

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION – MARCH 4, 2008: WILSON STREET REOPENING

From: Keith G. Jones
Dept.: Public Works
Date: May 13, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To forward the recommendation of the March 4, 2008 Traffic Commission meeting to remove the existing "No Parking (9 p.m. to 6 a.m.)" signs and road closure on Wilson Street from Garden Grove Boulevard to Larson Avenue.

BACKGROUND

Staff received a request to remove the existing "No Parking (9 p.m. to 6 a.m.)" signs that are posted alongside Wilson Street from Garden Grove Boulevard to Larson Avenue. The request was made so that more on-street parking can be provided.

In reviewing the area, staff discovered that in addition to the signage, Wilson Street is closed to southbound traffic from Garden Grove Boulevard. Research into this matter revealed that both of these restrictions were the result of a 1997 Resolution that attempted to reduce traffic volumes on Wilson Street. The need for this Resolution was attributed to "The Adult Book Store" located at the southwest corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Wilson Street. The nature of the business was creating crime and traffic problems prompting the Police Department and Traffic Engineering to forward the Resolution to City Council.

DISCUSSION

In 2006, "The Adult Book Store" went out of business. A restaurant, Tofu Village, is currently in operation at the southwest corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Wilson Street. Because of the change in use, the problems have gone away and the need to restrict parking and access on Wilson Street no longer remains.

This item was presented at the March 4, 2008 Traffic Commission meeting. After discussion, the Traffic Commission recommended removal of the signs and road closure.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to remove the signs and guard rail closure is approximately \$2,000. There are funds available in the current budget.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

This project is consistent with the community vision for improving the transportation system as well as the safe and efficient flow of traffic.

RECOMMENDATION


It is recommended that the City Council

1. Approve the recommendation of the Traffic Commission to remove the existing "No Parking (9 p.m. to 6 a.m.)" signs and road closure on Wilson Street from Garden Grove Boulevard to Larson Avenue.
2. Approve a new Resolution with appropriate finding directing the reopening of southbound traffic on Wilson Street.


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Director of Public Works


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Approved for Agenda Listing


Matthew Fertal
City Manager

- Attachments: No. 1 - Vicinity Map
No. 2 - March 4, 2008 Traffic Commission Excerpt
No. 3 - 1997 Resolution
No. 4 - Proposed Resolution