

Notes for Discussion of Proposed Modified Parking Configuration and Evacuation Drill

KFPD EPC Meeting, 2 December 2021

I. Item 04a: Proposed Modified Parking Configurations

A. Focus on road segments that (1) impede emergency vehicle access and/or (2) require residents to turn their cars around in order to go with the traffic evacuation flow.

1. Beloit/Cambridge/Yale/Princeton/Amherst to the Arlington
2. Junction of Princeton and Amherst
3. Purdue/Kenyon/Wellesley or Westminster to the Arlington
4. Windsor, York, St. Albans
5. Sunset to Franciscan
6. Mid-portion of Lenox
7. Coventry/Berkeley Park and Ardmore

B. Types of proposed changes:

1. Two-sided -> one-sided parking (eliminate one parking lane)
2. Reverse direction of one-sided parking, possibly changing the side of the street for parking
3. Elimination of street parking on some street segments

C. Alternatives for proposed changes

1. Year-round: simpler so less confusing, but more inconvenient overall
2. Fire season: from first forecast Diablo Wind Event to first heavy rains
3. Red Flag Days: shorter durations but more confusing; notification difficult

D. Considerations for alternate parking during restricted periods

1. Issue street permit for a second car if the first one is parked on the property
2. Relax County requirement for cars in driveways not to encroach sidewalks
3. Ensure that each household has at least one nearby vehicle for evacuating
4. Enforce 72-hour parking rule on all streets; boats and RVs off the streets

E. Public notification of Fire Season or Red Flag Days

1. Social media, District websites, CWS, Nixle
2. Signs on stanchions posted on main traffic sites (Arlington/Amherst; Arlington/Ardmore; Sunset/Franciscan; W end of Vassar; Grizzly Peak/ Spruce; Colusa Circle)
3. Education of residents must stress that these are not local block/street problems but problems that affect all neighbors in Kensington and beyond
4. Encouragement of pre-evacuation for residents with mobility/time needs

II. Item 04b: Evacuation Drill

- A. Timing: as soon as practically possible but before Fire Season begins again
 - 1. County OES must agree to schedule and coordinate
 - a. Non-interference with other County drills or calendar holidays/events
 - b. Pre-education effort coordinated and approved with County
 - c. Evacuation destination(s) must be coordinated through the County
 - 2. Coordination of Police and Fire Departments
 - a. Adequate staffing from both Depts to coordinate the drill
 - b. Auxiliary staffing from County Sheriff's Office?
 - c. Possible role of citizen volunteers to help with traffic?
 - 3. Day/Time: Other districts have used Saturday mornings for alerts and drills

- B. Evacuation Area
 - 1. One or two "zones"
 - 2. Entire community
 - 3. Triggered by Zonehaven zone alerts?

- C. Destination
 - 1. What is/are the destination(s)?
 - 2. Drive-through check-in point?
 - 3. Virtual text/email check-in (by actual evacuees)?
 - 4. Reliable data on what percentage of residents received the alert (survey)

- D. Preparation and Education of Residents before the Drill
 - 1. Having go-bags and cars packed the night before
 - 2. Informing residents of their destination(s)
 - 3. Discussing traffic protocols and neighborly procedures during evacuation
 - 4. Taking care of less mobile neighbors
 - 5. Follow-up survey on how well the drill went / possible improvements