



Memorandum Engineering Division

March 20, 2013

To: Planning Commission
From: Tom Frank, Transportation Engineering Manager *TF*
Subject: **Parking Restrictions along the frontage of 790 Avenida Salvador**
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ISSUE:

Should the Planning Commission approve a recommendation for parking restrictions along the vacant lot frontage at 790 Avenida Salvador?

BACKGROUND:

The City received the attached petition signed by 12 residents of the 700 block of Avenida Salvador requesting restricted parking for the west side of Avenida Salvador along the frontage of 790 Avenida Salvador. The subject frontage is approximately 465 feet and abutting a vacant lot used as a view point. The petition cited "the problems are caused by young people gathering after dark and contributing to the following":

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3. cigarette butts and related fire potential
4. marijuana smoke and drug dealing
5. cozy retreats on the slope of various recreational activities
6. calls to the police which takes them from other important duties

Staff sent a questionnaire to the residents of the 700 Block and requested Code Enforcement and Police Services to comment on known activity and problems in the area.

Of the 34 questionnaires mailed, staff received 18 replies (53%), summarized in the below table:

Staff's Question to Residents	Number of Residents Replying "Yes"	Number of Residents Replying "No"
Are the existing Parking Conditions OK?	3	15
Option A: Restrict overnight parking to 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.	15	0
Option B: No Parking Any Time	2	0
Option C: Does not matter (No need to implement any parking restrictions)	1*	0

* Respondent is the property owner of the vacant 790 lot.

As shown above, a vast majority of the returned replies favored restricting parking from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., while several favored no parking at any time. The one respondent, the owner of 790 Avenida Salvador whose property abuts the subject parking area, opposed any parking restrictions.

Code Enforcement reported two relevant cases in the last three years, both relating to trash and debris, with one in 2009 and the other in 2012.

Police Services explained that the area is like any other "lookout" area with mostly youngsters parking, "making out," smoking and sometimes littering. Apparently there are a few pockets in the bushes on the side of the hill where the kids take their beer, and whatever else and "party". The deputies have found that most the violators live in the neighborhood. Some of the youngsters have learned to park in other areas and walk to the locations because the residents are known to call when they see vehicles parked in front of the lookout. They have also encountered residents that live across the street that walk over to the lookout with a glass of wine or other alcoholic beverage to enjoy the view. The dayshift crew from time to time will find vehicles parked legally in front of the lookout but do not get calls or have any other issues in the area.

The speed limit on Avenida Salvador is 25 miles per hour. There are street lights along both sides of Avenida Salvador, except along frontage of 790 Avenida Salvador. The only parking restriction along Avenida Salvador in the area is 50 feet of red curb along the 790 lot frontage which was previously approved to accommodate a former "Misty Ridge Monument". The monument is gone; however, the red curb remains. The potential advantages and disadvantages to implementing the parking restrictions include:

Advantages:

- May help alleviate the littering and other illegal activity along the 790 frontage by providing additional support for parking enforcement during restricted periods
- May improve the quality of life for the adjacent residents

Disadvantages:

- Restricts public parking and associated opportunity for the public to park and view the vista during restricted times
- May “shift” parking and associated activity to nearby property frontages—those who wish to enjoy the vista may park in front of the nearby houses and then walk to the vacant lot at 790 Avenida Salvador
- The parking issue may need to be re-visited if 790 Avenida Salvador is developed in the future

