



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 13, 2007

Item Number: E-2

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation

Subject: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS MODIFYING PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE Q ON THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH CRESCENT DRIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH CRESCENT DRIVE

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Commission Recommendation
3. Categorical Exemption
4. Traffic & Parking Commission Report & Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Staff and the Traffic and Parking Commission recommend relocating on-street permit parking to the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive and relocating the "No Stopping" regulation to the east side of the block.

INTRODUCTION

Staff received a petition signed by 62 of 129 multi-family households (approximately 48%) of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive requesting to relocate the on-street parking from the east side to the west side. The petition had 37 signatures from the east side and 25 signatures from the west side. The lead petitioner expressed that relocating the parking to the west side of the block would make it easier for residents on the east side to exit their driveways and result in more on-street parking spaces.

DISCUSSION

The 100 block of South Crescent Drive is located between Wilshire Boulevard and Charleville Boulevard with a traffic signal located at Wilshire Boulevard. The block has a

regulation of "No Stopping Anytime" on the west side. The east side of the block is currently zone "Q" with "1-Hour Parking, 8am-2:30am, Daily, Except by Permit."

On the east side of the block there are three driveways with approximately 380 feet of unpainted curb totaling 17 on-street parking spaces. The west side of the street is 464 feet in length with a potential for up to 23 on-street parking spaces. The relocation would therefore generate up to six additional on-street parking spaces.

The Engineering Division and Fire Department had no objection to the request as relocating the parking would not significantly change the flow of traffic or affect emergency vehicle access. This change is unlikely to generate additional traffic or change in the circulation pattern. The residents/owners of the block have also successfully petitioned for speed humps that were installed in September 2007.

At its March 1, 2007 meeting, the Traffic & Parking Commission reviewed the resident petition request to switch the parking and "No Stopping" zones to the opposite sides of the street. At the meeting, three residents spoke in support of the request, and one resident spoke in opposition. The Traffic & Parking Commission unanimously voted in support of the resident petition.

To proceed with any modification to the block's parking, the City Attorney's office advised that requirements to modify a permit zone must be met. As the petition fell short of the 61% required by the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to modify a permit parking zone, staff proceeded with a City initiated the process to continue the modification.

As part of the City initiated process, staff mailed each household on the block with the proposal to relocate parking to the west side of the block and the "No Stopping" zone to the east side. A City initiated process required that no more than 40% of the households return a survey card in objection to the modification. In this case, 24% of the households of the block submitted surveys card opposed, allowing the process for a modification to continue. Most households opposed were located on the west side of the block that currently does not have parking. The results are shown in the following chart:

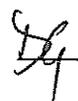
Total Households	No Response (%)	Support (%)	Opposed (%)
129	81 (63%)	17 (13%)	31 (24%)

NOTICING

Notices of this request were mailed to the residents of the 100 and 200 South blocks of South Crescent Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of new parking signs would be nominal and installed by City staff.

 David Gustavson, Director
Approved By

RESOLUTION NO. 07-R-

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS MODIFYING PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE Q ON THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH CRESCENT DRIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH CRESCENT DRIVE

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Traffic & Parking Commission investigated the need for a modification to the preferential permit parking zone on the 100 block of South Crescent Drive; and

WHEREAS, applying the criteria set forth in the Preferential Parking Ordinance Section 7-3.206 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, the Commission duly made findings as referred to in that Section, which was a required prerequisite to designating any preferential parking zone, and filed a recommendation that the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive be designated for preferential parking zone Q and the east side of the 100 block be removed from zone Q;

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act and has issued a Categorical Exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Based upon the evidence presented to the City Council, the Council approves and adopts the above referred to findings of the Traffic & Parking Commission and determines that the requirements of Preferential Parking Ordinance Section 7-3.206(d) are satisfied

to justify a modification to the preferential permit parking zone on the 100 block of South Crescent Drive.

Section 2. The Council finds that the following designated preferential permit parking zone is required because commuter vehicles regularly interfere with available public street parking adjacent to residential property in the proposed zone and are the cause of unreasonable noise, traffic hazards, and pollution in the residential environment; displaced commuter vehicles will not unduly impact surrounding residential areas; and there is no reasonable alternative which is feasible or practical to reduce identified street parking problems to acceptable levels.

