

NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA REPORT FOR OCTOBER 12, 2022

**ITEM NO. 2022-10**

**ITEM TITLE:** REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 920 PLEASANT LANE

**PREPARED BY:** Luca Zappiello, Assistant Engineer – Civil Engineering & Public Works Department

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Gerardo Zavala, resident of 920 Pleasant Lane has requested a blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of his residence. The resident possesses a valid disabled persons placard from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. The resident stated that it is difficult for him to find parking in front of his residence due to the high demand of parking in the area and that a disabled persons parking space in front of his residence would provide easier access to the house. The resident has a manual gate and cited financial hardship as the reason for being unable to upgrade to an automatic gate.

Staff visited the site and observed that the residence has a driveway entrance and no garage. With his permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway. The driveway is 19 feet long by 13 feet wide with 2.5%-4% slope. The minimum dimensions for a driveway to accommodate a vehicle with a disabled driver or passenger is 20 feet long by 12 feet wide and a 2% slope. This condition is not met since the dimensions of the driveway do not meet the minimum parking requirements for disabled persons.

The City Council has adopted a policy which is used to evaluate requests for disabled persons parking spaces. The City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy requirements for "Special Hardship" cases are as follows:

1. Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of valid license plates or placard for "disabled persons" or "disabled veterans". *This condition is met.*
2. The proposed disabled parking space must be in front (or side if on a corner lot) of the applicant's (or guardian's) place of residence. *This condition is met.*
3. The residence must not have useable off-street parking available or an off-street space available that may be converted into disabled parking. *This condition is met.*

It shall be noted that disabled persons parking spaces do not constitute "personal reserved parking" and that any person with valid "disabled persons" license plates or placards may park in handicap spaces.

Please see attached exhibit for the location of existing blue curb disabled persons parking spaces within a 4-block radius from the proposed location for this request.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Since all three conditions of the City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy for "Special Hardship" cases are met, staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 920 Pleasant Lane.

**EXHIBITS:**

1. Public Request Form
2. Public Notice
3. Location Map
4. Location Map showing existing blue curb parking spaces in the area
5. Photos
6. City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy

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**Request for Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space**

Name of Applicant: Gerardo Zavala R  
Name of Disabled Person (if different from above): Gerardo Zavala  
Address: 920 Pleasant Ln National City  
Email: Gerardo2932@gmail.com Phone Number: 619 554 6473

Please answer the following questions, which will assist Engineering Department Staff, the Traffic Safety Committee, and your City Council in determining if you are qualified to have a blue curb disabled persons parking space placed in front of your residence. Please be informed that all blue curb parking spaces are considered public parking. Therefore, any registered vehicle in possession of a disabled persons placard or license plate is legally allowed to park in the blue curb space for up to 72 continuous hours.

1. Do you possess a valid disabled person's placard issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)?  
 YES       NO  
If YES, please include a copy of the placard, which contains name, address, placard number, and expiration date along with this request form.

2. Does your residence have a garage?  
 YES       NO  
If answered YES, is the garage large enough to park a vehicle (minimum of 20' x 12')?  
 YES       NO

3. Does your residence have a driveway?  
 YES       NO  
If answered YES, please refer to the following questions:  
a. Is the driveway large enough to park a vehicle (minimum of 20' x 12')?  
 YES       NO  
b. Is the driveway level?  
 YES       NO  
c. Is the driveway sloped/inclined?  
 YES       NO

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** Luca Zappiello  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:20 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Traffic Safety Committee - Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. via Zoom  
**Attachments:** Meeting Agenda\_October\_12\_2022.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sir/Madame:

The City of National City would like to invite you to our next public Traffic Safety Committee Conference Call scheduled for **Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.** via Zoom. Please see attached the meeting agenda and use the following information to call-in to the meeting during the scheduled time:

*Join Zoom Meeting from computer*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88407283642?pwd=SUdvcEI4TTJCU2tEMzNubHhIZkZ5UT09>

*Join Zoom Meeting by phone*

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!



