



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mayor and Members of City Council,

This past summer, sections of Jesse Guerrero Circle at Cypress Bend Park experienced parking issues that we believe necessitate action.

Jesse Guerrero Circle entrance road is very narrow, and when cars are parked on both sides of the road there is only enough room for one lane of traffic. Park Rangers have attempted to assist with traffic control during the summer months for pedestrian and outfitter vehicles, which was an unsafe position to place our Park Rangers in. On several occasions this summer, areas along Jesse Guerrero Circle road were blocked off to parking with cones, a decision that was made in conjunction with the Police Department. But it raised the question: what would we do if there was an emergency and we needed to get a fire truck, ambulance, or a rescue boat through the park? It was clear to staff at the time that those vehicles could not safely get to the potential emergency locations, given the amount of activity at the park during the river season. With the nature of the Guadalupe River and the activities that take place on the river, it is imperative that our emergency vehicles have access to Cypress Bend Park.

Parking along these areas has always been discouraged but not enforceable with current ordinances. Having cars parked on both sides of the roadway serves as a hazard to pedestrians, as it is difficult to see around cars and navigate the roadway when cars can only move in one direction at a time. Having this section of road as an enforceable no parking zone would allow for Park Rangers to focus on park related tasks, and give the Police Department the ability to enforce the no parking area. It would be a safer environment for everyone.

This letter of support to pass this ordinance comes with support from the Police Department, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Department, as well as River Operations.

Thank you,

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River Operations Manager