Section 3. The City Council hereby approves the modification of preferential permit parking zone Q to include the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive between Wilshire and Charleville Boulevards, subject to the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 3, Title 7 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, and subject to the following time and manner restrictions:
Zone Q. The restriction is "1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Saturday, Except by Permit." The east side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive shall no longer be designated as part of Zone Q.

Section 4. The preferential parking restrictions set forth in this Resolution shall not become effective until signs giving notice thereof have been posted.

Section 5. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22651(n), the City Council authorizes the removal of vehicles on the east side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, identified on the attached map as a "Tow Away" zone where signs will be posted designating "No Stopping, Any Time." The west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive shall no longer be designated as a "Tow Away" zone and shall be included in preferential parking zone Q as authorized by this Resolution.

Section 6. The Director of Transportation & Engineering shall post the appropriate signs giving notice of the tow away restrictions imposed as required by Vehicle Code Section 22651(n).

Section 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause this Resolution and her certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of this City.

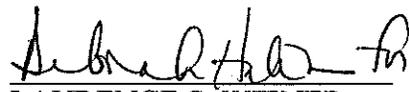
Adopted:

JIMMY DELSHAD
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:

BYRON POPE (SEAL)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



DAVID D. GUSTAVSON
Director of Public Works & Transportation

ATTACHMENT 2

Traffic & Parking Commission Recommendation

Commission Meeting Date: March 1, 2007

5/0 Traffic & Parking Commission recommend to Traffic and Parking Commission recommend relocating on-street permit parking to the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive and relocating the "No Stopping" regulation to the east side of the block.

ATTACHMENT 3



455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210-4817
(310) 285-1123
FAX: (310) 858-5966

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS Categorical Exemption

NAME OF PROJECT: Preferential Permit Parking Zone "Q" Parking Relocation

LOCATION: 100 South Crescent Drive, Zone Q.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Modifies Permit Parking Zone "Q" by relocating on-street permit parking to the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive and relocating the "No Stopping" regulation to the east side of the block. No changes to the current parking regulations of "1-Hour Parking, 8am to 2:30am, Daily, Except by Permit."

APPLICANT

City of Beverly Hills
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
310-285-1000

AGENT

Department of Transportation
455 North Rexford Drive, Room 130
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
310-285-2400

The undersigned, having received this project for processing, has reviewed it for environmental impact and concluded that the project qualifies for a categorical exemption under the procedures adopted by the City of Beverly Hills and no further environmental assessment is necessary.

Applicable Exemption Class C-1

COMMENTS: No impact to parking conditions as the on-street capacity may actually increase with the relocation. There are no impacts to vehicle access (including emergency vehicles) as the roadway access stays the same width.

REVIEWED BY [Signature] Date 10-28-07

ATTACHMENT 4



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

Meeting of March 1, 2007

TO: Traffic & Parking Commission

FROM: Gabriel Szasz, Transportation Planning Analyst
Felix Landaverde, Planning Technician

SUBJECT: 100 Block of South Crescent Drive – Request to Relocate Parking from East Side to West Side of Street

This report outlines a resident petition request to relocate the on-street parking on the 100 block of South Crescent Drive from the east side to the west side of the block.

Discussion

The 100 block of South Crescent Drive is located between Wilshire Boulevard and Charleville Boulevard. The block has a regulation of "No Stopping Anytime" on the west side. The east side of the block is currently zone "Q" with "1-Hour Parking, 8am-2:30am, Daily." Also, there is a traffic signal located on Wilshire Boulevard and Crescent Drive.

Staff received a petition signed by 62 multi-family of 129 households (approximately 48%) of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive requesting to relocate the on-street parking from the east side to the west side. Ms. Li Yang, the lead petitioner, expressed that relocating the parking to the west side of the block would make it easier for residents of the east side to exit their driveways as the parked cars limit their view of on-coming traffic. The west side of the block has no driveways as do all the buildings on the west access parking from the alley.

The block has three driveways on the east side and has approximately 381 feet of on-street parking spaces with a total of 17 parking spaces. The west side of the street has 464 feet of on-street parking space with a potential of up to 23 parking spaces. The relocation would therefore yield up to 6 additional parking spaces.

The Engineering and Fire Departments have no objection to the request as relocating the parking would not significantly change the flow of traffic or affect emergency vehicle access. This change is unlikely to generate additional traffic or change of the circulation pattern. The speed of traffic would remain the same or slightly decrease.

Noticing

Notices advising of the Traffic & Parking Commission's review of this request at its March 1, 2007 meeting were mailed to the residents of the 100 and 200 blocks of South Crescent Drive.

