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CHIEF OF POLICE

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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR "NO PARKING" SIGNS AT ROY J. NIELSEN PARK AND WOOD PARK

SUMMARY

The problems with both Nielsen and Wood Parks are very similar. Residents in the area of both locations complain of drinking, drugs, noise and unruly conduct. These complaints have been raised at community meetings and in direct complaints to the area Councilmember. The Police Department has studied these complaints and recommends restricted parking on the park side of the adjacent streets to deter this disorderly conduct.

BACKGROUND

It has been the experience of the Police Department that in most cases where problems exist in a park, the persons responsible for the trouble usually come in automobiles. For several reasons, these people tend to gather close to where they park their cars. They can then use their car stereo systems to play loud music; keep their supplies of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs out of sight, and have quick access to any weapons that may be secreted in the vehicle.

In some cases, it is the vehicles that are the cause of the complaints, when they are operated recklessly in or around the parks.

The elimination of parking in close proximity to the park has proven to be a successful deterrent at other parks where similar conditions existed.

PROBLEM/ANALYSIS

On February 2, 1987, citizens attending a community meeting sponsored by Councilman Kastanis complained of people loitering, drinking and using drugs in the Roy J. Nielsen Park located along parts of Center Parkway and Tangerine Avenue. These citizens had heard of the parking prohibitions at other parks and requested the same solution at Nielsen Park.

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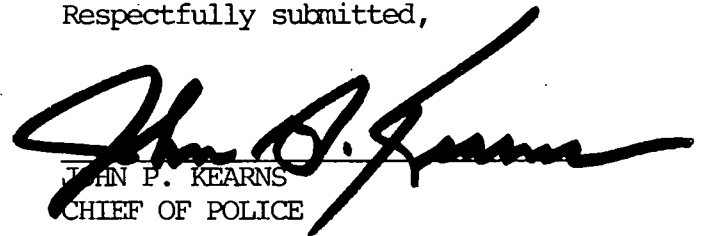
At about the same time, Councilman Kastanis and the Police Department both received complaints concerning similar problems in Wood Park which fronts on parts of Bodine Circle, Cherrywood Circle, and Abbeywood Circle. It was suggested that restricted parking would also alleviate the problem at Wood Park.

We presently use various forms of parking restriction to deal with such problem areas as the downtown "loop", in William Land Park, East Portal Park, and Curtis Park. Disorderly persons do not seem to want to be separated from their vehicles. Without this hiding place for alcohol, drugs, or weapons, the patrolling officers can more easily detect violations being committed in the parks.


RECOMMENDATION

In addition to continued police patrol and enforcement, I recommend that the following streets be posted on the park side: "No Parking 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m."

Respectfully submitted,


JOHN P. KEARNS
CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


WALTER J. SLISE
CITY MANAGER

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Attachment

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RESOLUTION No. 87-298

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date **APPROVED**
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A RESOLUTION TO LIMIT ON-STREET
PARKING AT NIELSEN AND WOOD PARKS

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

Pursuant to Section 25.103 of the Sacramento City Code, the following City streets shall be designated: "No Parking 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M." This designation shall apply to:

1. The north side of Tangerine Avenue as it abuts Roy J. Nielsen Park.
2. The west side of Center Parkway as it abuts Roy J. Nielsen Park.
3. The east end of Bodine Circle as it abuts Wood Park.
4. The east end of Cherrywood Circle as it abuts Wood Park.
5. The west end of Abbeywood Circle as it abuts Wood Park

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK