



City of Arts & Innovation

Transportation Board

TO: TRANSPORTATION BOARD **DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2019**
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARD: 2**
SUBJECT: ABERNATHY DRIVE AND FAIR ISLE DRIVE – REVISION OF TIMED PARKING ZONE

ISSUE:

Consideration of revision of the parking zone on the west side of Fair Isle Drive from Lockerton Lane to Abernathy Drive and Abernathy Drive on the park frontage to change the zone duration from “No Parking between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.” to “No Parking between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transportation Board recommend that the City Council approve the parking zone revision on the west side of Fair Isle Drive from Lockerton Lane to Abernathy Drive and Abernathy Drive on the park frontage to change the zone duration from “No Parking between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.” to “No Parking between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.”

BACKGROUND:

Due to park patrons utilizing parks during early morning and late evening hours, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) re-evaluated park hours. Based on a review of ten cities, PRCSD updated park closure hours to 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for developed parks and a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise for undeveloped parks. Developed parks have lighting infrastructure to allow park patrons to utilize the park safely during early morning and late evening hours.

The proposed changes were presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on June 18, 2018 and the item was received favorably. Counters at Mt. Rubidoux indicate that on average there are 50 individuals accessing the trails as early as 5:00 a.m. on a daily basis. Mt. Rubidoux park patrons often park at Ryan Bonaminio Park and the earlier park hours will better accommodate them. Due to the increase use of parks, including exercise during early morning hours and sport activities during late evening hours, staff recommended amending park closure times to allow residents to utilize parks accordingly without violating the RMC.

Parks and Recreation staff conducted surveys of park closure times of ten cities in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. While the closure hours varied, 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for developed parks and half hour after sunset to half hour before sunrise for undeveloped and natural parks were deemed reasonable.

DISCUSSION:

On December 18, 2018 City Council approved adoption of amending an ordinance of the City of Riverside, California, amending Chapter 9.08 of the Riverside Municipal Code entitled Use of Public Parks to amend park closing hours to 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for developed parks and half-hour after sunset to half - hour before sunrise for undeveloped. Public Works Department will utilize a sticker that is placed over the existing parking signage to reflect the newly adopted park hours.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to modify the current signs is estimated to be \$20. Funding is available in the existing Public Works Department budget, Signing Supplies account number 4110100-424143, to cover this cost.

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Approved by: Kris Martinez, Public Works Director

Attachment:

1. Site Map
2. Aerial Map
3. Ordinance