



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

November 2, 2016

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Approval to remove two parking spaces on Broadway at the northeast corner of the Broadway/Bolinas intersection and to add three new spaces in the downtown area

RECOMMENDATION

Approve removal of two parking spaces on Broadway at the northeast corner of Broadway/Bolinas intersection (across the street from the Coffee Roastery) and the addition of three parking spaces along Bolinas Rd. adjacent to Bolinas Park.

DISCUSSION

At its September meeting, the Council received a resident suggestion to remove the two parking spaces on Broadway to improve traffic circulation. This idea is one of the recommendations listed in the Parkade Area Circulation Study (Study) adopted by the Council in 2010. Specifically, the Study indicated that traffic does stack in that location (between Claus Dr. and Bolinas Rd.) during peak hours, which impacts both circulation as well as bicyclists and pedestrians. As a result of the Study, the Town did restrict parking in that location from 4:00-6:00pm and does regularly ticket illegally parked vehicles in those spaces. However, vehicles continue to park illegally in that location.

In the past, staff has broached the elimination of the two parking spaces with the businesses located across the street (i.e., Broadway). The businesses opposed the elimination of the spaces, citing the detrimental impact to their businesses. We did not further pursue the issue, waiting instead for the concept to be discussed with the Parkade redesign process.

Since the community workshops regarding the creation of a Town Center Plan have included the Parkade project, it would seem to be an appropriate time to eliminate the two parking spaces. We have also asked the Chamber of Commerce to let the businesses know of the pending change. In the interest of maintaining a policy of no net loss of parking in the downtown area, staff can safely, add three parking spaces along Bolinas Rd. adjacent to Bolinas Park. The added spaces will be a result of converting a portion of the currently painted red curb to green, remarking the existing spaces, and converting the yellow zone to green. A portion of the curb adjacent to the Bolinas Park will remain red for safety and traffic flow purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 5