



**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
EDITH STONE ROOM—RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
1249 MARIN AVENUE
February 25, 2010**

1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Anderson.

2. Roll call Members present: Lubov Mazur, Ray Anderson. Marsha Atkinson, Ken McCroskey.
Staff present: Chavez, Lt. Geissberger, Officer O'Connor.

Excerpt:

6. Discussion and Possible Action on matters related to the following items:

6-1 Public Hearing on the proposed parking prohibition for oversized vehicles

Chavez provided background. She said that staff had some concerns about the proposed language. One concern was that the proposed language prohibited parking at all times, and the other was that the new language prohibited parking of large vehicles within 100' of any intersection. The Commission members said that they did not want to make any changes to the proposed language. The discussion opened to the public. The following people spoke: Paul King, Alisa Casero, Gregory Hock, Barron McEwing, Michael Green, John Kindle, Eugene Romero, Barbara Galligan, Sherry M., Kelly, Erickson, Jordan SanPietro.

The following were comments supporting the parking restriction for large vehicles:

- Safety issues for bicyclists,
- Suspicious activities
- RVs are used as storage
- RV occupants urinating on the streets
- RV occupants keeping animals in the vehicles
- How would the Ordinance be enforced?
- RVs blight the neighborhood
- Senior Center van might be banned from parking on Albany streets
- What if a contractor needs to have a truck parked all day?
- This ordinance would bring Albany at the same level with neighboring communities
- Large vehicles present a traffic and public health hazard, and safety concern
- Most of the vehicles on Masonic and Dartmouth do not belong to Albany residents
- Would Albany residents who purchased their RVs based on the existing policy be exempt from this Ordinance?
- Can something be done to help Albany residents who currently own RVs?
- PD said that ordinance would be enforced by citation and would be compliant-driven.

Action: Mazur moved to recommend the proposed language change to Ordinance 9-10.21 with the following change added to the last paragraph: Recreational Vehicles purchased before [date of ordinance adoption] by an Albany Resident living in Albany before [date of ordinance adoption] are permitted to park their RV on their block of residence. The permission shall not extend to any RV purchased after [this date]. The Chief of Police may consider issuing a permit for other exemptions on a case by case basis. Vote was 3 ayes, 1 no.