



staff report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

ATTENTION: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager

FROM: Len Gorecki, Director of Public Works
Jerry Stock, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to install red curb parking restrictions at 16925 Bellflower Boulevard fronting Walnut Street (C.E. #16-08).

DATE: July 11, 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 21, 2016, the Public Safety Commission considered and subsequently recommended the installation of the proposed red zone to the City Council, pursuant to Bellflower Municipal Code (“BMC”) Chapter 10.04. This action would approve and authorize the installation of approximately twenty-five feet of red curb parking restrictions at 16925 Bellflower Boulevard fronting Walnut Street.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- 1) Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to install red curb parking restrictions at 16925 Bellflower Boulevard fronting Walnut Street; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost to install the on-street parking restrictions is \$100.00. The required funds are budgeted within the current fiscal year budget.

DISCUSSION

The City recently received a request from a resident that the City install red curb parking restrictions along the north side of Walnut Street just west of Bellflower Boulevard. The proposed red zone is indicated on the attached aerial photograph.

Vehicles parked along the north side of Walnut Street impact the ability for vehicles making a right turn when traveling southbound on Bellflower Boulevard onto westbound Walnut Street. This is caused by the narrow width of Walnut Street, which is 30 feet in width. To enhance vehicle safety, the City initially proposed to install fifty feet of red curb parking at 16925 Bellflower Boulevard fronting Walnut Street. This would result in the loss of two on-street parking spaces.

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On June 8, 2016, the City Engineer provided notice to area residents of this request and that this matter would be brought before the Public Safety Commission (PSC) at its June 21, 2016, meeting.

During the June 21, 2016, PSC meeting, an employee of the Dialysis Education Center located at 16925 Bellflower Boulevard spoke in opposition of the request. The employee stated that if parking could be made available in the private parking lot located immediately north of the Café Camellia restaurant, then the business would accept the proposed red curb. After discussion, the PSC approved staff’s recommendation to install fifty feet and the City Engineer provided the employee with contact information for the owner of the private parking lot.

Following the June 21, 2016, PSC meeting, the owner of the Dialysis Education Center contacted and subsequently met with the City Engineer to express his opposition stating the need for the preservation of the two on-street parking spaces. He stated that the public parking lot located east of Bellflower Boulevard fronting the south side of Walnut is not viable as it is too far for his employees to walk after dark. He also stated that he would possibly pursue use of the private parking lot, but is still in opposition to any red curb. After meeting with the business owner and conducting a site visit, the business owner agreed to a total of 25 feet of red curb parking restrictions rather than the original 50 feet proposed and approved by the PSC. It is noted that approximately 16 feet of red curb currently exists and we would simply be extending the existing red curb from 16 to 25 feet (9 feet of additional red curb). The 25 feet of red curb will help alleviate the congestion at the intersection while preserving the loss of on-street parking.

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**Proposed 50' Red Curb Parking Restrictions
16925 Bellflower Boulevard fronting Walnut Street**



Scale: 1 in = 80 ft

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June 8, 2016

SUBJECT: Notification of Pending Changes – Red Curb Parking Restrictions at 16925 Bellflower Boulevard fronting Walnut Street

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

This letter is to inform you of the proposed change described below.

The City is proposing to install approximately 50' of red curb parking restrictions at 16925 Bellflower Boulevard fronting Walnut Street. The proposed red zone is indicated on the attached aerial photograph.

This item will be discussed at the City of Bellflower's Public Safety Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. The meeting will be held at Bellflower City Hall in the City Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

You are welcome to make your concerns known to the City prior to June 21, 2016 or by presenting them at the June 21st Public Safety meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (562) 804-1424, extension 2218.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerald Stock", written over a white background.

Gerald Stock, P.E.
City Engineer

Enclosure: Aerial Photograph

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Jerry Stock - walnut st.

From: william bond <cashbond@live.com>
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Date: 5/24/2016 8:44 PM
Subject: walnut st.

Jerry,

I am following up with you on what we talked about at the neighborhood watch meeting last Thursday. My concern was that when you are turning west onto Walnut St. from Bellflower Blvd. there is no room for two cars (going west on Walnut and going east) because of the parked cars at the entrance of the street. I suggested that if that area of the street was painted red, then the cars would have more room entering and leaving Walnut St. As I have turned onto Walnut from Bellflower I have stalled traffic because there was only room for one car to exit Walnut because of all the parked cars. It is too con-jested in that one spot.

Thank you for listening to my concern as I have lived on Walnut St. for 42 years.

If you have any questions, feel free to call. 562 569-1222

Sincerely,

William Bond