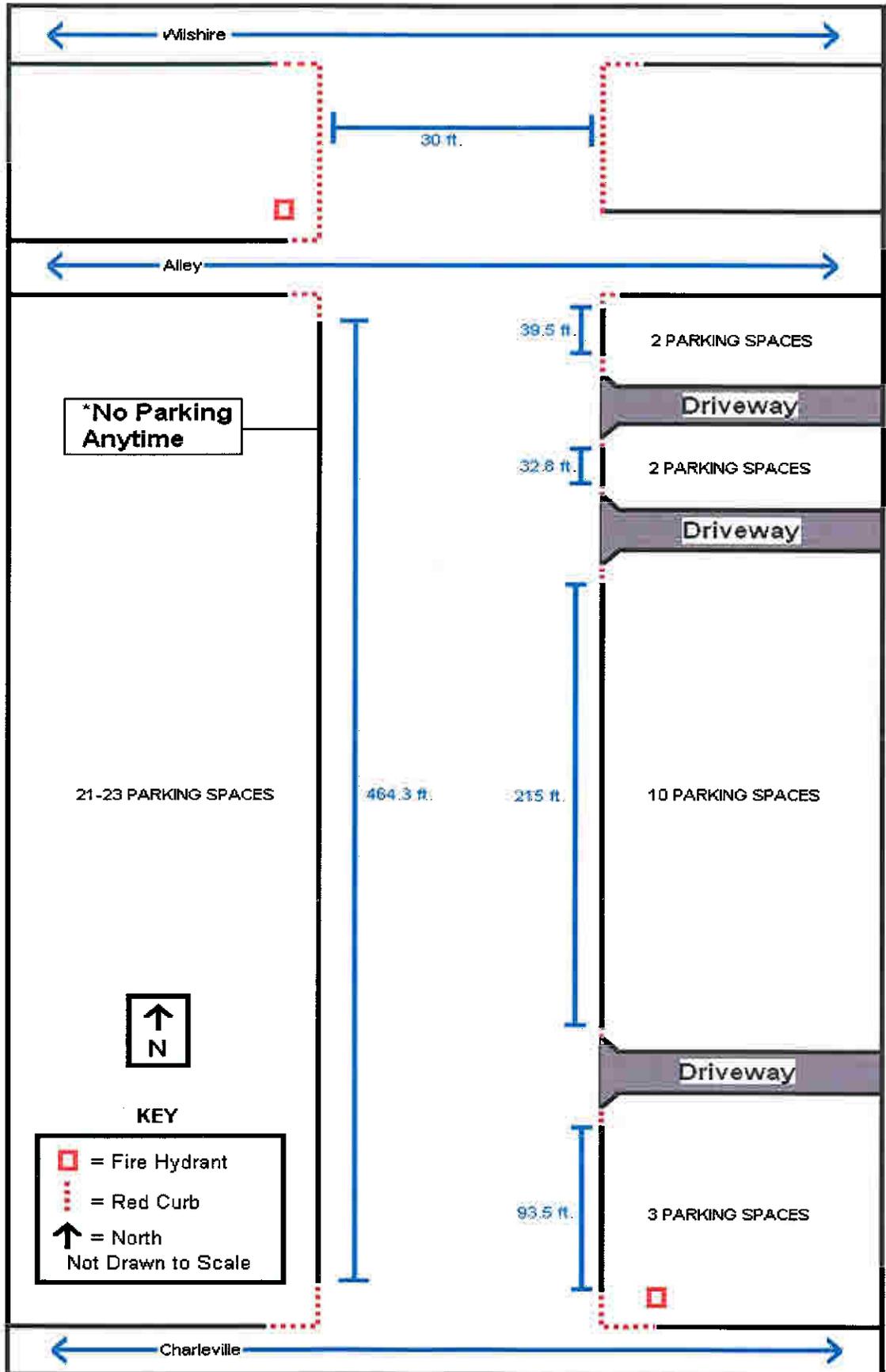
Recommendation

Pending public comment, staff supports the petition request to relocate parking to the west side of the 100 block of Crescent Drive. As a result, the west side would be designated as permit zone "Q," and the east side would be "No Stopping Anytime."