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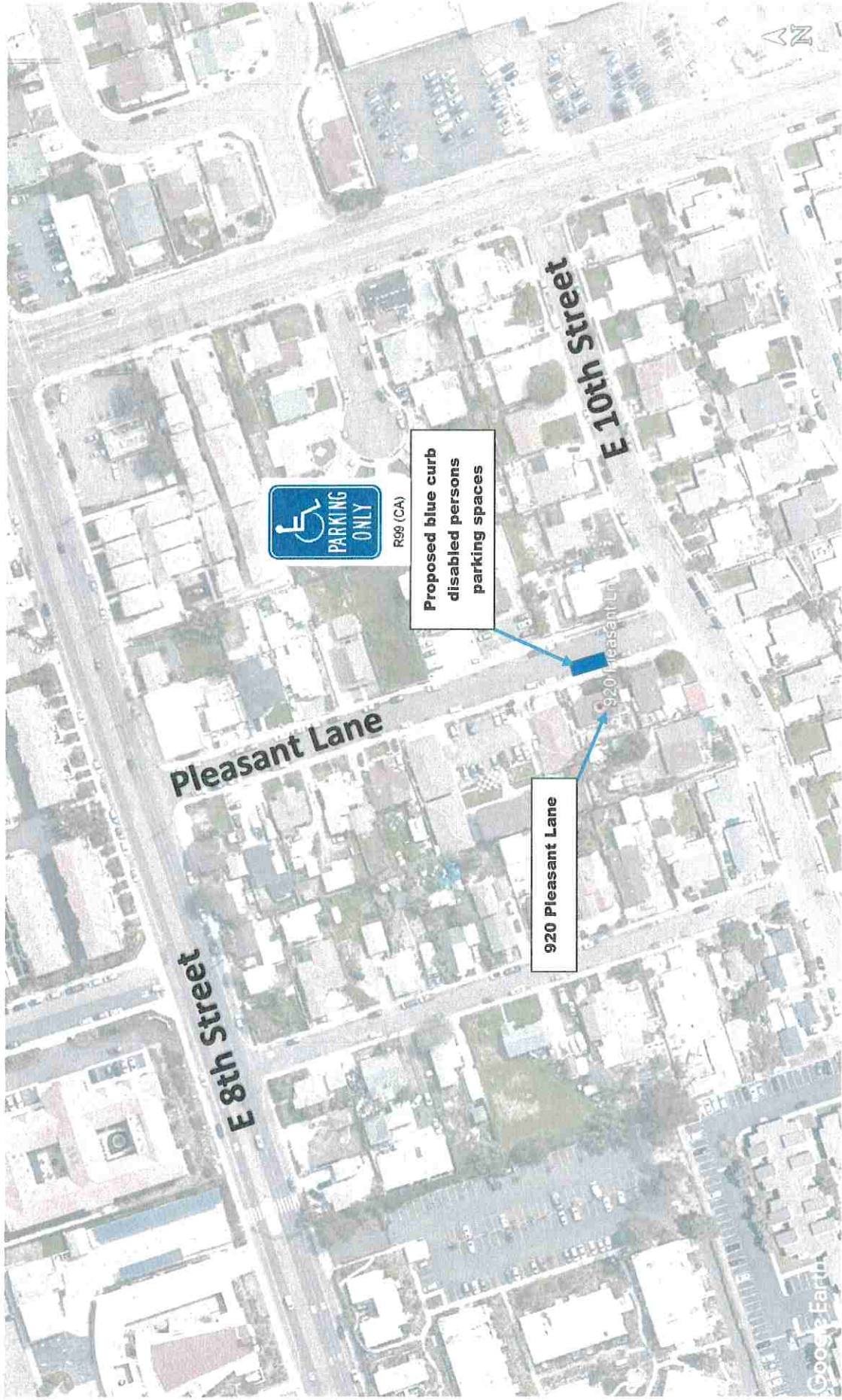
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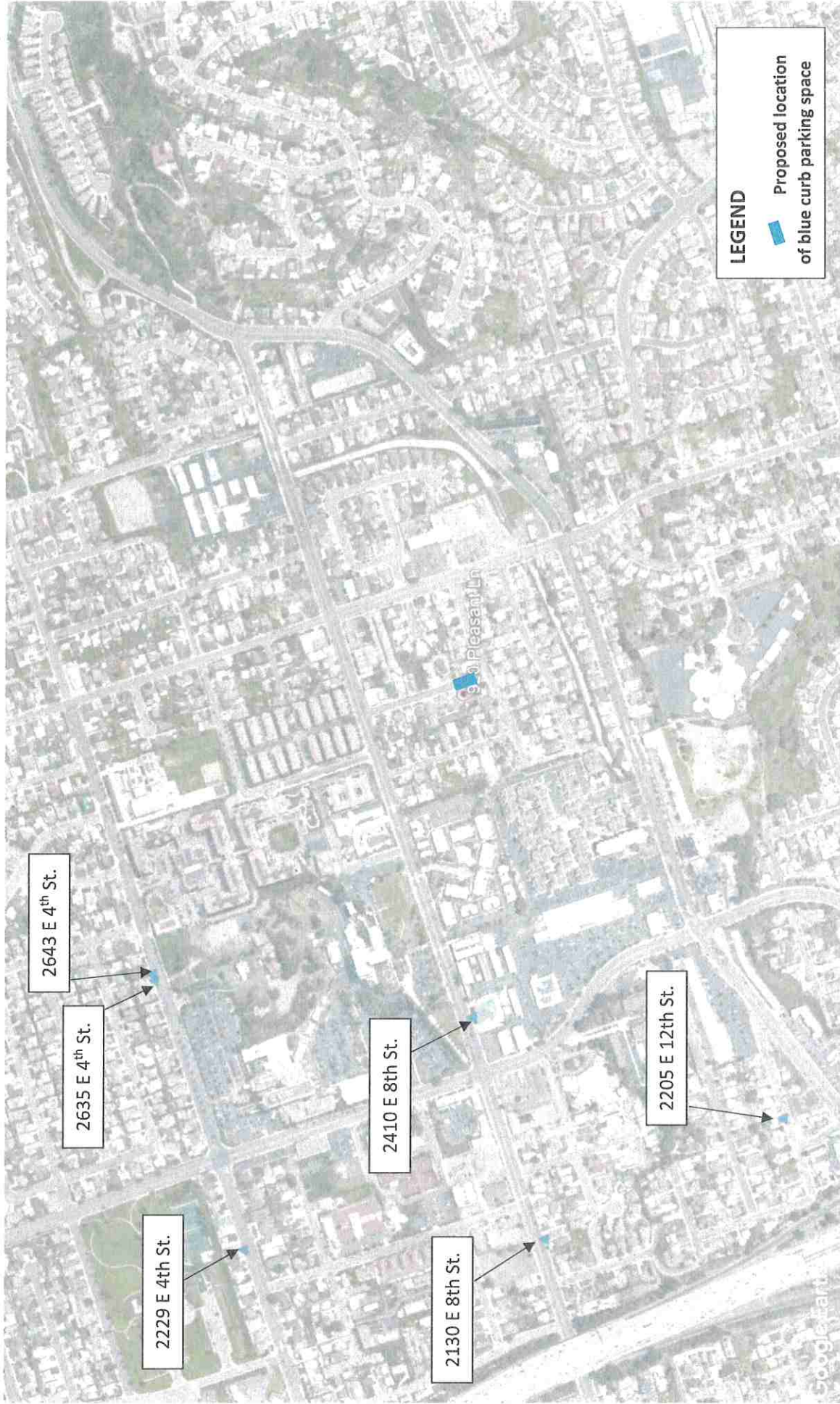
