grupe of 1217 Kensington spoke in favor of no parking during times when school is in session but questioned the restriction during summer and holidays.

Marty Parks of 1109 Kensington spoke of minor damage to his vehicles parked on the street near the school and his growing concern over the worsening potential for major accidents.

William Grupe asked if teachers would also be parking nearby.

Larry Lauderdale of 1221 Kensington Drive also spoke in favor of no parking but only for times during school and departure hours.

In answer to Mr. Grupe's question and concern with faculty parking, Karen Combs drew a diagram on the chalk board detailing the plan for one way traffic flow and for blockading one street for bus use. The clarification brought immediate approval of the representative neighbors and the discussion turned to enforcement times and limits. After suggestions from the neighbors, Karen Combs, and questions from Dennis Carson, Chris Weaver of the Traffic Department of the Lafayette Police Department asked if the no parking zones could have a posted sign for limits **and** have the curb painted yellow.

Ed Chosnek, City Attorney, Commissioners and Dennis Carson agreed that this would be a viable solution.

After continuing discussion and suggestions, Karen Combs said that she would be sending maps and details of the traffic plan with the enrollment mailings. Cindy Murray added that enforcement during the first week of school should be increased.

Bob Carpenter moved that the curbs in front of 1105, 1109, and 1115 Kensington Drive and in front of 1217 and 1221 Kensington Drive be painted yellow designating no parking zones; in addition, signs are to be posted designating that between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm no parking will be allowed. Mike Wilson seconded. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Hearing no further comment from the public, Bob Carpenter moved to adjourn. Mike Wilson seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hendricks
Recording Secretary

Bob Carpenter, Parking Commission Secretary