Attachments

- A) Area Map
- B) Resident Petition
- C) Correspondence
- D) Meeting Notice

100 N. Crescent



Attachment A

Li Yang
120 South Crescent Drive, #301
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

August 7, 2006

Department of Transportation
Attn: Mr. Gabriel Szasz
455 North Rexford Drive, Room 130
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Dear Mr. Szasz:

Enclosed you will find a petition being submitted for consideration to the City of Beverly Hills, Traffic & Parking Commission.

The petition is to request moving the one-sided parking, from the East-side to the West-side of the street, on the 100 block of South Crescent Drive.

By using a petition format as you instructed, sixty-two (62) signatures were collected from the residents of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

The following facts support this petition:

1. Increase safety, reduce accidents
2. Increase the number of available parking spaces
3. More convenient parking
4. No change to the current parking restrictions

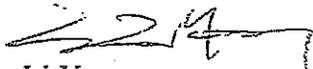
Details of each fact stated above are provided in the petition enclosed.

As you explained, a collection of 50-60 signatures from the residents of the 100 South Crescent Drive would be sufficient for this petition. Furthermore, a preliminary survey by the Engineering Department shows no obvious problems for compliance. And there is precedent of this one-sided parking on the West-side of the street on the 100 block of South Rexford Drive, two blocks away from South Crescent Drive.

We appreciate the time you afforded us in your instructions, and your guidance, throughout the process of getting our petition completed.

Should you need additional information, please contact me at 310 858 3882.

Sincerely,



Li Yang
Lead Petitioner

Enclosure – Petition (6 pages)

Attachment B

Traffic & Parking Commission
City of Beverly Hills
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, Ca 90210

Honorable Members:

The undersigned are residents of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, California, and hereby petition for moving the one-sided parking from the East-side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, to the West-side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, without changing the current parking restrictions.

We have witnessed and can attest to the following facts and circumstances in support of the above change on our block:

- Reduce accidents, increase safety

There are three (3) multi-car garages with entrances/exits on the East-side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, but none on the West-side of the same block. By moving the one-sided street parking currently designated on the East-side, to the West-side of the street, will greatly reduce the chances of traffic accidents. Because cars, SUVs, and service vehicles, parked on the East-side of South Crescent Drive, block the view of at least fifty (50) cars, emerging daily from these garages, to thoroughfare traffic of South Crescent Drive, creating hazardous conditions. By moving the street parking to the West-side of the street, will not produce similar traffic concerns, since there is no garage entrance/exit on that side of the street.

- Increase the number of available parking spaces

Since there is no garage entrances on the West-side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, there will be more parking spaces available to the residents and the service people in the area, by moving the parking to the West-side of the street.

- More convenient parking

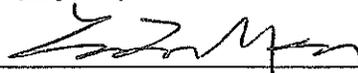
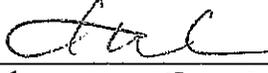
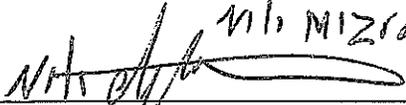
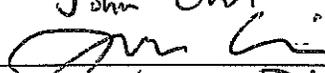
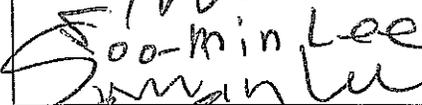
Residents of the West-side of the street use the majority of the daytime and overnight parking on the 100 block of South Crescent Drive. Most of the residents of the East-side of the street use their own parking garages. By moving the parking to the West-side of the street will make street parking more convenient for the users. At the same time, safer, since jaywalking is no longer needed to get to/from their cars.

- No change to the current parking restrictions

Very truly yours,

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Attachment B

Lead Petitioner	Address	Phone
Li Yang	120 South Crescent Drive, #301	310 858 3882
Petition for moving the one-sided parking from the <u>East- side</u> to the <u>West-side</u> of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, CA without changing the current parking restrictions.		
Printed Name & Signature	Address	
Li YANG 	120 S Crescent Drive, #301	
IRENE S. LEE 	120 S. Crescent Drive # 302	
G. SUSSTMAN G. SUSSTMAN	120 S. CRESCENT DR. #303	
J. MAH 	120 S. CRESCENT DR. #105	
Susan Tamir Susan Tamir	120 S. Crescent Dr # 104	
KATHIE PRESAS Kathie J. Presas	120 S. CRESCENT DR #102	
 Nili Mizrahi	130 S crescent dr # 1	
John Choi 	130 S crescent Dr. #3	
PAN IDY 	" #6	
KORRYA BROOKS 	130 S. crescent # 5	
Soo-min Lee 	132 S. crescent #103	
	132 S Crescent Dr #101	

Petition for 100 block of So. Crescent Dr.

