

THE PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL HELD A CAUCUS MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022, AT 7:00 PM. AT THE GARDENS OF PARK HILLS, 1622 DIXIE HIGHWAY WITH MAYOR, KATHY ZEMBRODT PRESIDING.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: PAMELA SPOOR, SARAH FROELICH, STEVE ELKINS, JOE SHIELDS, TONY DARIN AND DR. KEVIN DOWNES

ALSO PRESENT: CITY ATTORNEY, DANIEL BRAUN

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Before the meeting began, Ms. Jasmine Costas asked to speak regarding her, and her husband's, encroachment permit for a parking pad in front of their Audubon Road home. She began by saying that they thought it was a good idea to put in a parking pad to get cars off the road in front of the stop sign. A parking pad would help provide parking for everyone on the street. Ms. Costas claimed she went to the PDS who told her she would need to come to the city. She stated that the Mayor seemed adverse to the idea. She said the line painted on the street by the stop sign feels like retaliation and that the line is 30' instead of the recommended 20'. Ms. Costas went on to say that many houses have this style of pad, including Altavia Avenue. She was told there were no permits given, but rather a handshake agreement. She wonders when and/or why they were approved. She thanked Mayor and Council for their time.

Mayor Zembrodt replied by reading the letter that was emailed to the Costas which read:

'Based on your open records request for the properties on Altavia having parking pads as well as 1224 Amsterdam Road property.

No list exists for any of the requested information.

We do not have any encroachment permits for any of these available to review because the properties on Altavia had parking pads since the 1920's when people paid to park on them as well as no parking from 2 am to 6 am. The street was so narrow that you couldn't pass another vehicle and needed widening. That street was reconstructed in 2015; the street was widened a bit and the sidewalk moved to the other side and those who had pads negotiated to get rid of or keep. The pads became part of the public parking on that street, allowing anyone to park on any one of them. It is one of the oldest and properties were 40' wide.

As for 1224 Amsterdam. That was a permit issued by PDS in 2019 # (BZ10-6-0331) to replace wall and drive and deck, where the wall was pushed back to allow for a perpendicular pad next to the driveway.

Hopefully, this helps your investigation of parking in the city.'

The Mayor stated when she met with the Costa's it was about following the rules and keeping people safe. She also told them the decision would be made by Council. She

added that the 30' paint by the stop sign is a state rule. She hired Mr. Finke to freshen up all the painted lines throughout the city.

I. Discussions

A. Golf carts

It was discussed previously to form a sub committee to discuss the use of golf carts and make a decision. Dr. Downes suggested waiting until after January 1st when the new Council is in. Ms. Froelich believes this is something that the Infrastructure Committee should address. Mr. Darin agrees with Ms. Froelich. Ms. Spoor reminded everyone that without an Ordinance, golf carts are not allowed on city streets. Mr. Braun had previously drafted a golf cart Ordinance which was tabled for further review. Ms. Spoor believes this is more of a safety issue and would like to hear what the PD has to say. Ms. Froelich stated she saw someone on Cecelia driving a golf cart and nothing was being done about it. The Mayor stated Chief Stanley has been addressing these drivers and making them clear about the rules. Mayor Zembrodt stated that instead of having a committee, just clarify they are illegal by not having an Ordinance in place.

B. Traffic calming

Mayor Zembrodt added this to the agenda to address additional traffic the new bridge may cause in the city. She would like to see the Infrastructure Committee have a plan in place to help with traffic calming.

Mr. Shields would like to have the committee look into and perhaps also look at getting grants and/or talk to state legislators for some help. He added that this concern may be beyond us and will require special attention. He would like to work with other communities on how to handle any excess traffic in our cities. Ms. Froelich agrees that this should be a countywide effort.

Ms. Spoor stated that Park Hills has 2 main corridors in Dixie Highway and Amsterdam Road with connecting side streets. Mr. Elkins said he will reach out to Mayor Hatter tomorrow and set a date soon to discuss. The Mayor stated that an OKI representative wants to come to a future Business Meeting, perhaps in December, for residents to attend with questions and answers.

C. Parking

Mayor Zembrodt began by saying the FD has a difficult time getting trucks over upper Jackson Road and would like ideas on options, especially if they are having company. Mr. Shields said he, and his neighbors, share driveways if extra space is needed.

Mayor Zembrodt is working to get the light shielded at Tapestry Ridge. The landscaping there has started.

Ms. Spoor found it distasteful that Ms. Costas brought up the stop sign paint as retaliation stating these lines are at all the stop signs. Ms. Froelich asked if the city should correct its Ordinance to reflect the 30' line state law. The Mayor said it could be brought up at tomorrow's Z21 meeting. Mr. Darin asked if the city's Ordinance supersedes the state law. The Mayor said she would ask Mr. Braun.

Mayor Zembrodt would also like a decision made regarding the Costas parking pad at the next meeting. Mr. Darin asked if past Council(s) had handshake agreements as mentioned by Ms. Costas. The Mayor replied they did not for perpendicular pads and that they went through the PDS. Discussion turned to the Altavia Avenue parking pads.

Ms. Froelich asked Mr. Shield if he is planning an Economic Development meeting. Mr. Shields replied that he is but that the PDS meeting he needs to attend is the same night. Ms. Froelich stated she could manage the meeting and asked if it could be moved to 7 pm. Mr. Shields stated it did not matter to him. Ms. Froelich will let the clerk know so that the meeting can be posted on the city's calendar.

8:15 Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shields; seconded by Dr. Downes

Mayor, Kathy Zembrodt

ATTEST:

City Clerk