

DISCUSSION ON NE BARNARD STREET “NO PARKING” ZONE

Councilman Freas and City Administrator Leamons walked that portion of NE Barnard Street being considered for designation as a “No Parking” zone. It was determined that the right-of-way on the north side of NE Barnard Street is too narrow to safely allow parking, but on a portion of the south side of the street, it is wide enough. About half of that area on the south side of the street is currently designated a “No Parking” zone.

The following proposal was guided by these priorities: 1. Providing a safe place for Glen Lake Camp guests and employees and Grace Baptist Church guests and members to pull onto NE Barnard Street; 2. Eliminating threats to motorists and pedestrians safety; and, 3. Providing as much space for parking as possible.

Remove the “No Parking” zone on the south side of NE Barnard Street from McAllister Street to Big Rocks Park.

Leave the “No Parking” zone on the south side of NE Barnard Street from Big Rocks Park to the westernmost end of the Somervell County Water District parking lot and on the north side of NE Barnard Street from McAllister Street to Gaither Street.

Add a “No Parking” zone on the south side of NE Barnard from Wren Street to the westernmost entrance to Glen Lake Camp.

Add a “No Parking” zone on the north side of NE Barnard from Lake View Street to McAllister Street.

Glen Lake wanted a “No Parking” zone to the west of their westernmost entrance (their employee entrance), but that area of NE Barnard offers the best place for safe parallel parking. Their employees could use their main entrance to safely pull onto NE Barnard, so the “No Parking” zone to the west of their employee entrance isn’t an absolute necessity. The City might even want to work with TxDOT and add a sidewalk and some paved and marked parallel parking spaces between the Glen Lake employee entrance and the laundromat/Snow Shack.

Also, while inspecting the area it was noted that there is an area of Glen Lake Camp in the floodplain just south of the laundromat and Snow Shack which might could be purchased or leased and used for parking. That area is separated from Big Rocks Park by a berm. Steps could be added to allow for the movement of people from the proposed parking area to Big Rocks. The proposed parking area could be accessed via the miniature golf property. Also, there is a portion of the laundromat property south of the laundromat which might could be purchased or leased and used for parking.