Moving one-sided parking from East-side to West-side of the street

Printed Name & Signature	Address	
Lorna Adams Dorinda Novakoff	132 So. Crescent Dr #201	2
H. Nassar	140 S. Crescent Dr #A	
FRANCIS TOWARD Francis Toward	148 S. Crescent Dr #201	
RICHARD BAILEY Richard Bailey	144 S. Crescent Drive	
JIM HOLDRAFT Jim Holdraft	148 S. Crescent, #301	
AUDREY FORBIGHT Audrey Catright	152 S. Crescent Dr. #1	
KATHERINE BURGEE Katherine Burgess	153 S. Crescent Dr #8	1
SERASIAN LEE Serasian Lee	153 S. Crescent Dr. #7	2
Sheila Chapman-Vaughn Sheila Chapman-Vaughn	157 B S. Crescent Dr. #B	3
Scott Holmes Scott Holmes	151 C S. Crescent Dr	4
Tara Gray Stanford Tara Gray Stanford	145 A) S. Crescent Dr.	
Alta Berkman	141 S. Crescent #B	6
Johnnie Nally Johnnie Nally	129 S. Crescent	5
Robert Tercek ROBERT TERCEK	131 SOUTH CRESCENT	7
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petition for 100 blocks of South Crescent Drive

moving one-sided parking from East-side to West-side of the street

Printed Name & Signature	Address
Carol Stewart <i>Carol Stewart</i>	120 S. Crescent Drive # 304 B.H.
Jessica Frombach <i>Jessica Frombach</i>	125 S Crescent Dr. # 3 B.H.
SHARON TOWE <i>Sharon Towe</i>	137 S. Crescent Dr. # 3 B.H.
Victoria Hadden <i>Victoria Hadden</i>	142 S Crescent Dr. #A
Dawn McMahon <i>Dawn McMahon</i>	143 S. Crescent Dr. #D B.H. CA 90212
Michael J. Mearns <i>Michael J. Mearns</i>	152 S. Crescent Dr. #4 B.H. CA 90210
Frank Ha <i>Frank Ha</i>	152 S. Crescent Dr. # 2 B.H. 90212
Annamarie Griggs <i>Annamarie Griggs</i>	156 S. Crescent Dr # 2 B.H. 90212
Matt Coselli <i>Matt Coselli</i>	156 S. Crescent Dr # 3 B.H. 90212
Jason Massie <i>Jason Massie</i>	120 S. Crescent Dr. #103 B.H. 90212
Melanie Friedman <i>Melanie Friedman</i>	121 S. Crescent Dr. #D10 B.H. CA 90212
Patricia M. Lopez <i>Patricia M. Lopez</i>	121 S. Crescent Dr #E 11 B.H. - CA 90212
Tracey Jacoby <i>Tracey Jacoby</i>	125 S. Crescent Dr. #5 B.H., Ca. 90212
Paula Wildermoth <i>Paula Wildermoth</i>	125 S. Crescent Drive # 4 Berkeley Hills, CA 90212

PAULA WILDERMOTH

Petition for 100 blocks of South Crescent Drive
 moving one-sided parking from East-side to West-side of the street

Printed Name & Signature	Address	
EUN HEE KANG <i>Eun HEE KANG</i>	1335 CRESCENT APT #10 Beverly Hills CA 90212	14
Sylvette STEWARD <i>Sylvette STEWARD</i>	137 S. CRESCENT #1 Beverly Hills, CA 90212	15
Paola Utolia PAOLA UTOLIA	137 S. CRESCENT #2 Beverly Hills, CA 90212	16
<i>Helen Epstein</i> Helen Epstein Meredith Epstein	137 S. Crescent apt #5	17
<i>Meredith Epstein</i> Meredith Epstein	137 S. Crescent apt #9	18
Heather Thomas <i>Heather Thomas</i>	137 S. Crescent Dr. Apt. 10	9
Mark Hime MARK HIME	120 S. CRESCENT DR. #305	
Connie Hatz CONNIE HATZ	130 S. Crescent Dr #2	
John Klein <i>John Klein</i>	148 S. Crescent Dr. #101 Beverly Hills, CA 90212	
<i>John Sifuentes</i> John Sifuentes	133 S. Crescent Dr #15 Beverly Hills CA 90212	20
Ezra Berhor EZRA BERHOR	132 S. CRESCENT DR #301	50
<i>Beth Braun</i> Beth Braun	151A S. Crescent Dr, #21	21
<i>David Leibowitz</i> David Leibowitz	149 C S. Crescent DR.	22
Helen Choi <i>Helen Choi</i>	130 S. Crescent Dr. 123	