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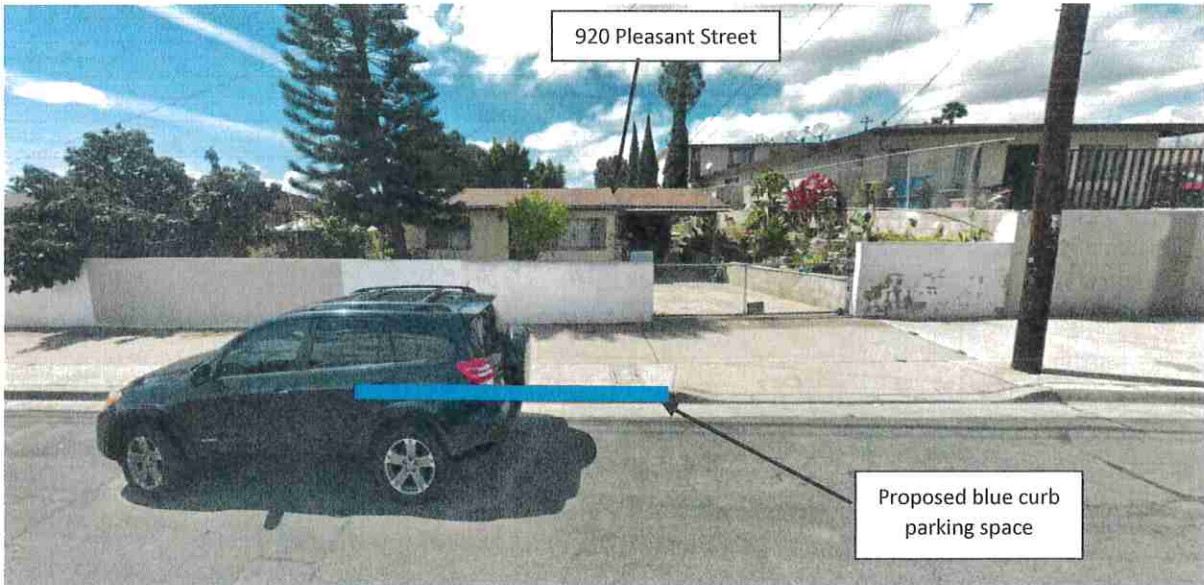
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Exhibit A: Location Map with Recommended Enhancements (TSC Item: 2022-10)



