

# City of Salisbury



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## Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 5:30 pm at Fire Department No. 16 on Cypress Street in Salisbury. Those in attendance were:

### Members:

Tom Welsh	Committee Chairman (Term Expires 7/15)
Tom Ayd	Committee Vice-Chairman (Term Expires 7/17)
Heather Towers	Committee Member (Term Expires 7/16)
Mary Buffington	Committee Member (Term Expires 7/15)
Jennifer Underwood	Committee Member (Term Expires 7/15)

### Others:

Jennifer Jordan	Resident – North Clairmont Drive
Brad Gillis	Resident – Camden Avenue
Matt Drew	Resident – North Clairmont Drive
Greg Grieser	Resident – North Clairmont Drive
Karen Hanna	Resident – North Clairmont Drive

### Support Staff:

Bill Sterling	Department of Public Works
Amanda Pollack	Department of Public Works

### Items discussed included:

1. The Committee invited the public to attend to discuss a recommendation to create a no parking area on Pinehurst Avenue between Camden Avenue and Lorecrop Drive. The driving factor in the recommendation was the narrow street width and concerns about emergency vehicles being able to safely navigate the street.
2. Pollack received two phone calls from residents that could not attend the meeting. Their comments were summarized for the Committee as follows:
  - a. Dr. Liddell Louise Madden, 213 N. Clairmont Dr. – in agreement to eliminate all parking on Pinehurst Avenue. Voiced concerns about student parking on Lorecrop between Pinehurst and North Clairmont. Public Works installed a residential parking only sign.

- b. David Hobbs, N. Clairmont Dr. – in agreement to eliminate all parking on Pinehurst Avenue. Voiced concerns about visibility at Pinehurst/Smith intersection. Public Works evaluating adding stop bars.
3. Pollack received two emails from residents that could not attend the meeting. The emails were read aloud and are attached to these minutes.
4. Jordan stated that she is in support of no parking on Pinehurst Avenue. She also asked the Committee to look at the street widths and parking along Smith Street. Finally, Jordan noted that there are issues with cars running the stop sign at the intersection of Smith and Pinehurst.
5. Gillis stated that he would like consideration for residential parking on evenings and weekends. He noted that the curb could be painted yellow on Pinehurst coming off of Camden Avenue to increase the turning radius for emergency vehicles.
6. Drew spoke in favor of allowing parking with limitations, such as residential only or timing limits. He reiterated the concerns at the Smith and Pinehurst intersection.
7. Grieser asked the Committee to consider permits for residents along Pinehurst Avenue. He also noted that there are not sidewalks all the way to the shopping center on Route 13.
8. Hanna is in agreement to restrict parking along Pinehurst Avenue.
9. Committee members responded to public comments. There was agreement that setting restrictions for parking along Pinehurst would be beneficial. Members voiced concern with recommending residential parking permits due to concerns that visitor permits could be abused and overused. There was discussion about painting parking stalls or painting yellow curb at driveways. The consensus was to restrict parking with the same timing that parking is restricted on North Clairmont.
10. Ayd made a motion which was seconded by Underwood to recommend that parking be eliminated on Pinehurst Avenue between Smith Street and Lorecrop Drive, and that parking be limited to evenings and weekends between Camden Avenue and Smith Street (no parking from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm). Additionally, the motion included asking Public Works to paint yellow curb for a safe turning radius at Camden Avenue and at the driveways along Pinehurst Avenue between Camden Avenue and Smith Street. The motion passed unanimously.
11. The minutes of the June 11, 2014 and October 16, 2014 meetings were approved with no changes.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 11, 2015** at 5:30 pm.

If you have any corrections to these minutes, please notify the writer within ten (10) days.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Pollack, P.E.  
Deputy Director  
Salisbury Public Works

Emails from residents:

Saturday, December 6, 2014

I will be unable to attend the meeting on 12/10/2014 to discuss the elimination of parking on Pinehurst Ave. between Camden and Lorecrop. I do however wish to express wholeheartedly my support for this measure. I live on N. Clairmont Dr. but my garage and the back of my property front on Pinehurst. My driveway exits my property onto Pinehurst at the intersection of Pinehurst and Hanover St. Pinehurst is very busy with a lot of thru traffic to Rt. 13. We had to stop using our garage and driveway for cars as the exiting from the driveway was frequently blocked by parked cars from rentals on Pinehurst so that oncoming traffic could not be seen. There several near accidents that prompted this response. No parking, not even residential parking should be on that narrow street with all of that traffic. There are no consistent sidewalks there either so pedestrians and dog walkers are often in the road too. Parking is a safety hazard to the university students who walk to school and to the residents. All of the properties on Pinehurst have driveways and or garages for their vehicles. Rental however, have 4 or more cars so their over flow is often parked in the street. One house gives it driveway to friends for a fee and uses a permit to park in the street. Likewise, the full length of Lorecrop should be banned from parking but the area between Pinehurst and N. Clairmont has no sign so college students often park there.

Please allow us to use the garage for cars again and have unfettered access to Pinehurst from our property by approving this measure to eliminate all street parking on Pinehurst in the aforementioned area.

Thank You,  
Susan Carter  
Scott Bailey  
217 N. Clairmont Dr.

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Wednesday, December 10, 2014

We are not able to come to the meeting tonight but have some grave concerns about the parking on the streets in our area. I understand that the conversation tonight is about parking on Pinehurst Avenue. This was already adjusted years ago to having parking on only one side between Camden and Smith. That did help but it is still congested. And there have always been worries about emergency vehicles being able to pass.

Our bigger concern that needs to be investigated is the parking on Smith at the corners of South and College. Parking is allowed on both sides, with a permit, and it is like running a gauntlet to drive down Smith specifically at the corners of South and College. Two way traffic cannot fit if cars are parked on both sides and it becomes essentially a one way street. This is a huge problem as vehicles turn off South and College at higher speeds and often have nowhere to go. Somebody is going to have a head on collision.

If the streets are not wide enough to accommodate two way traffic at the same time as parked cars, then parking cannot be allowed. This should be the rule for any street be it Pinehurst or Smith, etc.

Sincerely,  
Amy and Doyle Maul