Petition for 100 block of South Crescent Drive

moving one-sided parking from East-side to the West side of the street

Printed Name & Signature	Address
JANE POSTA <i>Jane Posta</i>	126 S. CRESCENT #101
Jerome Rosenthal	125 S. CRESCENT #6 23
Maureen Smith <i>Maureen Smith</i>	133 South Crescent 24
Seth Grossman <i>Seth Grossman</i>	133 S Crescent #2 25
Amanda Richards <i>Amanda Richards</i>	142 S. CRESCENT DR.
CHRISTINE RENTEN <i>Christine Rente</i>	142 S CRESCENT DR "A" 60
M. Vincent Massey <i>M. Vincent Massey</i>	152 S. Crescent Drive
GARY DYNOWSKI <i>GARY</i>	156 Crescent #4 62

Gabriel Szasz

From: Gwen Hollcraft [gwen@hollcraft.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2007 11:50 AM
To: WebCBH TRANSPORTATION
Subject: FW: Parking 100 Block S. Crescent

To whom it may concern,

I live at 148 So. Crescent Drive #301. I am one of the families that has a driveway on the east side of Crescent. I have witnessed accidents as well as many near misses because of the in ability to actually see the cars coming from either direction as one pulls out.

I would really appreciate the parking moved to the west side of Crescent for the safety of my family and others on this street.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Gwen Hollcraft

Gabriel Szasz

From:

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 9:38 AM

To: WebCBH TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Request to Relocate On Street Parking to the West Side of South Crescent Drive

To The BH Traffic and Parking Commission:

I live on the 100 block of South Crescent Drive.

Firstly, I am quite distressed that you would have a public meeting at 9:30 am regarding something as important as changing the parking requirements on my street. Some of us have to work....

I think that this petition to change the parking only serves those who do not want people to turn around in their driveways. I can understand that point, but the argument that more spaces will be added on the west side of the street is of little import to me because as it is now, there are so many people who illegally park in my neighborhood, more spaces will just allow more people to illegally park.

I believe that the parking places should remain on the east side. In fact, I think that parking should be allowed on both sides of the street. I believe that some streets in BH have that sort of parking. I would really like to have more parking spaces because I do fear for my safety when I come in late from work and have to park blocks from my house. I know BH is safer than most cities, but if you read the police log, the neighborhoods just south of Wilshire seem to be targets for the most crime such as robberies, assaults and burglaries. In fact, last evening I noticed a rather large man crouched between 2 cars on the opposite side of my building as I was walking to my house. That was pretty scary. Adding parking on both sides of the street would certainly help single women—and men- have parking closer to their doors which would alleviate the chance of becoming any type of crime victim.

I would like a feasibility study to be done regarding the 100 block of South Crescent Drive regarding the possibility of having parking on both sides of the street. I would also like the lack of parking enforcement to be addressed on my block and surrounding neighborhoods where I am allowed to park. I understand that the parking exemption line is being curtailed after 9pm in the evening because of lack of funds and the inability to hire good people. Have lack of funds contributed to such lax parking enforcement in BH? I feel that my safety is at stake. To tell you the truth, I pay to park on my city's streets, and to be honest, BH has such a gold standard attached to its environs, that I expect that a safer environment may be achieved by having more parking spaces on the 100 block (parking on both sides of the street) and better parking enforcement that allows me to park closer to my front door.

Thank you for listening.

I would like a follow up call or letter, please.

Sincerely,

M. Smith

**Request to Relocate On-Street Parking
to the West Side of the 100 Block of South Crescent Drive**

**The Beverly Hills Traffic & Parking Commission will review this topic
on March 1, 2007 at 9:30am**

The Department of Transportation received a petition from the residents of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive requesting that the on-street parking currently located only on the east side of the block be relocated to the west side of the block. As requested there would be no change to the parking regulation. Based on staff's evaluation, the relocation of parking to the west side of the block is feasible and would increase the on-street capacity by approximately five (5) parking spaces.