# Exhibit B: Location Map Showing Existing Blue Curb Parking Spaces (TSC Item: 2022-10)





Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 920 Pleasant Lane (looking west)



Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 920 Pleasant Ln. (looking south)

## **DISABLED PERSONS PARKING POLICY**

The purpose of a disabled persons parking zone is to provide designated parking spaces at major points of assembly for the exclusive use of physically disabled persons whose vehicle displays a distinguishing license plate as authorized by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

The City Council may upon recommendation of the City Engineer, designate specially marked and posted on-street parking spaces for disabled persons pursuant to California Vehicle Code 21101, et seq. at the following facilities:

1. Government buildings serving the public such as administration buildings, public employment offices, public libraries, police stations, etc.
2. Hospitals and convalescent homes with more than 75-bed capacity.
3. Medical facilities and doctors' offices staffed by a maximum of five practitioners. Zones shall be located to serve a maximum number of facilities on one block.
4. Community service facilities such as senior citizens service centers, etc.
5. Accredited vocational training and educational facilities where no off-street parking is provided for disabled persons.
6. Employment offices for major enterprises employing more than 200 persons.
7. Public recreational facilities including municipal swimming pools, recreation halls, museums, etc.
8. Public theaters, auditoriums, meeting halls, arenas, stadiums with more than 300 seating capacity.
9. Other places of assembly such as schools and churches.
10. Commercial and/or office building(s) with an aggregate of more than 50,000 square feet of usable floor space. Zone shall be located to serve a maximum number of facilities on one block.
11. Hotels catering to daily guests, maintaining a ground floor lobby and a switchboard that is operated 24 hours per day.



12. A hotel or apartment house catering to weekly or monthly guests and containing more than 30 separate living units.

In addition, disabled persons parking spaces may be provided within all publicly owned, leased or controlled off-street parking facilities as specified in the General Requirements.

### **General Requirements**

Each disabled persons parking space shall be indicated by blue paint and a sign (white on blue) showing the international symbol of accessibility (a profile view of a wheelchair with occupant).

Where installed under the above criteria the total number of disabled persons curb parking spaces will be limited to 3% of the total number of on-street parking spaces available in the area and shall be distributed uniformly within the area.

Disabled persons parking will not be installed at locations with a full-time parking prohibition. When a disabled persons parking zone is installed where a part-time parking prohibition is in effect, the disabled persons parking zone will have the same time restrictions as the part-time parking prohibition.

The cost of installing disabled persons parking will be assumed by the City on public streets and public off-street parking facilities.

In establishing on-street parking facilities for the disabled there shall be a reasonable determination made that the need is of an on-going nature. The intent is to prevent the proliferation of special parking stalls that may be installed for a short-term purpose but later are seldom used. Unjustified installation of such parking stalls unnecessarily increases the City's maintenance and operations costs, reduce available on-street parking for the general public, and detract from the overall effectiveness of the disabled persons parking program.

### **Special Hardship Cases**

It is not the intention of the City to provide personal reserved parking on the public right-of-way, especially in residential areas. However, exceptions may be made, in special hardship cases, provided all of the following conditions exists:

- (1) Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of valid license plates for "disabled persons" or "disabled veterans."
- (2) The proposed disabled parking space must be in front of the applicant's (or guardian's) place of residence.

- (3) Subject residence must not have useable off-street parking available or off-street space available that may be converted into disabled parking.

NOTE: It must be emphasized that such parking spaces do not constitute "personal reserved parking" and that any person with valid "disabled persons" license plates may park in the above stalls.

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