



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering and Public Works
Prepared by: Luca Zappiello, Assistant Engineer - Civil
Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Approved by: Brad Raulston, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 421 Rachael Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 421 Rachael Avenue.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

The Traffic Safety Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation for the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 421 Rachael Avenue.

EXPLANATION:

Mrs. Olivia Hill and Mrs. Sheri Hill residents of 421 Rachael Avenue, have requested two blue curb disabled persons parking spaces in front of their residence. The residents possess valid disabled persons placards from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Mrs. Olivia Hill stated that there are five people living in the house and each of them has a vehicle. Mrs. Hill stated that since it is difficult for them to find parking in front of their residence they all have to park their vehicles along their driveway, crowding the driveway and making it challenging to exit. Mrs. Hill stated that a disabled persons parking space in front of their residence would provide easier access to the house.

Staff visited the site and observed that the residence has a driveway entrance and garage. With permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway and the garage. The driveway is 96 feet long by 22 feet wide with a varying slope of 4-8%. The garage is 14 feet wide with negligible slope, however, staff was unable to measure the length/depth of the garage since it is currently used for storage and is inaccessible. Mrs. Olivia Hill stated that the garage is long enough to accommodate her accessible van. The minimum dimensions for a driveway and garage to accommodate a vehicle with a disabled driver or passenger is 20 feet long by 12 feet wide with a slope of 2% or less.

These conditions are not met since the slope 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. *The resident has a garage big enough to accommodate one vehicle, however, it is not big enough to accommodate two vehicles. For this reason, the resident has off-street parking for one vehicle and does not have off-street parking for the second vehicle.*

This item was presented to the Traffic Safety Committee on October 12, 2022. Staff sent notices to area residents inviting them to Zoom-in or call-in to the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting and/or contact staff with any questions. Mrs. Olivia Hill was present and he spoke in support of the installation of the blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of his residence.

Staff presented the results of the site evaluation to the Traffic Safety Committee and after discussion, the Traffic Safety Committee voted to approve staff's recommendation for the installation of one blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 421 Rachael Avenue.

The applicant for this request was informed that handicap 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.

Staff is working on a parking implementation plan that will make recommendations to modify Title 11 of the National City Municipal Code to manage future blue curb requests as the City is receiving an increase in the amount of requests for blue curb disabled persons parking spaces. Please see attached Exhibit "B" for the location of existing blue curb disabled persons parking spaces within a 4-block radius from the proposed location for this request.

If approved by City Council, all work will be performed by City Public Works.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

N/A

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Public Safety

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A - Map

Exhibit B - Map

Exhibit C - Staff Report to the Traffic Safety Committee on October 12, 2022 (TSC No. 2022-09)

Exhibit D - Resolution