To express your views on this request, you are encouraged to attend the **March 1, 2007** Traffic & Parking Commission meeting, or send your comments in writing by mail, email or fax. All correspondences received will be presented to the full Commission for their review at the meeting. The Commission begins review of the formal agenda at 9:30am Room 180A in City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive.

If you have any questions, please call me at (310) 285-2500.

Sincerely,

Gabriel S. Szasz
Transportation Planning Analyst

February 15, 2007

A detailed Commission packet is available for review in the Library and the City Clerk's Office.



In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call the Transportation Department at (310) 285-2500 at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting so that reasonable arrangements can be made to ensure accessibility. Council Chambers is equipped with audio equipment for the hearing impaired, and is wheelchair accessible.

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

CITY HALL ROOM 180-A

MINUTES

TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

March 1, 2007

9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL – 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT: FRIEDMAN, GOLDMAN, BRAUN, SILVER, GOLD, SEFF
ABSENT: MILKOWSKI

Vice Chair GOLD entered the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Commissioner BRAUN entered the meeting at 10:28 a.m. and left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

STUDY SESSION - 9 a.m.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – 9:06 a.m.

Lt. Mike Gilmore provided an update on Police Department activities including a monthly traffic report indicating collisions and enforcement activities. Lt. Gilmore reported that the Traffic Bureau and Police Department facilitated traffic for the pre-Oscars screening at the Beverly Hills Hotel on February 24, 2007. The Police Department also successfully controlled traffic for the Golden Globes and the Walk of Style events.

Lt. Gilmore informed the Commission of actions the Police Department undertook in compliance with a letter regarding traffic gridlock at Santa Monica Blvd. and Wilshire Blvd. It included the deployment of two Traffic Control Officers from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Commissioner GOLDMAN suggested adding to the work plan a fee increases for repeat offenders. Transportation Operations Manager, Brett McMacken, stated that extracting information and looking at the successive violators can determine the prevalence of the issue. Mr. Kunz added that evaluating how well other Cities' parking program works before acting on such a program can determine the worthiness of a progressive penalty approach.

The Commission prioritized the following work plan items in order of importance: Olympic Blvd. peak hour restrictions (6 votes), parking practices (5 votes) and successive violations (5 votes), and residential parking items (2 votes).

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS (ORAL) – 11:58 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – 9:30 a.m.*

(Speakers wishing to address the Commission will be limited to three minutes.)

There were no speakers.

ACTION ITEMS – 9:35 a.m.*

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner GOLDMAN requested an addition to the minutes to reflect the reason of his early exit from the February 1, 2007 Traffic & Parking Commission meeting.

Motioned by FRIEDMAN, seconded by SILVER

5/0 To approve to reflect the reason of Commissioner GOLDMAN's early exit from the meeting on February 1, 2007.

AYES: FRIEDMAN, GOLDMAN, SILVER, GOLD, SEFF

NOES:

ABSENT: MILKOWSKI, BRAUN

ABSTAIN:

CARRIED:

2. 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH CRESCENT DRIVE – RESIDENT REQUEST TO RELOCATE PARKING FROM EAST SIDE TO WEST SIDE OF THE BLOCK

Commissioner BRAUN was recused from the 100 Crescent Drive item due to proximity of a family member's residence to the proposal to relocate street parking.

Transportation Planning Analyst, Gabriel Szasz, reported to the Commission an overview of traffic and parking conditions on the 100 block of South Crescent Drive. The reason for the petition is residents of the east side of the block expressed they have little visibility

when exiting their driveways. As the west side of the block has no driveways, relocating parking to the west side of the block will result in more parking spaces and easier exiting on the block. He noted that the Engineering and Fire Department reported no objections for the petition request.

Mr. Kunz noted that the City does not have a formal process to change parking from one side of the street to the other side; however, staff will forward the request to the City Council for final action.

Mr. Szasz provided the Commission a letter from the lead petitioner, an additional resident letter of support, and a resident letter opposing the petition request.

Deputy Director of Transportation, Aaron Kunz, pointed out that about four years ago the Neighborhood Traffic Management suggested parking on both sides of the street to have an advantage of slowing traffic down. However, residents were opposed to having parking on both sides of the street.

Li Yang, the lead petitioner and resident of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, expressed her concern for the safety of the residents due to the ongoing accidents when pulling out of driveways.

Tom Hayuslek, resident of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, spoke in support for the request to relocate the on-street parking from the east side to the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive. Mr. Hayuskek stated he was involved in a car accident when exiting his subterranean garage.