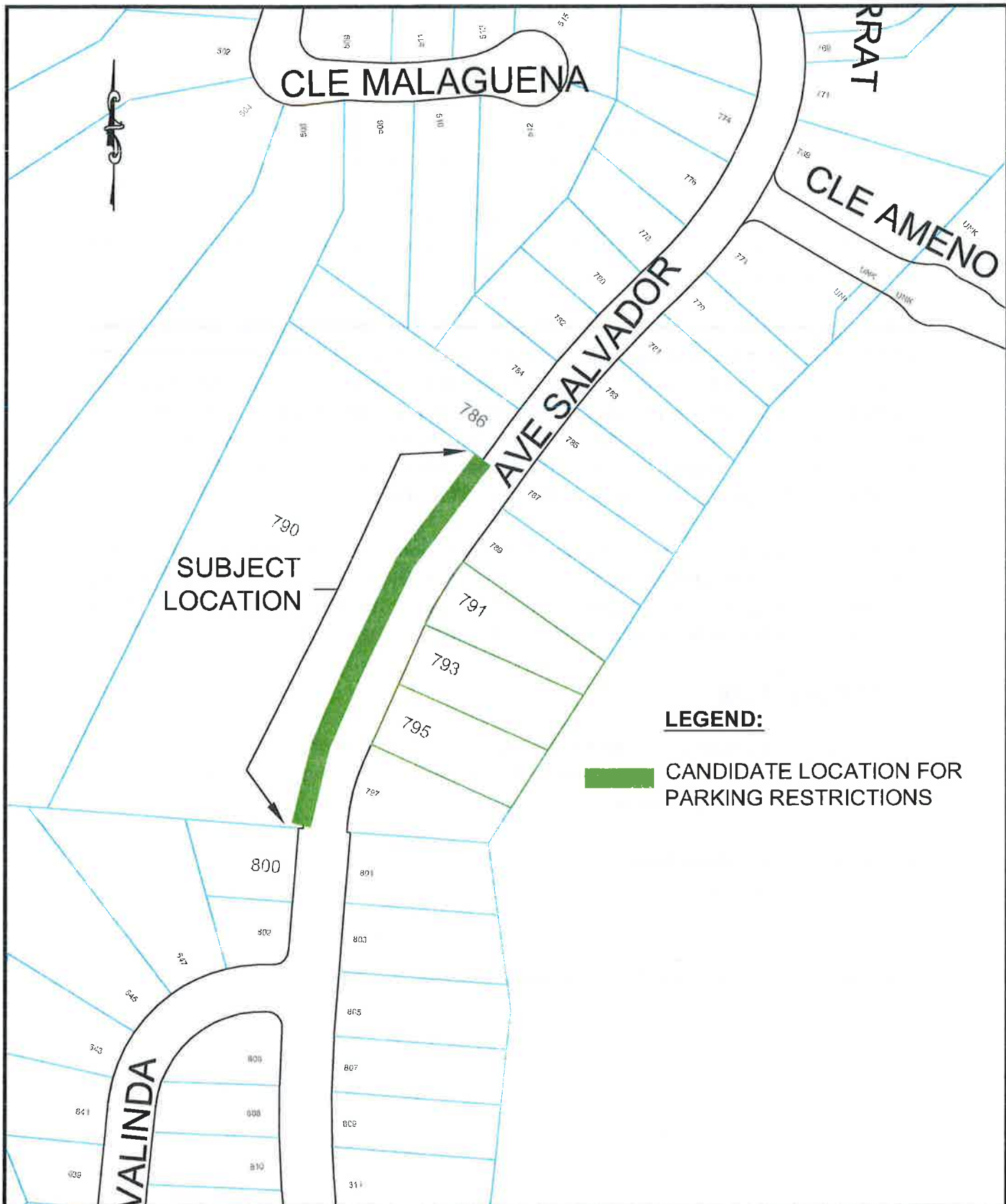
Police Services has explained that a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. restriction may provide some additional support for parking enforcement, however, they also believes that, even with nighttime parking restrictions, youngsters will continue to park close by and walk to the location. They feel the only way to fully alleviate the problems is to close down the lookout. The problem would also likely be eliminated if the property is ever developed. In addition to the above, the property owner whose property abuts the proposed restricted parking is not supportive of the restricted parking.

It has not been the practice for the City, nor does the City have guidelines, for implement night time parking restrictions on residential streets. Considering the above, staff recommends increased Police enforcement during the problem period from 10am to 6am and the following recommendations to the Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the Planning Commission provide input on what, if any, parking restrictions should be implemented for the west side of the 700 block of Avenida Salvador.

Attachments: Location Map
Petition



LEGEND:

 CANDIDATE LOCATION FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS



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LOCATION MAP
 700 BLOCK AVENIDA SALVADOR

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View Point Salvador Restricted Parking

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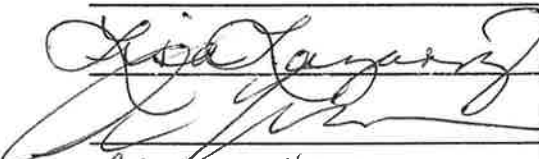



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If you support the effort to solicit the city's help in addressing the above problems through parking restrictions, please sign this petition.

Name

Address

Date

	793 AVENIDA SALVADOR	1-18-13
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Cheryl Hill	791 Avenida Salvador	1-22-13
Gl Carte	779 Avenida Salvador	1-22-13
	779 Avenida Salvador	1-22-13
	783 Avenida Salvador	1-23-13
Timmy Patterson	783 Avenida Salvador	1-23-13
Kelsa McLean	789 Avenida Salvador	1-23-13

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Name	Address	Date
Robert Hill	791 Ave Salvador	1-23-13
Sally McDaniel	789 AVE SALVADOR	1-23-13
R-R-Lo	787 AVE. SALVADOR	2-2-13
Karin Bouniecke	787 Avd. Salvador	2-2-13