Michael Kalmms, resident of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, stated he was involved in a car accident where his car was totaled and expressed his support for the request to relocate the on-street parking from the east side to the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive.

Vice Chair GOLD entered the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Sebastian Lee, resident of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive, expressed opposition for the request to relocate the on-street parking from the east side to the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive and provided a diagram to the Commission illustrating safety issues if the petition request is approved.

Mr. Szasz noted that the lead petitioner received 25 signatures from the west side of the block illustrating her efforts to conduct a fair petition.

Vice Chair GOLD expressed that he once witnessed a car accident on the 100 block of South Crescent Drive.

Commissioner GOLDMAN requested to extend the red zone south of the alley on the west side of the street. He also acknowledged the benefits of relocating parking from the east side of the street to the west side of the street. Commissioner GOLDMAN inquired on the safety levels of Crescent Drive and Wilshire Blvd. intersection. Traffic Engineer,

Bijan Vaziri, reported that the City recently modified signal operations at that intersection. The addition of a left turning arrow has decreased the amount of car accidents.

Commissioner SILVER spoke in favor of the petition request to relocate the on-street parking from the east side to the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive. Commissioner SILVER expressed that it will be safer for residents and will give emergency vehicles better access to the fire hydrants located on the southwest corner of Crescent Drive. Commissioner FRIEDMAN and Vice Chair GOLD also support the petition request.

Chair SEFF echoed his support for the petition request to relocate the on-street parking from the east side to the west side of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive,

Motioned by GOLDMAN, seconded by GOLD

5/0 Motion to accept the staff proposal to recommend to the City Council to relocate parking to the west side of the 100 block of Crescent Drive as well as extend the red zone on the south west corner of the alley. As a result, the west side would be designated as permit zone "Q" and the east side would be "No Stopping Anytime."

AYES: FRIEDMAN, GOLDMAN, SILVER, GOLD, SEFF

NOES:

ABSENT: MILKOWSKI

RECUSED: BRAUN

ABSTAIN:

CARRIED:

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by GOLD, seconded by SILVER

5/0 Motioned to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

AYES: FRIEDMAN, GOLDMAN, SILVER, GOLD, SEFF

NOES:

ABSENT: MILKOWSKI

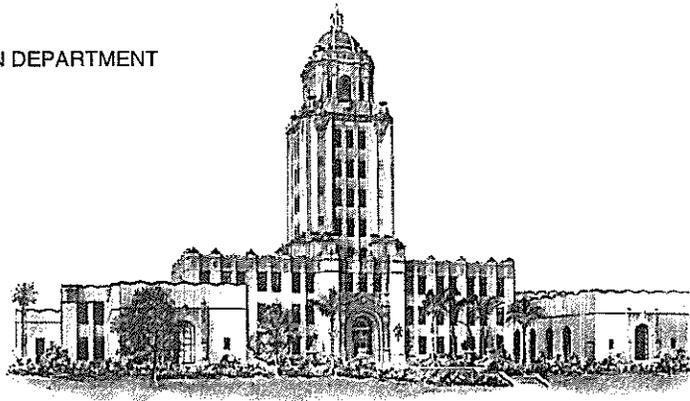
ABSTAIN:

CARRIED:

ATTACHMENT 5

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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Request to Relocate On-Street Parking to the West Side of the 100 Block of South Crescent Drive

REMINDER NOTICE

**The Beverly Hills City Council will consider this request at its
November 13, 2007, Meeting at 7:30pm**

The City received a petition from the residents of the 100 block of South Crescent Drive requesting that the on-street parking currently located on the east side of the block be relocated to the west side of the block. Likewise, the petition requests that the existing "No Stopping" regulation be relocated to the east side of the block. As requested, there would be no change to the existing "1-Hour" Permit Parking Zone "Q" regulation. Based on staff's evaluation, the relocation of parking to the west side of the block is feasible and would increase the on-street capacity by approximately five (5) parking spaces.

To express your views on this request, you are encouraged to attend the **November 13, 2007**, City Council meeting, or send your comments in writing by mail, email or fax. All correspondences received will be presented to the City Council for their review at the meeting. The City Council begins review of the formal agenda at **7:30pm** in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive.

If you have any questions, please call me at (310) 285-2500.

Sincerely,

Gabriel S. Szasz
Transportation Planning Analyst

October 31, 2007